

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

25 August 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, the sacred liturgy invokes the intercession of two of the most remarkable personalities in Christian history: 27 August is the feast of Saint Monica, and 28 August is the feast of her son, Saint Augustine.

Almost everything we know about Monica comes from the writings of her son, but he offers a remarkably detailed portrait of his mother. Monica was born in North Africa, probably in the city of Thagaste, in the ancient Berber kingdom of Numidia. By the time of Monica's birth around A.D. 331, Numidia (modern day Algeria and Tunisia) was part of the Roman province of North Africa, and so Monica and her son were Roman citizens. Monica's parents were Christians, and from them she received a careful instruction in the truth of the Gospel and the virtues of Christian living. According to the custom of the time, Monica's parents chose her husband for her, and she married a man named Patricius, who seems to have been an agnostic of sorts, neither a true pagan nor a believing Christian.

Augustine was born in Thagaste in 354, the first child of his parents. He was a brilliant student, and from earliest years it was clear that he was capable of extraordinary accomplishment. In part because of his academic potential, his parents did not arrange a marriage for Augustine, and this would later lead him to live for fifteen years with a woman who was not his wife and with whom he had a son. At age 16, Augustine was sent to Carthage to study, and he prepared to be a lawyer but then decided to run his own school, first in Carthage and then in Rome. He became fascinated with the strange and heretical philosophy of Manichaeism, and for several years he thought of orthodox Christianity as foolish superstition, suitable only for people who were ignorant and credulous, notions he shared with many post-modern scoffers.

After sending his mistress back to Africa, Augustine moved from Rome to Milan in 385, and there he came under the influence of one of the great Christian teachers of all time: Saint Ambrose, the Bishop of Milan. Ambrose taught Augustine the truth of the Gospel and led him to saving faith in Jesus Christ, and at the Easter Vigil of 387, Ambrose baptized Augustine in the Cathedral Church of Milan, thus fulfilling the hopes of his mother Monica who had prayed for that moment for thirty years.

After several more months in Italy and Monica's death in the Roman port at Ostia, Augustine returned to North Africa, and in 391 he was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Hippo. Four years later, Augustine became the Bishop of Hippo, and for thirty-five years he exercised one of the most remarkable ministries of teaching in the history of the Catholic Church. Saint Augustine's autobiography called *Confessions* is remarkably modern in many ways, and if you want to spend time with two of the great Christian witnesses of all time, read the *Confessions* of Saint Augustine.

Calendar of Events

Calendar of Events			Financial Report	
Mass Schedule & Intentions	Meetings & Events *		Weekend of	17/18 August
	U		Needed	40,100
Sunday 25 August	Sunday 25 Au	ugust	Received	41,182
7.30 amKim Nietopski9.00 amMary Hayes11.00 amPro populo1.00 pmSpanish Mass		ses: SMCCW Meet & Greet (P) ng 9.00 am Mass Spanish Bible Class (G) High School Youth Group (P)	Surplus Poor Box	+ 1,082
	0.00 pm		Offertory Y	ear to Date
			Needed	320,800
Monday 26 August	Monday 26 August		Received	328,519
7.00 amJoan Gevaert	6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)	Surplus	+ 7,719
Tuesday 27 August 7.00 am ★ David Mazzawi	Tuesday 27 A 10.00 am 6.30 pm	SMCCW Sewing Group Fidelis (P)	Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, you can now do so through the "Make a Gift" link on the homepage of our website. For more information or if	
Wednesday 28 August	Wednesday 2	8 August	you have any c	
7.00 amJackie Beauchemin	5.00-6.00 pm	2	contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.	
Thursday 29 August	Thursday 29 August		2024 Capital Improvement Fund	
7.00 am ★ Ceferino Perez	7.00 pm Spanish Adoration			
			Goal	1,000,000
Friday 30 August	Friday 30 Au	gust	Donations Received	510,707
7.00 am Maxine Banon & Family	6.30-6.45 am		Still to Go	489,293
	7.30-8.30 am 7.00 pm		Mass Attendance Weekend of 17/18 August	
Saturday 31 August	Saturday 31 August		5.00 pm	355
	-		7.30 am	279
5.00 pm ✤ Jennifer Perkins Kenway	3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)	9.00 am	459
			11.00 am	377
			1.00 pm	480
G - Gallivan Hall P - Pazdan Hall G - Clinkscales Family Center	* All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed		Total	1,950
6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary Saturday 31 August Saturday 31 August 5.00 pm ★ Jennifer Perkins Kenway 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church) G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall P - Pazdan Hall C - Clinkscales		Mass Att Weekend of 5.00 pm 7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	t <mark>endance</mark> 17/18 Augu	

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lonnie Stadler, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, Juliet Roy, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, Timothy Potocki, Sloane Perkins, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Betty Jo Brown, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Ellie O'Connell, Gary Redding.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin its fall session by examining the ministry of Jesus, the High Priest of the New Covenant. Jesus is most often looked upon as the sacrifice of the New Covenant "who gave Himself for our sins…" (Gal 1:4), but Jesus is also the Priest who offers this sacrifice. We will take an in-depth look at Jesus' priesthood which is rooted in the Old Testament priesthood, revealed in the Gospels and explained in the Letter to the Hebrews. Join us Sunday mornings at 9.00 am on the first floor of Sacred Heart Hall beginning 8 September. For more information contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 27 August from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at 864.438.1017 or judyh75@att.net for details.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 24/25 August

Bishop's Annual Appeal Support of the Parish

St Mary's is sustained by the generosity of our parishioners.



Church & Parish Office Closure

In observance of Labor Day on Monday 2 September the church and parish office will be **closed all day** and Mass will not be celebrated.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Lucina Frank, Nolan & Alexandria Marks, Oralia Rubio, Jesus & Lily Morales, Adam & Kimberly Drake, Eric & Thea Smith, Sean Hekker, Jane Guerra, Charlene McLoughlin, Ashley Zamudio, Adolfo Vasquez & Isela Olivares.

Fidelis at St Mary's



Come experience Fidelis at our INTRODUCTION WEEKS Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall 27 August and 10 & 17 September *no registration necessary to attend introduction weeks

Our Fidelis chapter registration is now open! https://app.teamlinkt.com/register/find/scstmarysgreenville

Contact Cristina Ortiz at 305.439.2172 or cristinaeortiz@msn.com for more information



Church League Basketball

The Basketball program at St Mary's has teams for athletes from the ages of K5 through high school. This is a parishwide program and all St Mary's children (St Mary's School, Religious Education or Homeschoolers) are welcome to participate. Registration deadline is Friday 20 September. Visit the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/church-league-basketball-program/ for the link to registration and details.

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.



sacred heart columbarium

St Mary's Catholic Church Greenville, South Carolina

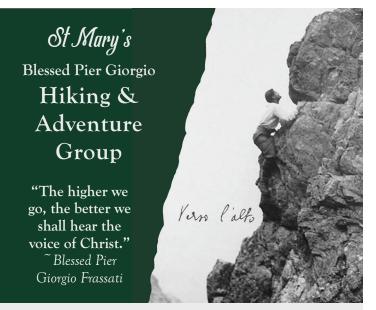


Sacred Heart Columbarium at St Mary's Church contains 600 niches surrounding a bronze state of the Lord Jesus - a beautiful and sacred place for mortal remains to rest next to our church.

Current prices are \$4000, \$5500, and \$7500 depending on their location. Beginning I November 2024, prices will increase to \$4500, \$6000 and \$8000 respectively.

To learn more about the Columbarium or to purchase niches, please contact Jennifer Anderson at 864.679.4102 or jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

St Mary's Catholic Church III Hampton Avenue Greenville, SC 29601 www.smcgvl.org



This ministry is open to all parishioners. Our primary outings will be hiking in the beautiful mountains of the Upstate and Western North Carolina, but will periodically include river rafting, tubing, snow skiing and other adventures. Some of our hikes will be family friendly, others will be more extreme. Our patron is Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a beautiful example of one who not only believed, but also lived out his faith in every aspect of his life by seeking first the Kingdom of God in all things.



Our hiking group enjoyed a wonderful day together hiking up and around John Rock in the Pisgah National Forest. One of our youngest, Oliver, told his parents: "This was the best hike day ever!" We do a variety of hikes, from Easy to Extremely Difficult, and will be doing a few Adventure outings (i.e. Inflatable kayaking, zip lining) in the next few months. Our next outing is Saturday 7 September.

If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.org to be added to our Flocknote hiking group.

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For programming information, visit https://catholicradioinsc.com

High School Youth Group

St Mary's High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6.00 pm in McGrady Hall. All parishioners of high school age are welcome. Contact Chris Ortiz at chris.ortiz@smcgvl.org for more information.

Fraternus at St Mary's

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men of all ages. All young men ages 12 and up are invited to join our brotherhood at Frat Night weekly meetings on Mondays from 6.30-8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. The evenings include brotherly competition, a shared meal, encouragement in virtue, and compline. Contact stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com for more information.

The Center for Evangelical Catholicism Presents



And the Re-Enchantment of the West

28 September 2024 St Mary's Catholíc Church — Greenvílle SC

Join us on Saturday 28 September 2024 from 8.30 am until 12.00 noon for our 2024 CEC Fall Conference on two of the 20th Century's greatest Christian writers, J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis. Bradley Birzer, author of J.R.R. Tolkien's Sanctifying Myth, and Jason Baxter, author of The Medieval Mind of C.S. Lewis, will unpack how Tolkien and Lewis provided the antidote to much of the terror, confusion and moral floundering of the modern world. Through their stories and myth, these two authors re-enchanted Western Civilization with a Sacramental and Liturgical understanding of creation that is open to the gradual discovery of beauty, truth, and excellence, answering the fundamental question of what is the role of the human person within God's created order?

Register at https://www.evangelicalcatholicism.com/2024-the-inklings-the-reenchantment-of-the-west \$45 per person. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



St Mary's Religious Education



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2024-2025 year is now open. ALL children of the parish (grades 1-8) must register with the Religious Education Office including Homeschool and St Joseph's Middle School students.

Register on the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/religious-education/

Religious Education Grades 1-8 *Classes begin 4 September* Classes meet on Wednesdays from 6.30-7.30 pm Parents meet 2nd Wednesday of the month

For More Information Contact Linda Jackson <u>linda.jackson@smcgvl.org</u> or 864.679.4110

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds *Classes begin 8 September* Classes meet Sundays at 9.00 am in K4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

Adult Christian Formation

An Introduction to Catholicism

What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. It is also the perfect course for any Catholic who has non-Catholic or fallen away family members or friends, and wish to be able to better explain the Church's teachings. All are invited to come and discover what it means to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus in His holy Catholic Church.

Class begins Wednesday 4 September. REGISTER NOW on the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.org for more information on becoming a Catholic.

Offertory Envelopes and the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Marriage



If you no longer receive weekly stewardship envelopes in the mail, you may have been marked as **Inactive** within our parishioner database. No matter how often you

come to Mass at St Mary's, you are not considered an **Active** member of the parish unless you are registered here, attending Mass here each Sunday, and using the stewardship envelopes to fulfill two separate purposes: a) making your offertory contributions and other gifts, and b) establishing an attendance record.

Active member status in our database is essential for requesting the following:

- Parishioner tuition in the school
- Endorsement to serve as a sacramental sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation
- Baptism, Confirmation, or Marriage (for oneself or for one's children, either here at St Mary's or in another parish)

If you use electronic transfer to make your offertory contribution and other gifts, simply check the box for EFT on the empty envelope and then drop it in the collection plate. All envelopes in the collection are recorded in our parish database.

Once six months elapses without any envelopes or online donations received, the account is marked as <u>Inactive</u> and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgvl.org.

Baptism Class



Prior to having a child baptized at Saint Mary's, you must have been registered in the parish for at least six months, attending Sunday Mass each week, using the stewardship envelopes, and

participating in the life of the parish. Baptisms take place on Saturdays at 6.15 pm after the 5.00 pm Mass. Attending a Baptism Preparation Class is required and may be attended prior to the birth of your child. **The next class is Monday 16 September at 6.30 pm.** Contact Deacon Joe Sanfilippo at 864.679.4119 or joe.sanfilippo@smcgvl.org to register.

Spiritual Direction

St Mary's has three certified Catholic Spiritual Directors available for individual spiritual direction. Contact Deacon Tom Whalen at thomas.whalen@smcgvl.org.

Church Donation Information

EFT Donation

St Mary's offers Electronic Funds Transfer through the parish website as a way to automate your regular weekly offertory donation.

EFT donation options:

Direct Debit Donation - automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account.

Credit & Debit Card Donation - make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Visit the 'Make a Gift' link on the homepage of our parish website.

Mail-In Donation

Contributions can be mailed to the parish office:

St Mary's Catholic Church 111 Hampton Avenue Greenville, SC 29601

Thank you for your generosity and support.

Diocese of Charleston PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus, send the Diocese of Charleston more priests, deacons, sisters, and brothers. Choose faithful men and women from our homes, parishes, and schools to serve the people of God. Mary, Mother of the Church, help those who are called to offer a joyful "yes" to God's invitation.

Amen

https://charlestondiocese.org/vocations

Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Sign up at https://formed.org/signup using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.



Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestondiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at https://charitiessc.org.

Catholic Charities is Hiring!

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate is hiring a **Client Advocate**. This position is Full Time with benefits. Bilingual preferred, but not required. The Client Advocate will be responsible for daily operations of the food pantry, clothing closet, save a smile program and mobile clean of heart program offered through Catholic Charities. The Client Advocate will assist in recruiting, training, and managing volunteers. They will work with community partners and other social service agencies to implement overall wellness for clients and coordinate assistance efforts. Must have great empathy and understanding of the homeless population that we serve daily. Please apply at https://charlestondiocese.org/job/client-advocate-3/.



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Prince of Peace

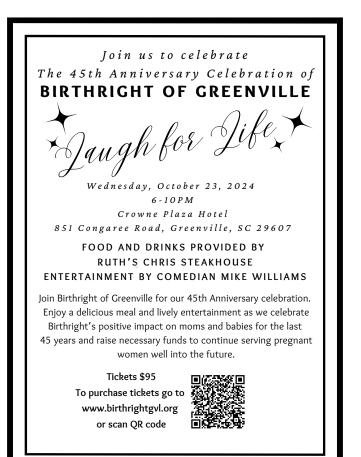
"Eucharistic Adoration is the greatest power in the universe capable of transforming us and changing the face of the world." ~St Maximillian Kolbe

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider</u> one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 11am Friday 12 pm Saturday 2 pm & 7 pm*

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you. https://masstimes.org https://www.catholicdirectory.com



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2024 Grief Seminar

Thomas McAfee Funeral Homes' Annual Grief Seminar will take place at Brookwood Church (580 Brookwood Point Pl, Simpsonville) on 12 September with speaker Dr Bill Hoy, DMIN, FT

Grief Seminar Speaker Dr. Bill Hoy, DMIN, FT



Over the last 40 years, Dr. William G. (Bill) Hoy has supported the dying, the bereaved, and the professionals who care for them. From 2012 to 2024, he served as Associate Director and Clinical Professor in the Medical Humanities Program at Baylor University. Widely regarded as an authority on the role of social support in loss, Dr. Hoy believes

deeply in the importance of compassionate, communitybased bereavement care. His extensive experience includes more than 20 years leading bereavement and pastoral care programs in hospice care.

In his post-Baylor career, Dr. Hoy continues to advise hospice bereavement programs and provides continuing education across the U.S. and Canada. He is active in the Association for Death Education & Counseling and contributes to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors and the Hospice Foundation of America. Additionally, Dr. Hoy is an accomplished author, with numerous articles and several influential books on bereavement care.

The General Public Session

Thursday 12 September 6.00 - 7.30 pm Check in from 5.15 - 6.00 pm

"Navigating Your Way Through Grief"

**Please note this session is free of charge, however online registration is required to attend.

For more information and registration visit

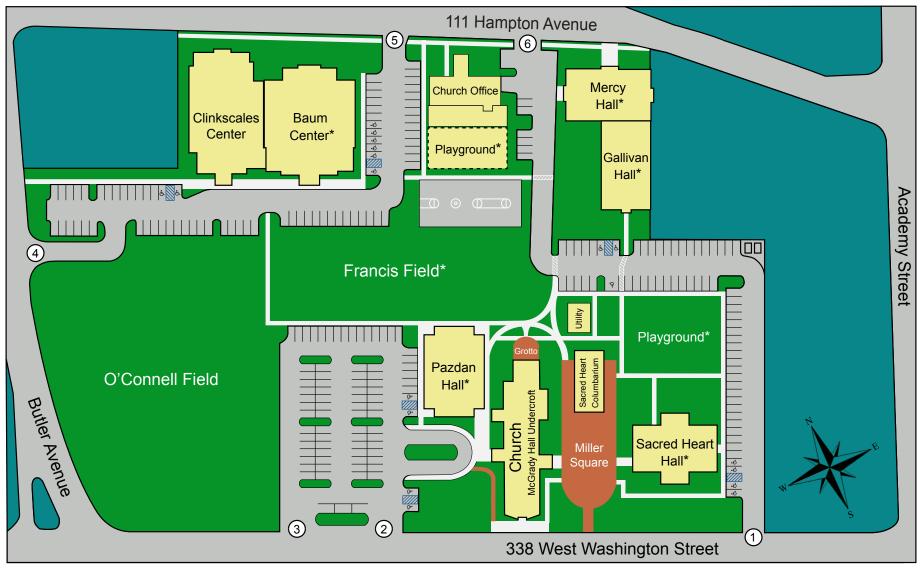
https://www.thomasmcafee.com/grief-resources/2024-grief-seminar



SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

Saint Mary's Church has nine buildings on nine acres of land, so this map is offered to help you find your way on our campus.

Please note that during the school day, it is not permitted for anyone to walk through the interior section of our campus in order to safeguard the children in our care. So if you are visiting the church during a school day, please park in the Washington Street lot at entrances 2 or 3. And if you are visiting the church office, please park beside the Baum Center at entrance 5 and walk on Hampton Avenue to our front door. On weekends and any day when school is not in session, please park and walk anywhere you like.



*No access during school hours.

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