

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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### Greenville, South Carolina

15 September 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Second Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "The Gospel of Jesus Christ is divine revelation, not human wisdom, and the Gospel is given to us in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition which together constitute a single divine deposit of faith transmitted authentically and authoritatively by the Bishops in full communion with the Bishop of Rome. We must surrender our private judgments in all matters of faith and morals to the sacred teaching authority of the Church's Magisterium if we are to receive the whole Gospel."

Suspicion of authority is one of the hallmarks of our time, and the rejection of all authority except for one's own thoughts and feelings is usually considered an essential condition of intellectual maturity and personal autonomy. Moreover, when this skepticism is married to the cynicism that now suffuses our entire culture, then people despair of the very possibility of a truth we can know with certainty and by which we can shape our lives without irony. But into this chaos the Lord Jesus speaks a divine word of saving truth: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

In the First Principle of Evangelical Catholicism, we saw that saying "Jesus Christ is Lord" changes our lives in every way, and this Second Principle shows one of the most fundamental ways in which Christians are different from all others. We do not live in radical doubt of the fundamental truths about the origin and purpose of human life because the God who made us from nothing has shown Himself to us and explained His plan for our lives. He began this revelation through Israel and her inspired writings, and He completed this revelation in the life, death, and Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ a sure and certain guide that frees us from the skepticism and cynicism that lead so many people into the despair of nihilism. And we receive this Gospel with complete certainty of its truth only in the Catholic Church, in which the Bishops who stand in apostolic succession bear in its fullness the authority of the Savior to teach: "He who hears you hears me, and he who rejects you rejects me, and he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." (Luke 10:16) Jesus gave His messianic authority to the Apostles, who were thus made authentic and authoritative teachers of the Gospel, and the Bishops who succeed the Apostles in every age do not teach from their own authority, learning, or wisdom. Rather, they teach only in the name of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, and this is why we can surrender our private judgments about all matters of faith and morals to the teaching of the Church without any loss of our legitimate autonomy and intellectual maturity: the Gospel transmitted in and by the Church is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe.

## **Calendar of Events**

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Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings & Events *		Weekend of 7/8 September	
		8		Needed	40,100
Sunday 15 September		Sunday 15 Se	eptember	Received	39,626
7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	<ul> <li>✤ Michael D Miros Henry Nielsen Pro populo Spanish Mass</li> </ul>	Parish Breakfa	ast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P) ng 9.00 am Mass Sunday Morning Bible Study	Shortage Poor Box	- 474 530
Monday 16	Monday 16 September Monday 16 September		Offertory Y Needed Received	<u>ear to Date</u> 441,100 447,267	
7.00 am	✤ Josie Martuscello	6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Baptism Class Fraternus (P)	Surplus	+ 6,167
Tuesday 17	-	Tuesday 17 S	-	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	
7.00 am	✤ Keith Fingerhut	6.30 pm	Fidelis (P)		
Wednesday 1	18 September	Wednesday 1	8 September	you have any q	
7.00 am	Ana Patricia Gomez R	9.30 am 5.00-6.00 pm	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Holy Hour & Confessions (church)	contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org. 2024 Capital Improvement Fund	
		6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Religious Education Introduction to Catholicism (M)		
Thursday 19 September		Thursday 19 September			ient i unu
7.00 am	✤ Jeanne Pfeiffer	7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration	Goal	1,000,000
Friday 20 September		Friday 20 Sej	ptember	Donations Received	525,620
7.00 am  ♣ William P Cahill III			llars of Christ (early group) forning Prayer (Lauds) (church)	Still to Go	474,380
	7.30-8.30 amPillars of Christ (late group) (10.00 amFriday Morning Bible Study7.00 pmSpanish Rosary		Friday Morning Bible Study	Mass Attendance Weekend of 7/8 September	
Saturday 21 September		Saturday 21 September		5.00 pm 7.30 am	309 324
5.00 pm	Anthony Braud	3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)	9.00 am 11.00 am	388 421
G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hal		* All events in Sacred Heart Hall		1.00 pm	515
P - Pazdan I	Hall C - Clinkscales Family Center	unless a location is listed		Total	1,957

#### **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.



#### **Collection for 14/15 September**

Bishop's Annual Appeal Support of the Parish

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

#### **Monthly Parish Breakfast**



All are welcome to join us for breakfast! This month the Knights of Columbus will serve breakfast for the Parish Family after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses on **Sunday 15 September.** For those that go to Mass virtually or on Saturday evening, you can

still come to our breakfast as we serve from 8.00 - 8.45 am and 10.15 - 11.00 am. Besides serving for the dining hall, we also have to go boxes.

Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.



#### **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. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. If 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.

#### **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-basketballprogram/ for the link to registration and details.

#### **Congratulations to**

Clare Redmond Astemborski who was baptized last weekend.

#### **Fidelis at St Mary's**



Come experience Fidelis at our INTRODUCTION WEEKS Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall 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

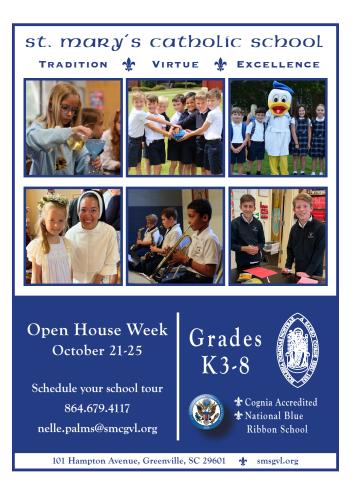


#### **Sunday Morning Bible Study**

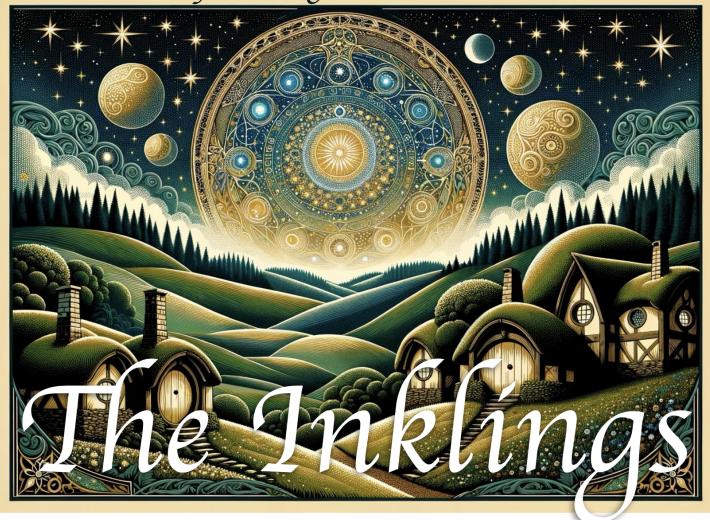
The Sunday Morning Bible Study will begin its fall session by examining the ministry of Jesus, the High Priest of the New Covenant. Jesus is most often looked upon as the sacrifice of the New Covenant "who gave Himself for our sins…" (Gal 1:4), but Jesus is also the Priest who offers this sacrifice. We will take an indepth 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. For more information contact Joe Beauchemin at josephbeauchemin@hotmail.com.

#### 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 Council of Catholic Women

## WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT TWO MOST HOLY HEARTS

All women of St. Mary's are invited to join us as we deepen our faith and love for the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Saturday, Oct. 19 8:30 am to 2 pm Pazdan Hall Cost: \$25 Breakfast & Lunch Included

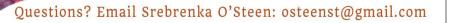
#### **Guest Speakers:**

**Dr. Joe Beauchemin** The intertwined Hearts of Jesus and Mary in Sacred Scripture

**Chiara Braud** Uniting Our Hearts to the Two Holy Hearts

After lunch, we will be given a guided tour of St. Mary's Church with **Deacon John Heuser**.

Register today using the QR Code (includes \$1 convenience fee) or fill out the registration form and send a check for \$25/person payable to SMCCW. *Registration deadline is Saturday, October 12.* 







## **REGISTRATION FORM**

WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT TWO MOST HOLY HEARTS

Hosted by St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women October 19, 2024 8:30 am - 2 pm

Name: Phone:			
Email:			
Guest Name(s):			
Phone:			
Email:			
Ay Sandwich Preference:	Ham	Turkey	Veggie_

My Guest Sandwich Preference: Ham\_\_\_\_ Turkey\_\_\_\_ Veggie\_\_\_\_

Cost \$25/person TOTAL = \_\_\_\_\_ with check\* payable to SMCCW. Mail this form & check to: SMCCW, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602.

-OR-

by electronic payment (included \$1 convenience fee). Please see QR code below.





## 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 statue 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 Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8 Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Parents meet 1st Wednesday of the Month

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds Class meets Sunday at 9:00 am in the K-4 Classroom in Sacred Heart Hall

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

# **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.

2024-2025 classes have begun! Register now on the parish website at https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/ <u>Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.org for more information on becoming a Catholic.</u>

#### 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**

"But who do you say that I am?" ~Mark 8:28

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 Monday 4 pm & 8 pm Tuesday 11 am Wednesday 12 pm\* Friday 12 pm Saturday 2 pm & 7 pm\*

#### **Daily Mass Readings**

For daily Mass readings, visit https://bible.usccb.org



#### **NFP Practitioner Education Program**

Do you want to be a natural family planning teacher? Become part of a team of Natural Family Planning practitioners providing Natural Procreative Choices to families in our Diocese. The FertilityCare Services Limited Education Programs will host the Creighton Model FertilityCare Practitioner Education Program for those interested in teaching others how to use the method. Applications are currently being accepted for the 13 month program. EP I is 26 October - 2 November and EP II is 2-7 May 2025 at St Francis Bon Secours Emergency Center (Simpsonville). **Application deadline is 25 September.** Contact Margaret Howard, MAM, CFCE, Program Director, at mphoward.cfce@protonmail.com or 402.320.9268 to register or for more details.







#### **Nationwide Mass Times**

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

#### 40 Days for Life



You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort from 25 September through 3 November. 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign

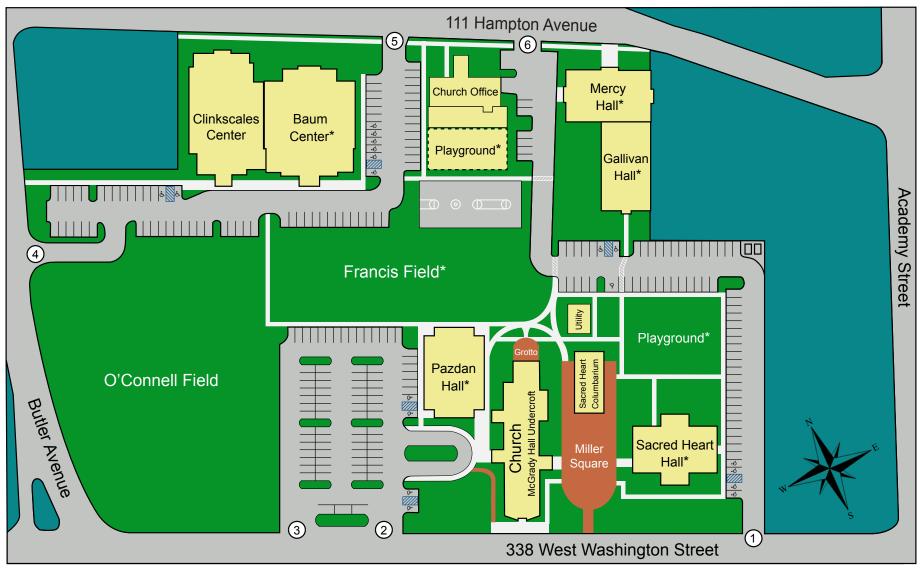
to end abortion initiated and organized at the grassroots level in communities throughout the nation and abroad. The National Organization requires that those participating in a campaign sign a promise to conduct themselves in a peaceful, respectful manner. Please visit https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville or contact contact Judy Masterson at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid Ireland at 864.329.0044 for more information or with questions.

**Kickoff Rally** is Tuesday 24 September at 6.30 pm at Grove Baptist Church (1223 Grove Rd). Guest speaker Hannah Myers will share her testimony of redemptive healing following the loss of a child to abortion. The opening prayer will be offered by Pastor Wallace Purvis from Woodside Church of God. Amy Schiera and Leala Blakeley will lead us in song. Deacon Bob Connor from Our Lady of the Rosary and 40 Days Upstate Coordinator will lead the closing prayer and offer a final blessing. Come enjoy fellowship and refreshments. Bring a chair.

#### 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.

#### The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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