

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

22 September 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Third Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "The seven Sacraments of the New Covenant are divinely instituted instruments of grace given to the Church as the ordinary means of sanctification for believers. Receiving the Sacraments regularly and worthily is essential to the life of grace, and for this reason, faithful attendance at Sunday Mass every week (serious illness and necessary work aside) and regular Confession of sins are absolutely required for a life of authentic discipleship."

In the first chapter of his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul teaches us that we exist to live for the praise of God's glory. This is a bold claim! If we exist to praise God, then until we worship Him according to the eternal plan of salvation revealed in Jesus Christ, we are not yet living a whole or a holy human life. In other words, a person who does not give thanks to God each week in the Most Holy Eucharist does not yet fully understand why he exists or how to find his eternal destiny. From the creation of the world, the Seventh Day was set aside for us from ordinary occupations so that we could share in the covenantal worship which completes and perfects our humanity, and the Passover meal of Israel was set by God as a perpetual remembrance of their deliverance from slavery so that they would never return to the condition of slaves. In his passion, death, and Resurrection, the Lord Jesus transformed the Passover of the Old Covenant into the Eucharist of the New and Everlasting Covenant, and for Christians the observance of the Sabbath moved to the Day of Resurrection, the Lord's Day on which we share each week in the Passover of the Lamb of God. But if all this true, why do so many Catholics not attend Mass every Sunday?

"I don't get anything out of it. It's boring. I don't like the music." These are among the answers typically offered by non-practicing Catholics when asked why they don't attend Mass each Sunday. But those answers reveal a much deeper problem. People who don't attend Mass because "they don't get anything out of it" are revealing that they are not yet authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus who understand the cost of discipleship. We are not called to Mass to get anything; we are called to Mass to give something. In fact, we are called to give everything. We must offer our whole lives as a sacrifice of praise in and with the sacrifice of Christ, and in so doing we fulfill the command of the Lord Jesus given at the Last Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me." And when once we have learned to worship God in this fashion, then we find that we do receive something. We receive divine mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the light of the Gospel to illuminate the mysteries of life, the strength to take up our cross and follow Christ, and the nourishment of the Body and Blood of Christ which is the pledge of eternal life and the medicine of immortality. And going to Confession whenever needed is Christ's Easter gift to the Church and an essential preparation for our worthy participation in the Eucharist. Since we exist for the praise of God's glory, let's use the tools He himself has given us to worship Him in spirit and truth.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 22 September

Monday 23 September

7.30 am
9.00 am
9.00 am
1.00 am
1.00 pm

Spanish Mass

Sunday 22 September

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

Monday 23 September

7.00 am Mark Gilpin 1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery 6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 24 September

7.00 am ♣ Richard Stephens

Tuesday 24 September

6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 25 September

7.00 am
♣ Donna Mara Resten

Wednesday 25 September

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour

& Confessions (church)

6.30 pm Religious Education

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 26 September

7.00 am ♣ Alexis Miller

Thursday 26 September

Friday 27 September

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 27 September

7.00 am Ana Maria Restrepo

5.30-6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group) 6.30-6.45 am Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) 7.30-8.30 am Pillars of Christ (late group) (M)

10.00 am Friday Morning Bible Study

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 28 September

♣ Margaret Saiko

Saturday 28 September

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall P - Pazdan Hall

5.00 pm

M - McGrady Hall C - Clinkscales

Clinkscales Family Center * All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed

Financial Report

Weekend of 14/15 September

Needed	40,100
Received	41,206
Surplus	+ 1,106

Poor Box 1,155

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	481,200
Received	488,473
Surplus	+ 7,273

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 you have any questions please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal 1,000,000

Donations

Received 533,145

Still to Go 466,855

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 14/15 September

5.00 pm	343
7.30 am	348
9.00 am	447
11.00 am	402
1.00 pm	553
Total	2,093

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.

KofC Essay Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council#13112 will hold its annual Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest for St Mary's parish 8th graders. Answer the following in an essay of 500-750 words: What are the two most important virtues for an elected leader to possess, and why? How can you determine if the leader has these virtues? Contact John McGrath at 864.270.3656 for essay contest forms. Essays must be received by 14 October.

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. Pillars will begin a new study of the book Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary by Brante Pitre. 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.

Daily Mass Readings

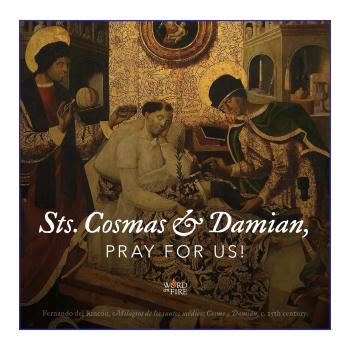
For daily Mass readings, visit https://bible.usccb.org

Parish News

Collection for 21/22 September

Support of the Parish

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



Women of Grace Bible Study

Women of Grace Bible Study will meet Sunday 6 October at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall to begin study of Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary by Brant Pitre. The study meets the first and third Sunday of each month. For more information about joining please contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@smcgvl.org.

Congratulations to

Anne Catherine Dahmer & Polly Mae Navarro who were baptized last weekend.

The Center for Evangelical Catholicism Presents



And the Re-Enchantment of the West

28 September 2024 St Mary's Catholic Church — Greenville 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 catholic school

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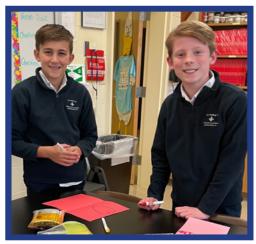












Open House Week October 21-25

Schedule your school tour 864.679.4117

nelle.palms@smcgvl.org

Grades K3-8





- ★ Cognia Accredited
- **☆** National Blue Rib<u>bon School</u>



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.







Questions? Email Srebrenka O'Steen: osteenst@gmail.com



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

	Email:
	Phone:Email:
M	My Sandwich Preference: Ham Turkey Veggie Iy 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.

-ORby electronic payment (included \$1 convenience fee). Please see

Ouestions? Email Srebrenka O'Steen: osteenst@gmail.com

Name: Phone:

OR 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**

Touching Safety Classes are this week 25 September at 6.00 pm. All children that are participating will meet in Gallivan Hall. Regular RE Classes will follow at 6.30 pm. If you OPTED OUT; please send your children to class at at the normal time of 6.30 pm.

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/
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 December 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

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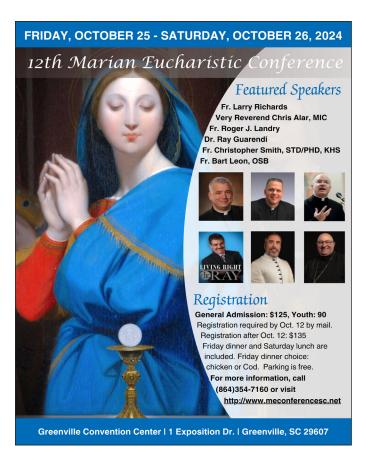
Online resources are available to every member of our parish including books, movies, podcasts and more. Sign up at https://formed.org/signup using zip code 29601 and click on our parish. Register with your name and email address to access the library.



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/.



${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC ${\cal A}$ DORATION

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*

OLR Upper School

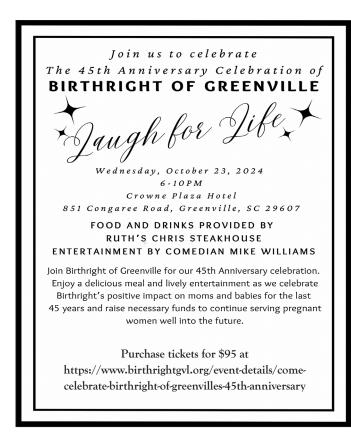
OLR Classical Upper School Information Night will be at Our Lady of the Rosary (2 James Dr) in Guadalupe Hall on Wednesday 30 October from 6.45-8.00 PM (after 6.00 pm Mass). Middle School students and their parents interested in our 9th -12th grade Classical program are invited to come find out more about our school. Contact Christine Barr at christine.barr@olrschool.net or 864.277.5350 for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them "Peace be with you." Bring the peace of Christ into your marriage by taking part in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is 15-17 November at DoubleTree by Hilton Atlanta - Northlake in Tucker, GA. Early signup is recommended. This weekend is a time for you and your spouse to be alone together, to rediscover each other and focus on your relationship for an entire weekend. Every marriage deserves that kind of attention! Rediscover the spark that was there on your wedding day, rediscover the best friend you had when you were first married, and join the millions of couples worldwide who have learned how to keep their marriage vibrant and alive. Please visit https://wwme.org for additional weekends, details and other marriage resources.

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.





Marian Servants

The Marian Servants® of the Holy Face of Jesus is one of several Marian Servant Communities across the United States and is now operating in the Charleston Diocese with Bishop approval. We have a mission to bring Catholic Christians to a deeper understanding of their vocation and mission in Christ, in the Church and in the world. Marian Servants have a special devotion to the Holy Spirit and to Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and always remain loyal to authentic Catholic teaching and the Magisterium of the Church. We embrace the Marian Servants Rule of Life. striving for holiness, obedience, and humble servanthood. We meet as a community on Tuesdays from 9.30-11.30 am in the Blessed McGivney Community Center (library) at Prince of Peace Catholic Church for praise and worship, a teaching, and conclude with praying the rosary together. We welcome men and women who are seeking a deeper spiritual journey and a desire to live and grow in community with others. For more information contact Lisa Buss at marianservantsHFJ@gmail.com or 864.508.7123. Visit https://divineprovidence.org for more details.

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

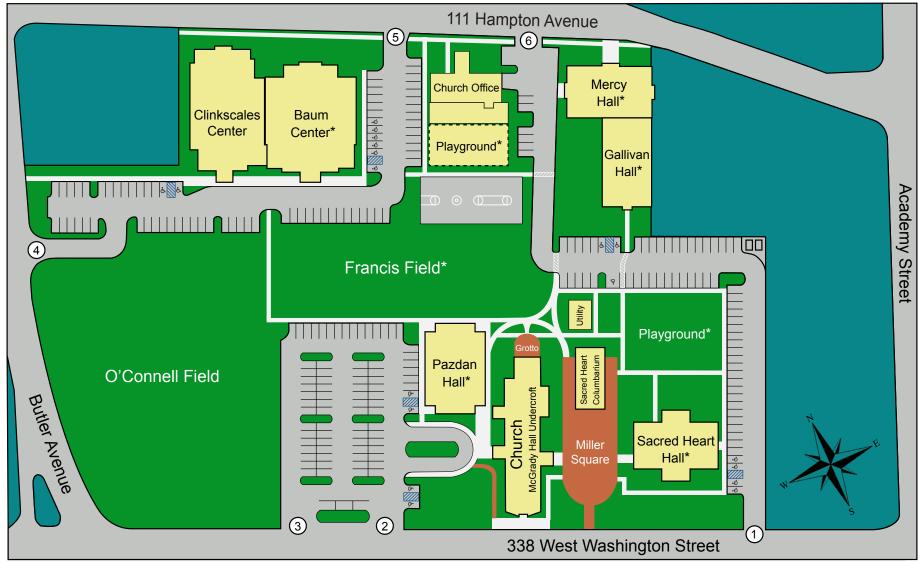
to end abortion initiated and organized at the grassroots level in communities throughout the nation and abroad. The National Organization requires that those participating in a campaign sign a promise to conduct themselves in a peaceful, respectful manner. Please visit https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville 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.

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