

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

20 October 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Seventh Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "Being a follower of Christ requires moving from being a Church member by convention to a Christian disciple by conviction. This transformation demands that we consciously accept the Gospel as the measure of our entire lives, rather than attempting to measure the Gospel by our experience. Personal knowledge of and devotion to Sacred Scripture is necessary for this transformation to occur through the obedience of faith, and there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible. Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ."

Do you read the Bible at home? Do you consult a Bible dictionary or commentary to help guide your reading? Do you set aside time even once each week to pray with Holy Scripture? Can you recite any verses of Scripture from memory? Do you know that the Catholic Church teaches that every word in the Bible is inspired by God and contains no errors in matters of faith and morals? Do you believe this to be true? If not, do you understand that you are not in full communion with the Catholic Church? These questions help focus our attention on some of the practical consequences of the Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism. Even those who desire to surrender their entire lives to the Lord Jesus in the obedience of faith cannot do this unless they read, believe, and reverence the Bible, because as St. Jerome (who first translated the entire Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin) teaches us: Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.

The Second Vatican Council devoted one of its sixteen documents to the subject of divine revelation, and it explores the relationships among Sacred Scripture, Sacred Tradition, and the Magisterium of the Church. This document is called *Dei Verbum* (Latin for "The Word of God") and is known in English as *The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. Dei Verbum* is only a few pages in length and is available online. I heartily encourage all Catholics to study *Dei Verbum* as a means to understanding why there is no substitute for personal knowledge of the Bible.

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16) "For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12) The devout reading of Holy Scripture does much more than teach us; it changes us. Reading Holy Scripture changes us in a way that no other form of reading can because when we open the Sacred Page with faith, the Lord speaks to us a word of grace and power unto repentance, conversion, and everlasting life. Immerse yourself in Holy Scripture, and in the Word of God you will come to know, love, and serve ever more perfectly the Word Made Flesh: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions		Meetings & Events *	
Sunday 20 October		Sunday 20 October	
7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	 Mary Ann Whitfoth Marie Rose Nielsen & Family Pro populo Spanish Mass 		ast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P) ng 9.00 am Mass Sunday Morning Bible Study Spanish Bible Class High School Youth Group (P) Women of Grace Bible Study
Monday 21 October		Monday 21 October	
7.00 am	Kevin Lynd	6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
Tuesday 22 October		Tuesday 22 October	
7.00 am	Cheryl Henderlong	10.00 am 6.30 pm	SMCCW Sewing Group Fidelis (P)
Wednesday 23 October		Wednesday 23 October	
7.00 am	Richard W Mercer	9.30 am 5.00-6.00 pm 6.30 pm 6.30 pm	Wednesday Morning Bible Study Holy Hour & Confessions (church) Religious Education Introduction to Catholicism (M)
Thursday 24 October		Thursday 24 October	
7.00 am 4	Angela Batt	7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
Friday 25 October		Friday 25 October	
7.00 am	Ella Mae Blessing	6.30-6.45 am	Pillars of Christ (early group) Morning Prayer (Lauds) (church) Pillars of Christ (late group) (M) Friday Morning Bible Study Spanish Rosary
Saturday 26 October		Saturday 26 October	
5.00 pm	Ian Boyd	3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
G - Gallivan Hall P - Pazdan Hall Kamily Center		* All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed	

Financial Report

Weekend of 12	2/13 October			
Needed	40,100			
Received	41,217			
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Needed	641,600			
Received	650,521			
Surplus	+8,921			
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2024 C Improvem	-			
Goal	1,000,000			
Donations Received	581,762			
Still to Go	418,238			
Mass Att	endance			
Weekend of 12/13 October				
weekend of 12/15 October				

5.00 pm

7.30 am

9.00 am

11.00 am

1.00 pm

Total

295

333

466

340

474

1,908

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathryn Zimmerman, 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, 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, Eddie Collins.

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 20 October.** 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.



Collection for 19/20 October

World Mission Sunday Support of the Parish

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



All Souls Day Envelopes

Saturday 2 November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day. On that day we pray for the souls of the just who are being prepared for the glorious vision of God, and in your stewardship envelopes you'll find an envelope for All Souls Day with lines on one side for writing the names of your beloved dead whom you would like remembered at the altar during November. Please complete that envelope and drop it in any collection during October.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Congratulations to

Alex Becker & Rachel Curtis who were married last weekend.

Confirmation

Our Bishop Jacques will be with us on Saturday 26 October to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 66 young men and women in our parish community. Please keep these young people in your prayers this week!

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest at St Mary's. The contest is for boys and girls in grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8. The posters must be 11" x 17" and include a slogan, visual image and completed entry form. **The deadline is 6 November.** For more information and entry form, please contact John McGrath at 864.270.3656.

Nursery Help Needed

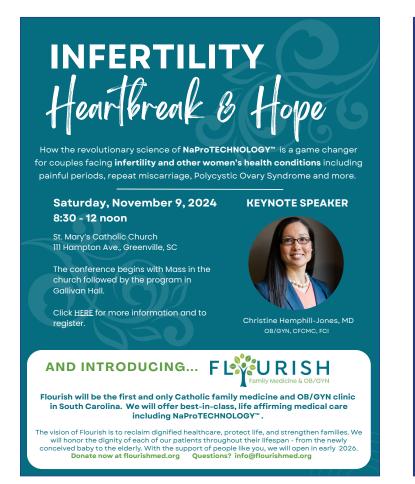
Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at 864.679.4110 or linda.jackson@smcgvl.org.

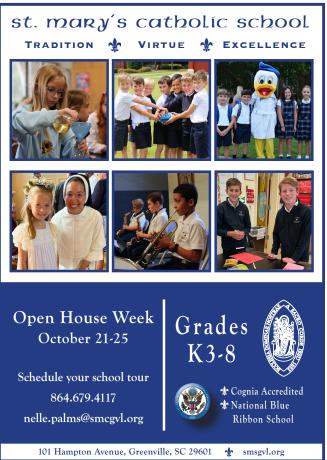
Hearing Loop at St Mary's



St Mary's now has Hearing Loop for hearing aid users to directly receive the sound from the church's PA system in their own hearing aids without having to pick up a separate listening device. If you wear hearing instruments you will need to find out if your hearing aids have this wireless receiver called a T-coil or Telecoil

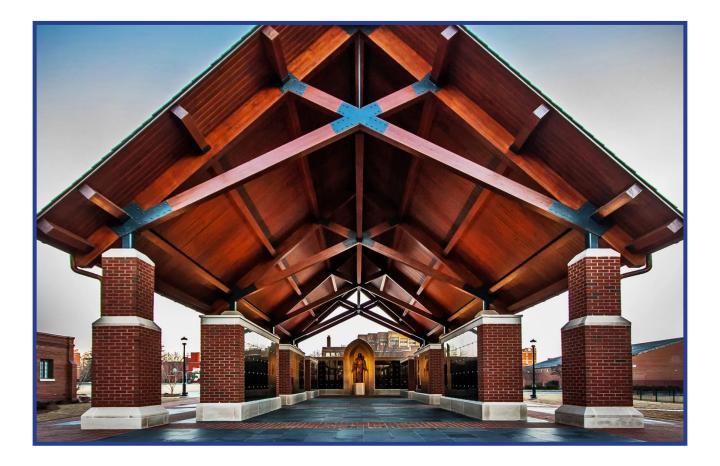
built in, in order to benefit from the hearing loop in our church. The T-coil program is accessed by pushing a button on a hearing aid and has to be activated by your audiologist. Talk to your audiologist to find out if your instruments can have both a T (no background noise pick up) and an MT program (blended micro-phone & T-coil program) for improved hearing at church. For questions about your hearing aids and telecoils talk to your audiologist or email Scott Peyton at wsploop@gmail.com. For more information visit https://americanloops.com or https://www.usaloops.com.





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



Mandatory 1st Communion Parent Meeting

Fr. Newman will be meeting with all of the parents of the parish with children preparing for 1st Communion this week on **Wednesday 23 October** in Gallivan Hall. **Plan to arrive by 6.15;** the meeting will begin promptly at 6.30 pm. Please call the office if you have questions.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Next Parent meeting is 6 November

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! Learn more 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

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

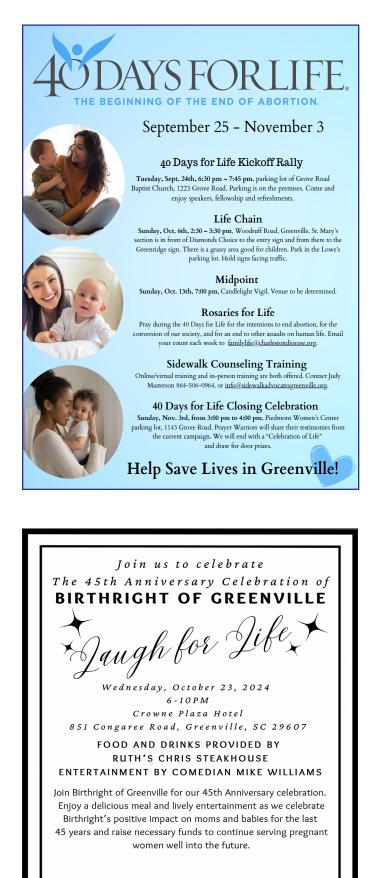
To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider</u> one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Monday 3 pm & 8 pm Wednesday 12 pm Thursday 11 am & 12 pm Friday 12 pm Saturday 7 pm*



Family Honor Job Opening

Would you like to lead a Catholic organization that works with parents and teens? Are you excited about your Catholic faith and eager to share the truth about the importance of family, the virtue of chastity, and the beauty of God's gift of sexuality? If yes, you may be the person Family Honor is looking for to become our next executive director! Family Honor is accepting resumes from qualified individuals through 1 December. Visit https://familyhonor.org/jobs/ for job description and other details. Contact amhonor@aol.com or 803.929.0858 with questions. Family Honor, created in 1988 and located in South Carolina, provides a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family. Family Honor carries out our mission through parent-teen programs and classes for adults.



Purchase tickets for \$95 at https://www.birthrightgvl.org/event-details/comecelebrate-birthright-of-greenvilles-45th-anniversary

Respect Life Month Novena



Join thousands of Catholics praying a Respect Life Month novena Tuesday 22 October through Wednesday 30 October. Sign up to get daily prayers, reflections, and more at https://www.respectlife.org/ respect-life-month-novena.

Volunteers Needed

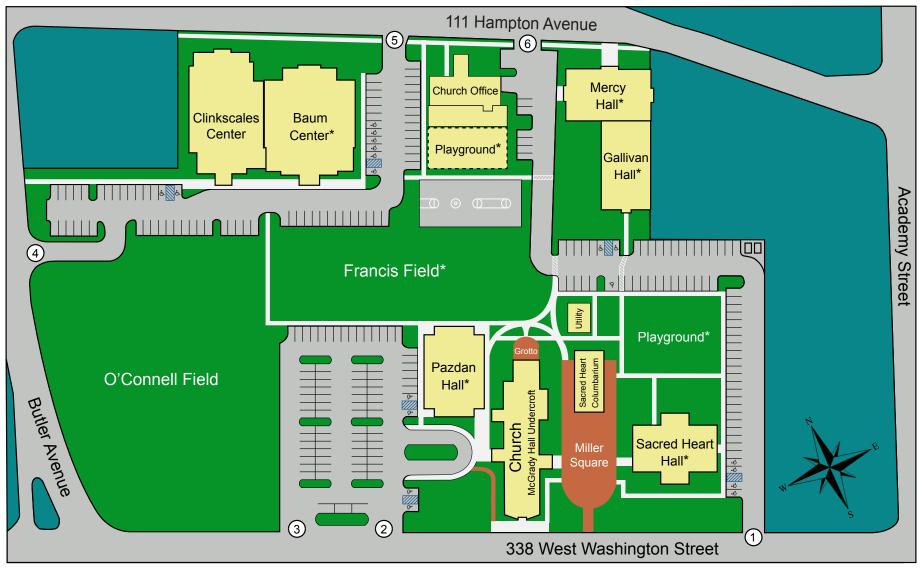
Calling all Catholics, especially Catholic bookworms! In the next few weeks, Christ on Main will be fully open to the public with brand new inventory of Catholic books and gifts, just in time for Christmas shopping! But Christ on Main is much more - an event center, a conference room, an oratory - all under the beautiful name of our Lord and Savior on Main St in downtown Greenville. What do we need in order to open? YOU! If you have the time and the inclination to spend a shift (or more) a week, we would love you to join us. Training is provided, and there is an amazing support system. For more information, please call (or text) Fran Eckert, Volunteer Coordinator at 770.331.9245 or Charlie Bathon, General Manager at 574.261.2293.



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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