

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

17 November 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Christ the King, and during Mass at 9 and 11 am our sacred music will be fitting for the sovereign Lord of all creation. Then next Sunday afternoon we will also sing Vespers at 5 pm, so plan now to join us for both Mass and Vespers in celebration of the King of All Creation. Then in two weeks we will begin a new Year of Grace on the First Sunday of Advent, and we will celebrate Solemn Vespers at 5 pm on all four Sundays of Advent. Please plan now to join us for Vespers on those five Sundays and to bring a friend for 30 minutes of beautiful music, peaceful prayer, and sacred silence.

Since 8 December falls this year on a Sunday, observance of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday 9 December. This is the patronal feast of the United States and a holy day of obligation, and we will celebrate Mass at 7 am, 12 noon, and 7 pm on Monday 9 December. Please remember that on school days, those coming to Mass cannot cross the interior of our campus, so please park so that you can approach the church without being in school spaces. The restrooms of McGrady Hall will be open.

Every Sunday of the year is a holy day of obligation by divine precept, and several other feasts of the year are holy days of obligation by ecclesiastical precept, meaning that the Church is exercising the binding part of the power of binding and loosing given to the Apostles by the Lord Jesus. In the United States, these holy days of obligation are: 1 January, the Solemnity of the Mother of God; 15 August, the Solemnity of the Assumption; 1 November, the Solemnity of All Saints; 8 December, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and 25 December, the Solemnity of the Birth of the Lord Jesus. The Solemnity of the Ascension is also a holy day of obligation, but in the United States that observance is now transferred from 40 days after Easter to the following Sunday.

All of the above means that in a year when none of the holy days falls on a Sunday, Catholics are expected to attend Mass a minimum of 59 times. Even if you allow an hour of travel time for each Mass, that comes to about 120 hours each year for us to be at Mass or traveling to and from Mass. Most studies show that Americans spend an average of 1500 to 1800 hours each year watching television, and the Church asks us for 120 hours each year to worship the living God in spirit and truth.

When we so easily give ourselves to 15 hours of television for each hour spent in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist, how is it possible that so many Catholics simply don't bother to accept the invitation of the Lord Jesus to "do this in memory of me"? Resolve now to make every effort in the coming year to attend Mass each Sunday and holy day and help a faltering Catholic return to regular practice of the Faith. And we can begin this work by celebrating the Solemnity of Christ the King next week and then keeping a holy Advent to prepare for a joyful celebration of the Birth of the Messiah.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 17 November

7.30 am
9.00 am
Figure 1.00 am
1.00 pm

♣ Elizabeth Gore
Richard Stephens
Pro populo
Spanish Mass

Sunday 17 November

Parish Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9.00 Masses (P) 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) 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 18 November

7.00 am Nathaniel Sufczynski

Monday 18 November

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 19 November

7.00 am ★ Maryann Waicker

Tuesday 19 November

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group 6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 20 November

7.00 am William Miros & Family

Wednesday 20 November

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour

6.30 pm

& Confessions (church)
Religious Education

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 21 November

♣ Baby Powers

Thursday 21 November

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 22 November

7.00 am

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7.00 am Zulianne Nietopski 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 23 November

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5.00 pm Anthony & Alvina Kasun 3.30-4.30 pm (

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

G - Gallivan Hall P - Pazdan Hall M - McGrady Hall C - Clinkscales

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 9/10 November

 Needed
 40,100

 Received
 41,670

 Surplus
 + 1,570

Poor Box 1,195

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 802,000

 Received
 812,147

 Surplus
 + 10,147

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 682,771

Still to Go 317,229

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 9/10 November

| 5.00 pm | 318 |
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| 7.30 am | 361 |
| 9.00 am | 514 |
| 11.00 am | 336 |
| 1.00 pm | 458 |

Total 1,987

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday 27 November.

Thanksgiving Holiday Closures

Mass will not be celebrated on Thursday 28 November (Thanksgiving Day) and the church will be closed all day. After the 7.00 am Mass on Friday 29 November the church will be closed all day. The parish office will close at 12.00 pm on Wednesday 27 November and will reopen on Monday 2 December at 9.00 am.

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 La Valley, 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, Steve Hughes.

Christmas Flower Memorials



St Mary's parishioners are encouraged to participate in helping to decorate our church, gym and Gallivan Hall for the Christmas liturgies. Each year we set up a Christmas Flower Fund for that purpose. If you wish to honor a loved one, living

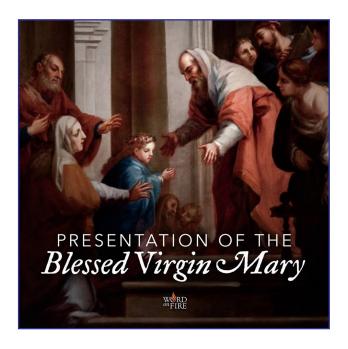
or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). Please print your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church office no later than Sunday 15 December for the names to appear in the Christmas Flower list. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Parish News

Collection for 16/17 November

Bishop's Annual Appeal Support of the Parish

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



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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Johan & Katrina Ramirez, Ronald & Susan Orchard, Trevor & Lauren Haas, Timothy & Lauren Fletcher, Monica Chasuk, Leticia Pena, Emily Pinto.

Knights of Columbus

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 17 November.** 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.

Free Throw Championship



Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 willhold its Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 (as of 1 January 2025) at St Mary's Baum Center on Saturday 7 December at 3.30 pm. Entry forms can be obtained from Megan Holliday or

John McGrath. Secondary school athletes should check with their school athletic director about eligibility. Please contact John McGrath at 864.270.3656 for more information.

Toys for Tots



The Knights of Columbus 13112 kindly request your support for the Toys for Tots program to assist children affected by Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina. Many children, particularly those aged 1-2 and 9-13, are in urgent need of toys and gifts this holiday season. Your generous donations can bring joy and hope to these vulnerable families during a challenging time. Please drop off your

unwrapped new toy valued at \$10 or more at the trailer parked in the church parking lot the weekend of 23-24 November. Together we can make a significant difference in these childrens' lives. Please contact Grand Knight Tom Giambarberee at thomasgia80@gmail.com with questions. Thank you for your support!

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.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 19 & 26 November 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.

Hearing Loop at St Mary's



St Mary's now has Hearing Loop for hearing aid users 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://www.usaloops.com or https://www.americanloops.com.



Save the date for the St Mary's Gala on Saturday 1 March 2025 at 6.00 pm. Join us as we celebrate a momentous milestone: our school's 125th Anniversary! Our theme this year is "Garden Gala" in tribute to our patroness, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who has long been associated with beautiful flowers. The event will be held on campus at the Baum Center and Clinkscales Family Center and will feature a silent and live auction, catered food from Table 301, an open bar, dancing, and live music by popular local band Randomonium!

The 2025 Gala proceeds will go towards the renovation of the plaza between Mercy and Gallivan Halls including the construction of a covered walkway and other capital projects that may arise. What an exciting time to be a part of St Mary's as we watch our campus footprint grow in both beauty and function!

Sponsorship opportunities are now available at https://SMSGardenGala.givesmart.com. Individual tickets go on sale in December. Please make checks payable to "St Mary's Catholic School." We are also accepting donations for our auction and that form may be found at https://smsgvl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025-St-Marys-Gala-Auction-Form.pdf or submit your donation online at https://e.givesmart.com/events/EPP/.

If you have any questions, please contact our Gala Chair, Sarah Ratcliff, at gala@smcgvl.org or call/text 404.432.0750. We thank you for your prayerful consideration to support!



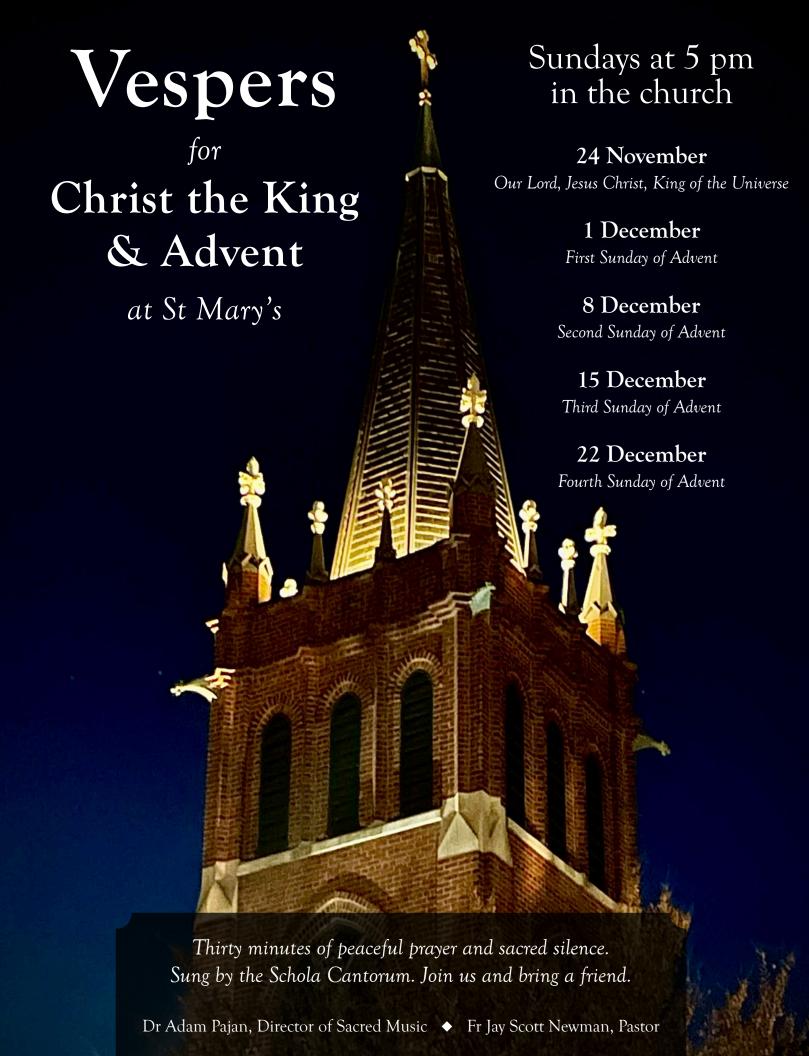
Daily Mass Readings

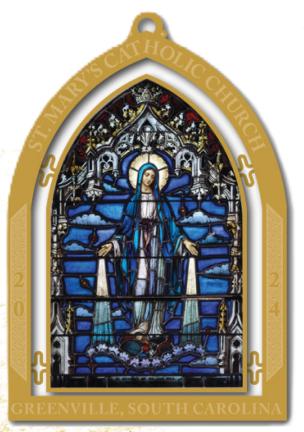
For daily Mass readings, visit https://bible.usccb.org

Nationwide Mass Times

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









St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

2024 Christmas Ornament

Bur Lady of the Miraculous Medal



ON SALE NOW

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Pre-order now. Pick-up at Bake Sale in Pazdan Hall 7-8 December. Click link above to purchase online or pay by check/mail. \$20.00 each by check or \$21.00 each online. Retired ornaments also available for purchase online while supplies last.

SMCCW 2024 ORNAMENT PRE-ORDER FORM



If paying by check, complete the form below. Please print clearly. Make check payable to St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women. Mail form and check to: St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602.

| Name | | |
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| Address | | |
| Email | | Phone |
| | Number of 2024 Ornaments | x \$20.00 each (if by check) |
| | Total Enclosed:\$ | , , , |



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Next Monthly Parent Meeting is 4 December**

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/.



BISHOP JACQUES FABRE-JEUNE, CS, INVITES YOU TO JOIN HIM FOR

World Youth Day Mass

on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Join us as we celebrate the vibrance of the Catholic faith among youth and young adults in South Carolina.

NOVEMBER 24, 2024 • 5:00 PM

St. Mary Magdalene Church 2252 Woodruff Road | Simpsonville

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

Prince of Peace

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "the one who is and who was and who is to come, the almighty." ~Rev 1:8

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 one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):</u>

Wednesday 12 pm Thursday 4 pm* Friday 12 pm



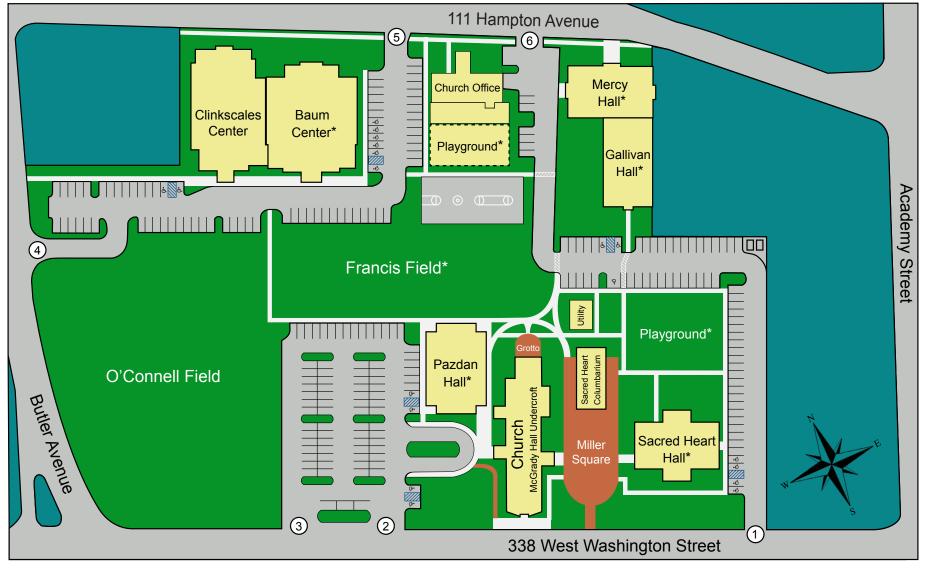
Family Honor Job Opening

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.

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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