



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

1 December 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was December, and another Christmas was at our throats. That was the dim view of all things Yule taken by the English humorist P.G. Wodehouse, and it is a sentiment most of us can readily understand. To avoid the frenzy which induces that feeling, we need to grasp what the Grinch perceived with wonder from the summit of Mount Crumpit: That Christmas “came without ribbons; it came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags.” And the very best way to arrive at this insight is to keep a holy Advent.

The twin peaks of the liturgical year are Easter and Christmas, and both of these celebrations are preceded by a period of preparation. The purple of penance must come before the gold of glory revealed in Christ’s Birth and Resurrection, and this is where the cultural and secular observance of Christmas can get in the way of a good Advent. On the radio and at the mall, Christmas has already been at our throats for some time, but today is just the first Sunday of Advent. And on December 26th when the Church is only beginning to celebrate the liturgical season of Christmas, evergreen trees will begin to pile up on the curb and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer will disappear until next Halloween. Let’s just say STOP!

We now have four weeks in which to ponder the profound mystery of Christ coming to us for our salvation. In the past he did come to suffer and die for us. In the present he does come in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. And in the future he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead. All three of these “advents” are part of this beautiful season of the liturgy, and if we attend to the Church’s rhythm of prayer, penance and preparation, then when Christmas Eve arrives, we will not be exhausted; we will be elated.

So, how to do this? 1) Get an Advent wreath and light it at home each night while praying the Collect from Mass that day. 2) Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, particularly each Sunday afternoon at 5 pm here in the church. 3) Come to Mass on weekdays as often as possible during Advent. Weekday Mass has a quiet, meditative quality that steals into our hearts and minds, and Advent is deeply enriched by Mass each day. 4) Encourage your family and friends to think of things other than packages, boxes or bags. Make a donation in someone’s name to Catholic Charities or Catholic Relief Services. Write a letter to someone you love to tell them so. Volunteer to serve someone in need. 5) Go to Confession so that your Christmas Communion will truly be holy.

December is at hand, but another Christmas need not be at our throats. It can be in our hearts with joy beyond all telling if we prepare to celebrate the Birth of the Messiah with a worthy Advent.

Father Newman



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

(May be used at home when lighting your Advent Wreath)

Sunday 1 December

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ
with righteous deeds at his coming,
so that, gathered at his right hand,
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Monday 2 December

Keep us alert, we pray, O Lord our God,
as we await the advent of Christ your Son,
so that, when he comes and knocks,
he may find us watchful in prayer
and exultant in his praise.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 3 December

Look with favor, Lord God, on our petitions,
and in our trials grant us your compassionate help,
that, consoled by the presence of your Son,
whose coming we now await,
we may be tainted no longer
by the corruption of former ways.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Wednesday 4 December

Prepare our hearts, we pray, O Lord our God,
by your divine power,
so that at the coming of Christ your Son
we may be found worthy of the banquet of eternal life
and merit to receive heavenly nourishment from his hands.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Advent Week 1

Candle Name: Prophet's Candle

Candle Symbolizes: Hope

Reminds us: Jesus is coming

*“Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come, he who rises
to rule the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles hope.’”*

Romans 15.12

Thursday 5 December

Stir up your power, O Lord,
and come to our help with mighty strength,
that what our sins impede
the grace of your mercy may hasten.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Friday 6 December

Stir up your power, we pray, O Lord, and come,
that with you to protect us,
we may find rescue
from the pressing dangers of our sins,
and with you to set us free,
we may be found worthy of salvation.
Who live and reign with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Saturday 7 December

O God, who sent your Only Begotten Son into this world
to free the human race from its ancient enslavement,
bestow on those who devoutly await him
the grace of your compassion from on high,
that we may attain the prize of true freedom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Join us for the singing of Solemn Vespers on 1, 8, 15 & 22 December at 5 pm.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 1 December

7.30 am	* Manuel Jose Soto
9.00 am	Michael & Patricia Sechrist
11.00 am	Pro populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass

Monday 2 December

7.00 am	Karen & Stephen Polce & Family
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Tuesday 3 December

7.00 am	* Lorna Ann Young
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Wednesday 4 December

7.00 am	Mary Elise Gevaert
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Thursday 5 December

7.00 am	Mooney Grandchildren
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Friday 6 December

7.00 am	* Campbell Martin
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Saturday 7 December

5.00 pm	Macy & Mike Cravens
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Meetings & Events *

Sunday 1 December

No Nursery This Week	
Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
11.00 am	Spanish Bible Class
5.00 pm	Advent Vespers (church)
6.00 pm	Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 2 December

1.00 pm	St Anne's Stitchery
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 3 December

6.30 pm	Fidelis (P)
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Wednesday 4 December

9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5.00-6.00 pm	Holy Hour & Confessions (church)
6.30 pm	Religious Education
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Thursday 5 December

7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
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Friday 6 December

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 7 December

3.00 pm	KofC Free Throw Championship
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)
KofC/OLP Food Drive: After 5.00 pm Mass	
SMCCW Bake Sale/Bazaar: After 5.00 pm Mass (P)	

G - Gallivan Hall
P - Pazdan Hall

M - McGrady Hall
C - Clinkscals
Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 23/24 November

Needed	40,100
Received	40,365
Surplus	+ 265

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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	882,200
Received	894,528
Surplus	+ 12,328

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@smcgv1.org.

2024 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
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Donations Received	772,998
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Still to Go	227,002
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Mass Attendance

Weekend of 23/24 November

5.00 pm	329
7.30 am	366
9.00 am	445
11.00 am	398
1.00 pm	451

Total	1,989
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Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions
on the following Wednesdays

25 December, 1 & 22 January

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, Steve Hughes.

KofC Free Throw Championship

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 will hold 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.

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.

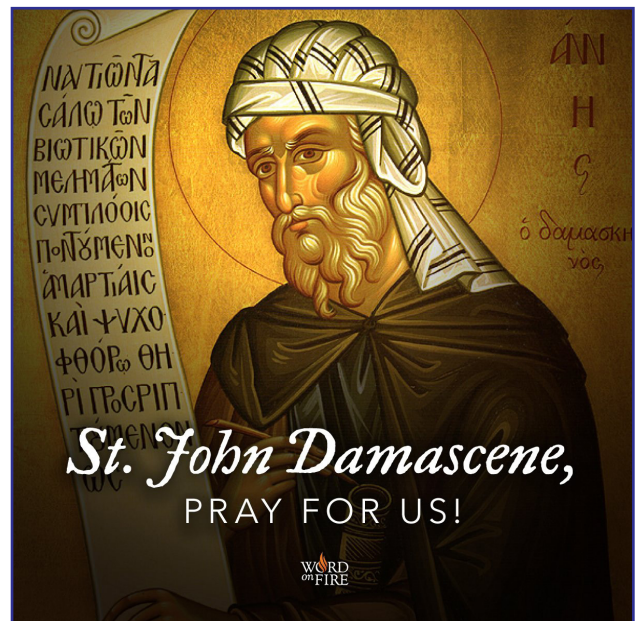
If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please send in your donation in the Christmas Flower envelope available in your envelope packet (or use a plain white envelope). **Please print** your name and the names of those whom you wish to honor. Memorial requests must be submitted to the church 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 30 November/1 December

Support of the Parish

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



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 9 December *Holy Day of Obligation*

We will celebrate three Masses for the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of the Church in the United States, on Monday December 9 at 7.00 am, 12.00 noon & 7.00 pm.

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@smcgv1.org.



Save the Date!

SATURDAY,
MARCH 1, 2025 - 6:00PM

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 Clinkscates 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://SMGardenGala.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://smgvl.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@smcgv.org or call/text 404.432.0750. We thank you for your prayerful consideration to support!





Knights of Columbus
CHARITIES
United in Charity.

Knights of Columbus Council #13112 invites you
to participate in a food drive in service of

Our Lady's Pantry

Drop off before Masses on
Saturday & Sunday 7-8 December

Suggested Donations based on current needs

CANNED FRUIT

CANNED PROTEIN (chicken, tuna, etc)

CANNED VEGETABLES

PEANUT BUTTER

RICE

CEREAL

PASTA

CHEF BOYARDEE STYLE MEALS

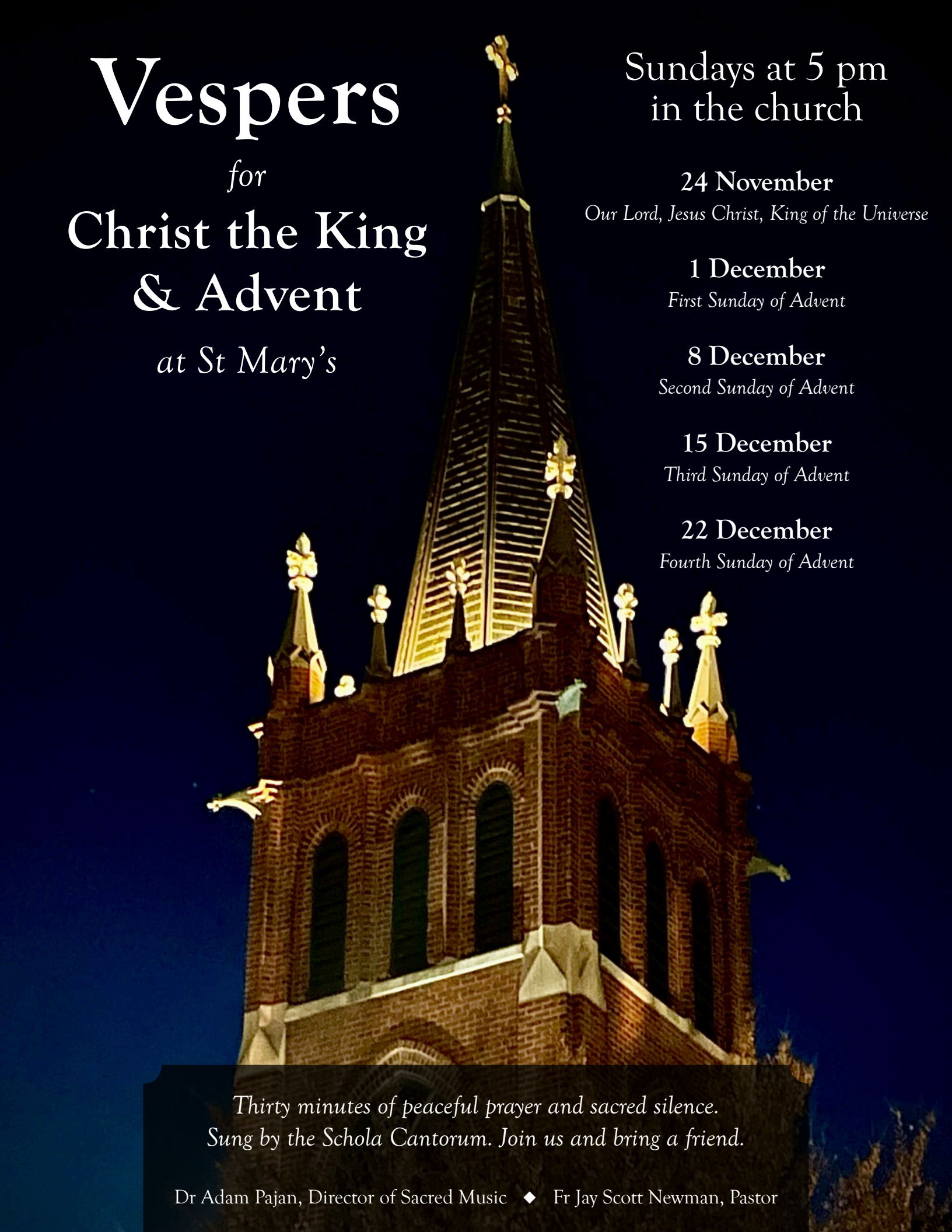
*These items can be found in bulk
at warehouse stores or via Amazon*

We envision a community where everyone has access to enough nutritious food to feed themselves and their families. While we have some existing partnerships in place, the pantry tends to run low on some items more than others, and we are hoping to be able to bridge that gap through the generosity of parishioners. Our numbers have more than doubled from last year, and we want to ensure that no one goes hungry in Greenville.



Drop off at Our Lady's Pantry
blue box van in the church parking lot

Monetary donation checks can be made out to **Catholic Charities**. Please note **OLP Greenville** on the memo line.



Vespers

for

Christ the King & Advent

at St Mary's

Sundays at 5 pm
in the church

24 November

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

1 December

First Sunday of Advent

8 December

Second Sunday of Advent

15 December

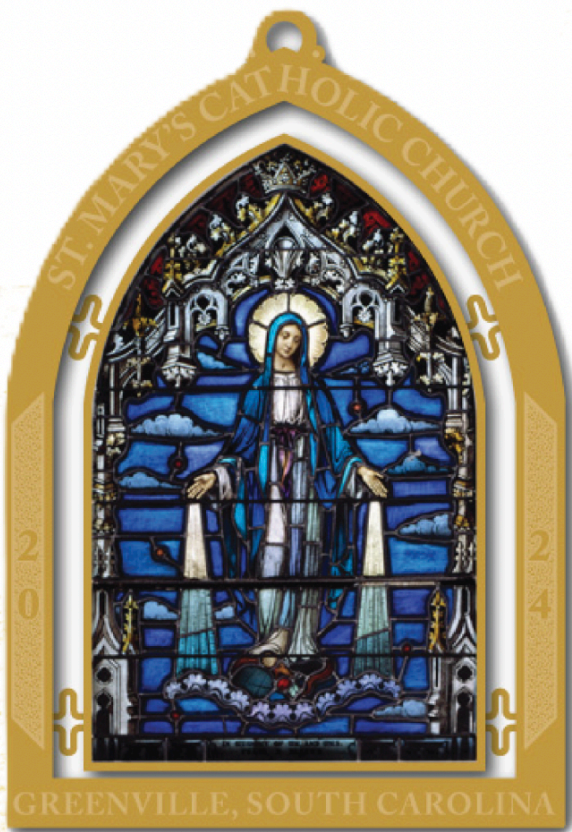
Third Sunday of Advent

22 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Thirty minutes of peaceful prayer and sacred silence.
Sung by the Schola Cantorum. Join us and bring a friend.*

Dr Adam Pajan, Director of Sacred Music ♦ Fr Jay Scott Newman, Pastor



St Mary's Council of Catholic Women
**2024 Christmas
Ornament**

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

ON SALE NOW

[**CLICK HERE TO ORDER**](#)

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

Questions? Cathy Spitzmiller at 864.380.8091 or thespitzmillers@gmail.com



ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The Poinsett Club 807 E. Washington St.

SMCCW cordially invites all women of St. Mary's to join us for our annual Christmas Luncheon. Please bring a donation of food (no sweets) for a Christmas gift basket for the 16 sisters of the Monastery of St. Clare.

Name: _____

Guest Name(s): _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

SMCCW Member? Yes _____ No _____

Number of Lunches: A _____ x \$32 = _____

B _____ x \$28 = _____

C _____ x \$26 = _____



TOTAL = _____ by check* payable to SMCCW -OR- by online payment. Please see back for link and QR code (\$1 convenience fee added for online registrations). *Deadline to register - Tuesday, December 3*

*Mail this form & check to: SMCCW, PO Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602
Contact: Lori Grant at smccwgv@gmail.com

ST. MARY'S COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Christmas Luncheon Menu

A) Chicken Crepes \$32*

Tender braised chicken with garden vegetables wrapped in a French crepe topped with champagne cream sauce served with a side of asparagus.

B) Chicken Dijon \$28*

Crispy Chicken cutlet topped with a creamy Dijon sauce with spinach. Garnished with bacon. Served with mashed potatoes and buttered green beans.

C) All-American Salad (Vegetarian) \$26*

Mixed greens, strawberries, Mandarin oranges, candied pecans, dried cranberries and blue cheese crumbles with a balsamic vinaigrette.

Cookies, Coffee and Iced Tea Included
Wine \$7/glass

[Click here](#) to register or use the QR Code below.



The Poinsett Club Dress Code: Jackets for men, no jeans.

*Taxes & gratuities included. \$1 convenience fee added for online registrations.



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

Monthly Parent Meeting this Week 4 December

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

NO Sunday Morning Preschool Classes this week

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.

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 **Inactive** and envelopes are no longer distributed. To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgv1.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@smcgv1.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.whelen@smcgv1.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://charlestdiocese.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.

PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Wednesday 12 pm

Thursday 4 pm*

Friday 12 pm

Nativity Celebration

Regnum Christi and Christ On Main presents *The Celebration of the Creche* on Saturday 7 December from 11.00 am to 5.00 pm at Christ On Main (14 S Main Street). Over 100 unique, ornate, creative, beautiful, and inspiring nativities of all shapes and sizes will be on display. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted.



ADVENT MARKET

- Artisans and ministries selling hand-made goods and gifts
- Advent items (candles, wreaths, calendars, meditation books, etc)
- Unveiling of The Great Nativity with life-sized figures and animals
- Kids crafts, Jesse tree scavenger hunt, and Christ child figurine giveaway

free entry

SCHEDULE

- 9:30a Sugar Cookie Decorating
- 11a Advent Lantern Craft with Maria Barontini (pre-registration required to maria.barontini@princeofpeacetaylors.org)
- 12n Saint Nicholas book reading and photo opportunity
- 1:30p Church Tour with Deacon Gus Suarez
- 2:30p Adult Choir and Friends Caroling

SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

9a - 5p

Parish Activity Center
1209 Brushy Creek Road
Taylors, SC 29687
princeofpeacetaylors.org

Rachel's Vineyard

Post Abortion Healing Retreat
December 13 - 15, 2024
Charleston Area

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion. This retreat offers everyone a place to find peace and closure and strengthen your relationship with God while experiencing God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.

To Register Online:
<https://bit.ly/RachelsVineyardDec2024>
For more information:
Christy 803.554.6088 | Kathy 803.546.6010
or email Grace4Healing@gmail.com

rachelsvineyard.org



Join us for our 4th Annual
Pink & Blue Gala
Friday, February 21, 2025

Discounted Early Bird Ticket sales end Dec. 15th

You are invited to join us for a Mardi Gras themed evening with fine dining and a live and silent auction to support our moms and babies that we serve. Our gala will be held at the beautiful, lakeside **Fluor Enterprises dining venue** in Greenville starting at 6:00pm.

Our guest speakers will include Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS & Fr. Rhett Williams!

We can't host a successful event without your help! If you are interested in sponsoring our event or have auction items to donate, scan QR code below or visit stclareshomesc.org/pink-blue-gala.



Find out more here!



St. Clare's Home
RESTORING HOPE - SAVING LIVES

Contact Colleen Chmiel for Questions
stclaresvolunteer@charlestondiocese.org
843-259-1108



JOIN US FOR

"UNDERSTANDING THE HUMAN PERSON"

A CATHOLIC RETREAT CLASS FOR ADULTS

Find out how to respond effectively to questions from family & friends about current moral issues. Join other men and women to get answers, enjoy fellowship, and engage in spiritual reflection. Find out more: www.familyhonor.org/weekend-training-course



Friday, December 6 and
Saturday, December 7, 2024



Our Lady of the Rosary
Catholic Church, Greenville, SC

QUESTIONS?



803.929.0858



info@familyhonor.org



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

YOUNG MOMS ADVENT RETREAT

at Heart Ridge Retreat Center in Sunset, SC



IT'S 24 HRS AWAY, BUT CAN BE A LIFESAVER FOR YOUR SOUL (AND SANITY!)

December 6-7



National Night of Prayer for Life

Monday, December 9
9 pm until 1 am on December 10

Our Lady of the Hills
120 Marydale Ln
Columbia SC 29210

Join us for four hours of prayer:
the rosary, recited every hour and
adoration.

The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to help bring back the world to Christ and to bring about an end to abortion.

Contact: Kim at kimberlydoire@yahoo.com or
Maureen at respectlife@ollchapin.org 803-932-6032

The annual National Night of Prayer for Life invokes the Blessed Mother under the titles of The Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. It was on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in 1531, (then celebrated on December 9th) that Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas and the Unborn, first appeared to St. Juan Diego. This four hour prayer vigil is designed to unite the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with that of St. Juan Diego, the peasant who brought the message of Guadalupe to the world.

*Note this year our celebration was moved from the 8th to the 9th due to the feast day falling on a Sunday this year.



YOUNG WOMEN'S Advent Retreat

The Basilica of St. Peter
1529 Assembly St, Columbia, SC 29201

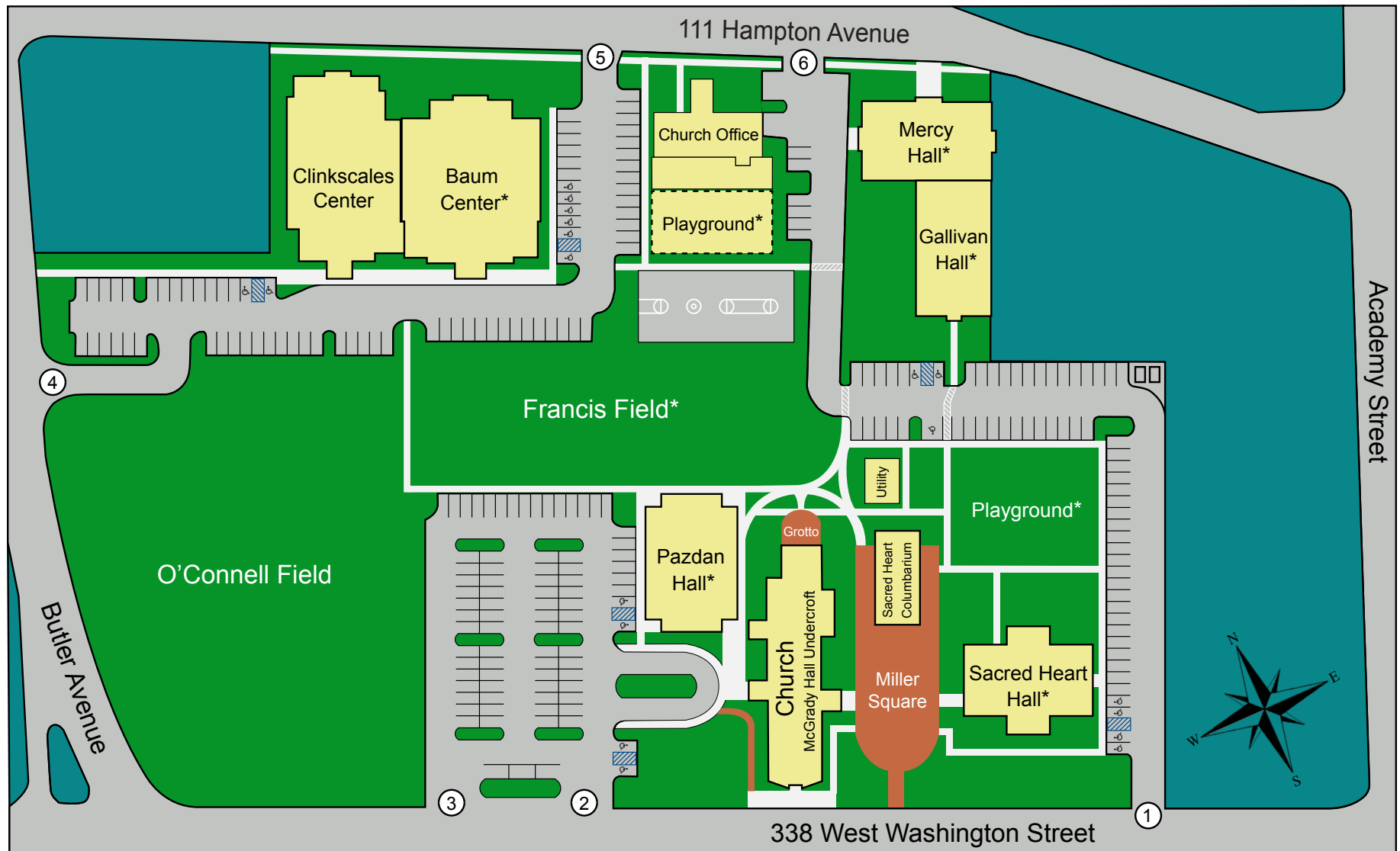
DEC | 14th | 2024

Keynote Speaker - Regina Boyd - Boyd Counseling Services
Join us for a retreat on mental health, female friendships, and our Catholic faith.

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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Assisting Priest at St Mary's Church
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