

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

22 December 2024

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Advent Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" took shape in France in the 17th century, and in the 19th century it was translated into English and set to the beautiful melody we still sing. But the text of the hymn dates from at least the 9th century and is taken from the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church's daily prayer of adoration and praise.

Each evening in the Divine Office, the Church sings Mary's great hymn of thanksgiving recorded by St Luke (1.46-55) and called the Magnificat from the first word of the text in Latin. Every day of the year, the Magnificat is preceded and followed by a sung verse called an antiphon, and from December 17th to 23rd, these Magnificat antiphons invoke the Lord Jesus by a different Old Testament title. The Great O Antiphons, so called because each begins with the vocative "O", are a summary of the prophecies about the Messiah and are chanted to a sublime Gregorian melody.

- + O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together with your strong yet gentle care. O come to teach us the way of truth.
- + O Lord of Might and Leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power.
- + O Stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay.
- + O Key of David and Sceptre of Israel, what you open no one can close; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- + O Rising Sun, you are the splendor of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.
- + O King of the Nations, whom all peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay.
- + O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the nations desire and the Savior of all people. O come and save us, Lord our God.

Thus is the New Testament concealed in the Old, and the Old Testament revealed in the New. Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever!

Father Newman



MASS COLLECTS FOR THE Fourth WEEK OF ADVENT

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

Advent Week 4

Candle Name: Angel's Candle Candle Symbolizes: Peace

Reminds us: The message of the angels

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will" - Luke 2.10-11

Sunday 22 December

O God, who, seeing the human race fallen into death, willed to redeem it by the coming of your Only Begotten Son, grant, we pray,

that those who confess his Incarnation with humble fervor may merit his company as their Redeemer.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. for ever and ever.

Monday 23 December

Almighty ever-living God, as we see how the Nativity of your Son according to the flesh draws near, we pray that to us, your unworthy servants, mercy may flow from your Word, who chose to become flesh of the Virgin Mary and establish among us his dwelling, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Tuesday 24 December

Come quickly, we pray, Lord Jesus, and do not delay, that those who trust in your compassion may find solace and relief in your coming. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Nativity of the Lord Wednesday 25 December

Vigil Mass

as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. for ever and ever.

Mass During the Night

O God, who gladden us year by year

O God, who have made this most sacred night radiant with the splendor of the true light, grant, we pray, that we,

who have known the mysteries of his light on earth, may also delight in his gladness in heaven.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Mass at Dawn

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, as we are bathed in the new radiance
of your incarnate Word
the light of faith, which illumines our minds,
may also shine through in our deeds.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Mass During the Day

and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God. for ever and ever.

O God, who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature

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♣ CHRISTMAS EVE ♣ TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER 2024

5.00 pm Mass in the Clinkscales Center for families with children
5.00 pm Sung Mass in the church
7.00 pm Sung Mass in the church
8.40 pm Choir Program in the church (Streamed on Facebook)
9.00 pm Solemn Mass During the Night (Streamed on Facebook)
(The Mass During the Night takes the place of the Mass at Midnight.)

★ CHRISTMAS DAY ★ WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER 2024

11.00 am Mass in the church
1.00 pm Spanish Mass in the church

No Holy Hour or Confessions on 25 December 2024 and 1 January 2025

No Mass on Thursday 26 December 2024

♦ Solemnity of the Mother of God ♦

Tuesday 31 December 2024

5.00 pm Sung Mass

Wednesday 1 January 2025

9.00 am Sung Mass 11.00 am Solemn Mass 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 22 December

Monday 23 December

7.00 am Chris Sufczynski

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

No 7.00 am Mass

Clinkscales Family Center

5.00 pm ♣ Mark Thomas Tarquinio

Church

5.00 pm
7.00 pm
Thomas John Tarquinio
9.00 pm
Devereaux Grandchildren

★ Thomas John Tarquinio
Pro populo

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day

11.00 am Pro populo

Thursday 26 December

No 7.00 am Mass / Church Closed

Friday 27 December

7.00 am ♣ Patti Waters

Saturday 28 December

5.00 pm Jeffeaux Family

Sunday 22 December

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) 5.00 pm Advent Vespers (church)

Monday 23 December

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve - Parish Office Closes at Noon

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day - Parish Office Closed

No Holy Hour & Confessions

Thursday 26 December

Parish Office Closed

Friday 27 December

Parish Office Closed

Saturday 28 December

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 14/15 December

Needed	40,100
Received	42,858
Surplus	+ 2,758

Poor Box 1,058

Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,002,500
Received	1,020,846
Surplus	+ 18,346

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
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Donations

Received 784,414

Still to Go 215,586

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 14/15 December

5.00 pm	353
7.30 am	374
9.00 am	503
11.00 am	391
1.00 pm	443
Total	2,064

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on the following Wednesdays

25 December, 1 & 22 January

Holiday Office Closures

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 24 December for the Christmas holiday and reopen on Monday 30 December at 9.00 am.

The parish office will close at 12.00 noon on Tuesday 31 December for the New Year holiday and reopen on Thursday 2 January 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 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.

Lost & Found

As of 1 January 2025, we will be cleaning out the Lost & Found box in the church office and the unclaimed items will be given to charity. If you (or your children) have forgotten any item in the church, please email Sarah Perkins at sarah.perkins@smcgvl.org with a description of the item(s). We have several books, eyeglasses, and children's clothes in the box, among other items. If you forget something in the church on a weekend, you may ask an usher to look for it in the sacristy, but come Monday morning, please send us an email so we can best locate the item and hold it for you.

Parish News

Collection for 21/22 December

Bishop's Annual Appeal Support of the Parish

Collection for 24/25 December

Christmas Gift Support of the Parish

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



Thank You!

Fr Newman, Fr Duncan, Fr Frei and the office staff would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity to them this holiday season and throughout the past year.

2024 Tax Statements

Tax statements will now be automatically generated through your Flocknote account. Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4102 with questions. Thank you.



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!

Knights of Columbus

Poster Contest Winners

Congratulations to our Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 Knights of Columbus *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest Winners!

Grade 3/4: Mary Guirao Grade 5/6: Olivia Flink

Grade 7/8: Magdalena Movsichoff Mazzaro

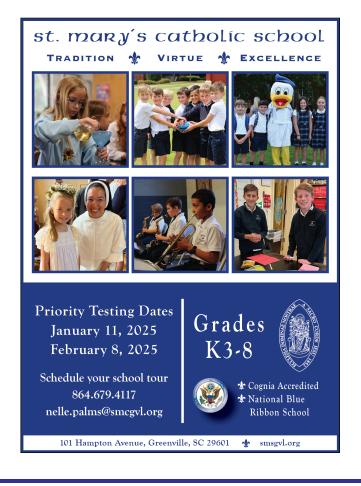
Their posters will be sent for District Competition.

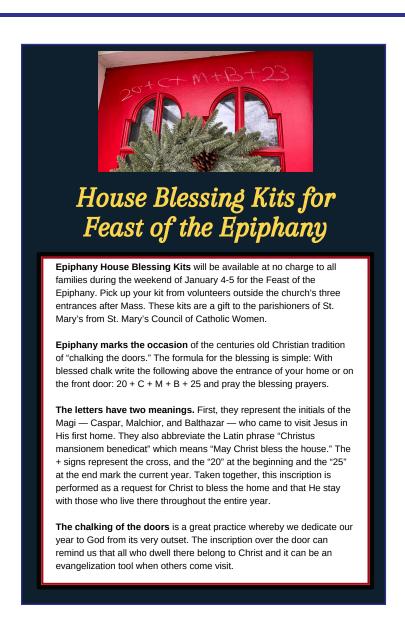
Nursery Help Needed

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.

Daily Mass Readings

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





Fraternus at St Mary's

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men of all ages. All young men ages 12 and up are invited to join our brotherhood at Frat Night weekly meetings on Mondays from 6.30-8.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. The evenings include brotherly competition, a shared meal, encouragement in virtue, and compline. Contact stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com for more information.

Fidelis at St Mary's

Fidelis forms girls heart, mind, body and soul into virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women. We meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. Contact Cristina Ortiz at 305.439.2172 or cristinaeortiz@msn.com for more information. Visit https://www.fidelisonline.org.



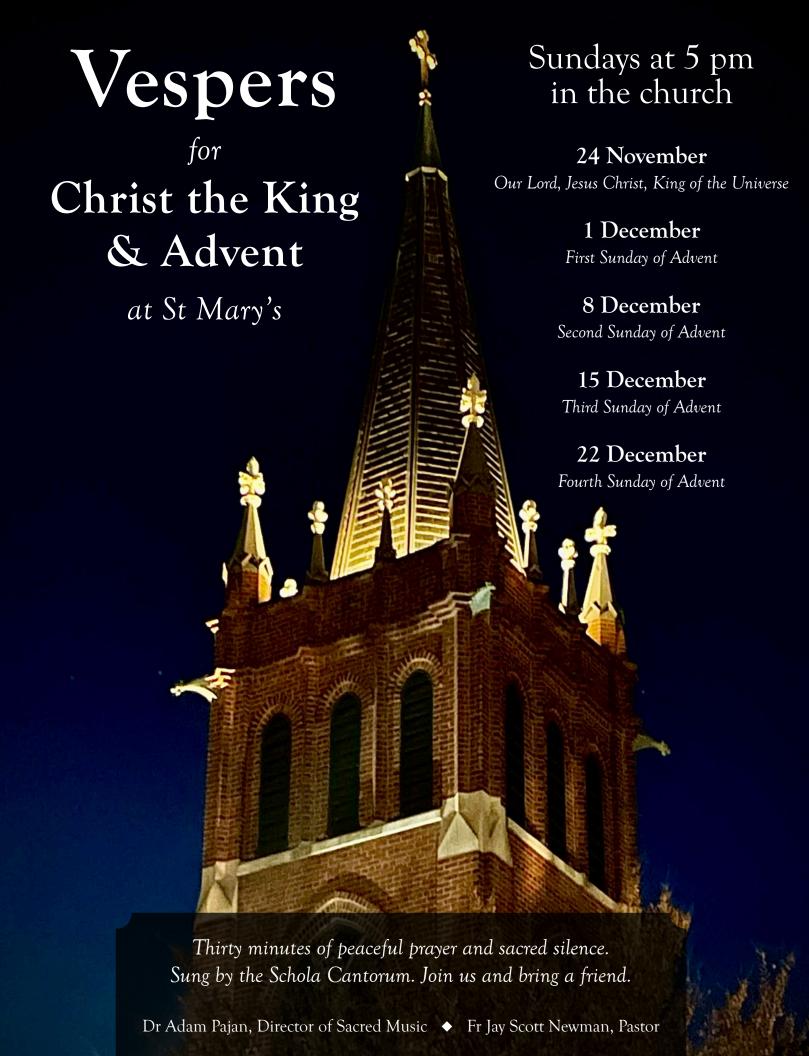
Visit the Bookstore/Gift Shop! Tuesday - Saturday 11 am to 5 pm 14 S Main Street, Greenville SC, 29601



- ♦ Books, Advent & Christmas Items ♦
- ◆ Baptismal & First Communion Gifts ◆
 - ◆ Rosaries, Crucifixes, Sacramentals ◆
 - ◆ Exquisite Catholic Art ◆

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. The ministry is focused on helping men to live out their vocation as Catholic Christian men in every aspect of their lives, be it home, work, church, or social. By it, men develop and grow in their personal relationship with Christ, His Church, and with other like minded men so as to be equipped in the battle against the temptations and immoral structures that surround us. If interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at rcsulli42@gmail.com or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafo (late group) at mmunafo1950@gmail.com or 864.313.5356.





St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Christmas Break - Classes resume 8 January 2025 Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Next Monthly Parent Meeting is 8 January

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Christmas Break - Classes resume 5 January 2024
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 <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 10 March 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.



SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT LIFE SUMMIT

Saturday, January 11th at 2pm Village Church | Downtown Columbia Campus 2204 Park St, Columbia, SC 29201



Toni McFadden Keynote Speaker Author & International Speaker

You are invited to join SC Citizens for Life earlier on January 11th for the SC Life March. 11am: Line up at the Russell House in Downtown Columbia 12pm: Rally at the State House



Father Rhett Williams
Guest & Speaker
Director of Vocations for the Diocese
of Charleston and pastor of St.

Thomas More Church

1:15PM: CFA LUNCH AVAILABLE 2:00PM: EVENT BEGINS 3:00PM: SERVICE PROJECTS

GET YOUR TICKETS: studentlifesummit.com

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

Prince of Peace

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." ~John 1:14

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>

Sunday 9 pm
Monday 12 pm*
Tuesday 6 pm
Wednesday 12 pm, 6 pm & 11 pm*
Thursday 1 am*
Friday 12 pm

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling this holiday season, find Mass times at a parish near you.

https://masstimes.org https://www.catholicdirectory.com



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.

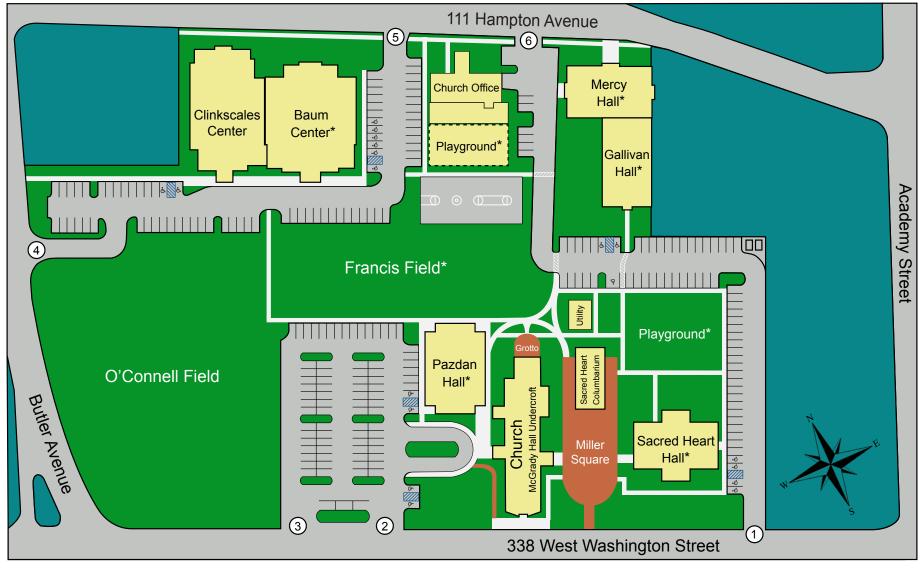
Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to help unload a truck and help restock our shelves on Mondays from 9.00 am to 12.00 pm. Please contact Silvia Loaiza at sloaiza@charlestondiocese.org or 864.331.2629 for more information.

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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