

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

19 January 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The glories of Christmastide are now behind us, and the rigors of the 40 Days don't arrive until Ash Wednesday which falls this year on 5 March. That gives us seven weeks before Lent to live in the Thirty-Four Weeks of the Year, also called Ordinary Time, when the Church is clothed with green as a sign of the spiritual growth that continues in all who are made a new creation by Jesus Christ.

In these seven weeks, the sacred liturgy will rejoice in the holiness of the following saints and martyrs: Saint Anthony the Abbot, Saint Sebastian, Saint Agnes, Saint Francis de Sales, Saint Thomas Aquinas, Saint John Bosco, Saint Agatha, Saint Paul Miki, Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita, Saint Scholastica, Saints Cyril and Methodius, Saint Peter Damian, and Saint Polycarp. Drawn from every epoch of the Church's 2000 year history, these men and women lived the consecration of their Holy Baptism with heroic virtue by grace through faith in Jesus Christ, and they bear eloquent witness to the beauty of being a new creation - the same destiny to which each of us is called by our Baptism.

During those same seven weeks, the Church will keep three feasts of universal importance to all Christians. On 25 January we will celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul, on 2 February we will keep the feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple, on 22 February we will rejoice in the Chair of Saint Peter as the symbol of the authority to teach conferred by Christ the Lord on Simon Peter and his successors, the Bishops of Rome.

On every day of the year, the Church lifts up the entire human race to God the Father through God the Son in God the Holy Spirit for the salvation of souls and the sanctification of all creation, and this work takes place first of all in the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours. Every Christian can participate in this ceaseless sacrifice of praise by attending Mass, praying the Hours, reading Holy Scripture, and serving others for the sake of Christ, who is revealed especially in those who suffer and are abandoned. By following this path of discipleship - the Way of the Cross - we strive to live the grace of our Baptism, and in this task we are encouraged and sustained by the great cloud of witnesses, some of whom are mentioned above.

Think of these mysteries every time you read the phrase "Ordinary Time." The drama of salvation history is never ordinary, and everyone who is called by name to follow the Lord Jesus is a player in that sacred drama. On the day of our Baptism, Jesus Christ did call us by name, and He claimed us by the Sign of His Cross. In this way, calling us from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, He made us a "chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession" (1 Peter 2.9). There is nothing ordinary about that.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 19 January

7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm

- ♣ Argemira Restrepo
- ♣ Victor Smith Pro populo Spanish Mass

Sunday 19 January

Parish Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P)

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P) 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 20 January

7.00 am

♣ Anne O' Halloran

Monday 20 January

Martin Luther King Jr Day -Parish Office Closed

Tuesday 21 January

7.00 am

Beatrice Elster

Tuesday 21 January

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group 6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 22 January

7.00 am

Daphne Linn

Wednesday 22 January

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

No Holy Hour & Confessions

6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 23 January

7.00 am

♣ Rita Bello

Thursday 23 January

Friday 24 January

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 24 January

7.00 am

♣ Rev James J Tully

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 25 January

5.00 pm

♣ Patricia Grace Miller

Saturday 25 January

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

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

Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 11/12 January

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{Needed} & 40,100 \\ \text{Received} & 40,105 \\ \text{Surplus} & +5 \end{array}$

Poor Box 1,003

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,162,900 Received 1,185,417 Surplus + 22,517

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.

2025 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal 1,000,000

Donations

1.00 pm

Received 217,294

Still to Go 782,706

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 11/12 January

5.00 pm 415 7.30 am 293 9.00 am 448 11.00 am 374

Total 2,084

554

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday 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, Albert Normandin.

Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. All closings due to inclement weather will be announced through Flocknote emails/texts. If you do not receive the weekly emails/texts on Friday morning with the links to the eBulletin and Mass programs please email jenni.dillard@smcgvl.org to have your information updated in Flocknote. Thank you!

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 19 January.** 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.

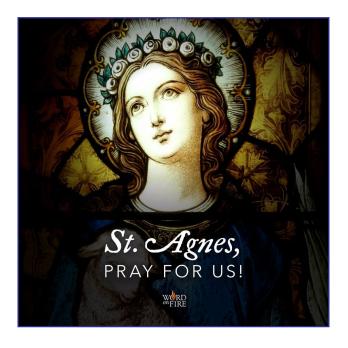
Also, for all you men out there, consider joining our fraternal organization. Contact John Paluszak at 864.497.4804 or email jpaluszak@bellsouth.net for more information.

Parish News

Collection for 18/19 January

Miscellany Support of the Parish

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



Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday 20 January for the Martin Luther King Jr holiday.

Daily Mass Readings

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

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.



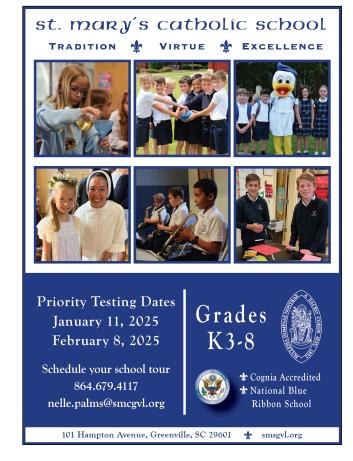


Nursery Help Needed

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.

Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in person every Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. Pillars is now studying Revelation by Ascension Press. Join us after Mass 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.





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!

St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2025-2026 school year.

St Mary's Catholic School is a two-time National Blue Ribbon School with a 125 year history of academic excellence and currently serves 316 students in grades K3 through 8. St Mary's is served by both the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia as well as a team of experienced, dedicated lay teachers, and offers a wonderful work environment and a welcoming, familial atmosphere.

Full-time Kindergarten Teacher - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced, very organized, passionate for elementary education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

Highly-Qualified Middle School History / Social Studies Teacher - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, highly experienced with teaching History and Social Studies to middle school students, very organized, passionate for elementary education, comfortable with a rigorous and traditional curriculum, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Compensation is highly competitive and scales with experience. This position is available as either full-time or part-time.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at principal@smcgvl.org.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 21 & 28 January 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.



St Mary's Religious Education



Parent Confirmation Information Meeting 22 January at 2.15 pm or 6.30 pm

Parents of 7th grade students preparing for Confirmation (in the 8th grade year) need to plan on attending this very important meeting. There will be 2 options. 2.15 pm or 6.30 pm in the cafeteria.

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. Next Monthly Parent Meeting is 5 February Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

NO Preschool Class 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 <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.

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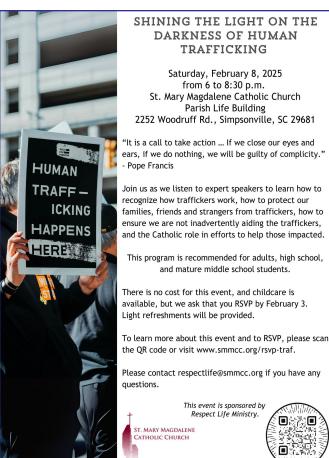
Formed.org

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.

Walking With Moms In Need

Are you aware that this year your time and talent could be invaluable to moms in need in greater Greenville? The Walking With Moms in Need diocesan program is looking for volunteers. Yes, we can always use funds to help our moms, but we also need those who can give a fraction of their time. Do you have marketing, IT or budgeting skills, a good head for bargains/resources, can translate (Spanish/English), prepare a meal or drive someone to a food pantry? Please call or text 864.791.5080 for more information.





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

Prince of Peace

"The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives." ~Luke 4:18

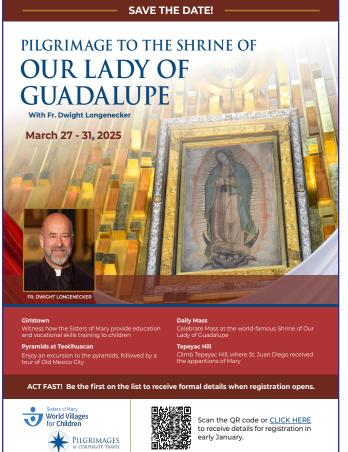
To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org or 864.508.7123. All hours are available for adoption, but <u>please consider</u> one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 9 pm
Monday 12 pm*
Tuesday 6 pm
Wednesday 12 pm, 6 pm & 11 pm
Thursday 1 am* & 8 pm
Friday 12 pm











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



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



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.

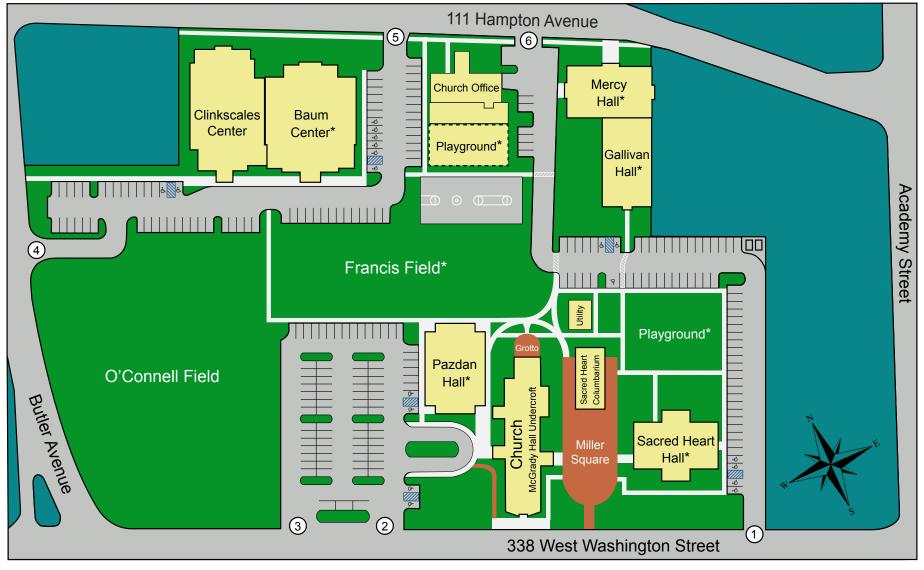
Volunteers Needed

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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