

St Mary's Catholic Church

Greenville, South Carolina

26 January 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the service of helping everyone participate more deeply in divine worship...

Upon entering the church, please dip a finger into the holy water near the door, and then trace the sign of the Cross on your forehead, heart, and shoulders. This is a remembrance of Holy Baptism by which we were born again and of the Lord's Cross by which we are freed from our sins.

Upon reaching the pew, please face the tabernacle and genuflect by bending one knee down to the floor and standing back up. This is an act of worship and a confession of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar reserved in the tabernacle. For those unable to genuflect, a profound bow of the upper body from the waist is appropriate, and for those unable to do either, another sign of the Cross will suffice. The important thing is that the heart and mind be lifted up in adoration of Christ present in every tabernacle of the world.

After taking a seat, please still your mind and voice and prepare to enter into the sacred mysteries by recollecting all thoughts and feelings and directing them to the Throne of Grace. For some people, silent prayer is the best to do this; for others, reading the scriptural lessons for that Mass is a good preparation. But all should prepare.

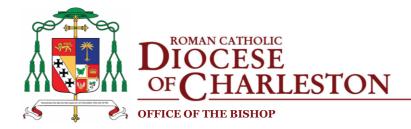
Being a participant in the sacred liturgy is different from being a spectator of other people praying, so each participant should stand, sit, bow, and kneel when indicated, and those who cannot do these things in the body can do them in the heart. Everyone should also speak or sing each text of the ritual when appropriate, remembering that in the liturgy, we speak slowly, thoughtfully, reverently, and deliberately. Rushing through the Confiteor, the Creed, or the Our Father like a train running downhill is not conducive to peaceful worship, so be mindful of the need to SLOW DOWN in liturgical speech.

The confession of unworthiness which we all make before the Communion procession begins is composed of four sense lines, not two. So please be careful to pause after each of the four segments: Lord, I am not worthy (PAUSE) that you should enter under my roof (PAUSE) but only say the word (PAUSE) and my soul shall be healed.

Finally, each person who receives Holy Communion should clearly say "Amen" after the acclamation "The Body of Christ" and before the act of receiving Communion. The "Amen" should be loud enough for the Communion minister to hear because it is a confession of faith which must precede the administration of the sacrament.

Through all of these means we worship the living God in spirit and truth.

Father Newman



Jan. 8, 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of Jan. 25-26, our diocese will take up the collection for the Church in Latin America. This collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith and unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands for over 50 years.

Using funds received from the Collection for the Church in Latin America, the Archdiocese of Quito in Ecuador has welcomed thousands from around the world — including a delegation of Catholics from the United States led by Bishop Andrew Cozzens — to pray together, encounter the love of Jesus in the Eucharist and share their faith. When you participate in the collection at your parish, you support special events such as the National Eucharistic Congress as well as the ongoing work of forming catechists, supporting vocations to priesthood and religious life, and implementing family ministries throughout Latin America.

I thank you for your prayerful consideration in giving to this fund. You can donate at your parish or through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop's donation portal at #iGiveCatholicTogether: https://usccb.igivecatholictogether.org.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit usccb.org/latin-america.

In Christ's love,

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Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS *Bishop of Charleston*

Calendar of Events

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Financial Report

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Jane Shaffer, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for all those who are shut-ins, ill or recuperating at home, especially Mary Stillmock, Juliet Roy, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Marilyn Postell, Sofia Alvarez, Ann Howard, Carl Lee Cooke, Konta & Laman Patel, Sloane Perkins, George Cortes, Diane Hickey, Michael Tierney, Jaxson Rivera, Helen Carter, Anthony Harris, Katerina Puig, Lucero Rubiano, Aurelia LaValley, Sheila & Barry Garrison, Richard Murtaugh, Anthony Gomes, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Betty Jo Brown, Bridget Fitzpatrick, Ellie O'Connell, Gary Redding, Eddie Collins, Steve Hughes, Albert Normandin.

Friday Morning Bible Study

Join us in studying the Book of Exodus. We meet at 10.00 am in Bishop England Room (second floor of Sacred Heart Hall) and also pray the Rosary. Contact Pat Webb at 864.419.0467 or patwebb1010@charter.net for more information as books are being ordered now.

Daily Mass Readings

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

Winter Weather

Please be aware that this time of year has unpredictable weather. <u>All closings due to inclement weather will be announced through Flocknote emails/texts.</u> 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!

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 25/26 January

Latin America Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

James Raymond Hawkins who was baptized recently.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Alexis Rubio, Alan Jarvis & Madelein Marimon, Michelle Siegenthaler, Melanie Patterson.

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.



St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 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.

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.

Nationwide Mass Times

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

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.

Elementary & Early Childhood Teaching <u>Assistants</u> - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic with prior experience working with children. Candidates must be able to work well with children, accept supervision and guidance from the lead teacher, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help young students thrive. This position is paid hourly and no teaching license or certification is required.

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



St Mary's Religious Education



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 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.

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.





SHINING THE LIGHT ON THE DARKNESS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Saturday, February 8, 2025 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Parish Life Building 2252 Woodruff Rd., Simpsonville, SC 29681

"It is a call to take action ... If we close our eyes and ears, if we do nothing, we will be guilty of complicity." - Pope Francis

Join us as we listen to expert speakers to learn how to recognize how traffickers work, how to protect our families, friends and strangers from traffickers, how to ensure we are not inadvertently aiding the traffickers, and the Catholic role in efforts to help those impacted.

This program is recommended for adults, high school, and mature middle school students.

There is no cost for this event, and childcare is available, but we ask that you RSVP by February 3. Light refreshments will be provided.

To learn more about this event and to RSVP, please scan the QR code or visit www.smmcc.org/rsvp-traf.

Please contact respectlife@smmcc.org if you have any questions.

This event is sponsored by Respect Life Ministry. ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Prince of Peace

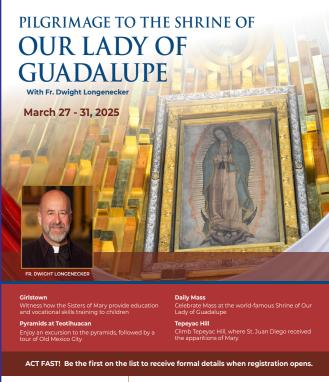
"The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives." ~Luke 4:18

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



CELEBRATE YOUR MARRIACE Marriage Anniversary Mass SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16 11:30 AM with Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS ST. MARTIN DE PORRES CHURCH 2229 Hampton Street Columbia, SC 29204 PLEASE REGISTER https://bit.ly/2025-marriage-mass SAVE THE DATE!





Scan the QR code or <u>CLICK HERE</u> to receive details for registration in early January.



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.

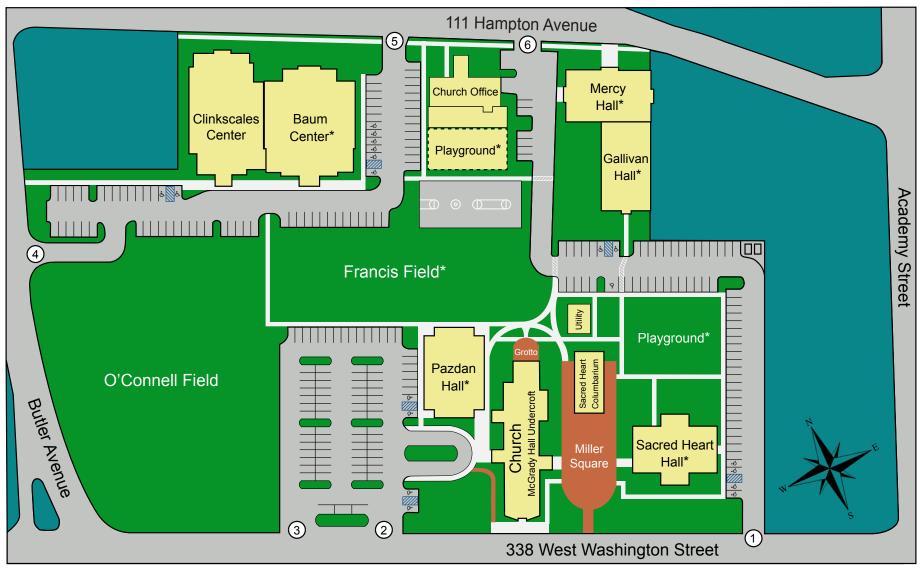
Volunteers Needed

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.

The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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