

St Mary's Catholic Church

Greenville, South Carolina

2 February 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

According to Chapter 12 of Leviticus, every Jewish woman who gave birth required a ritual purification from her flow of blood, and a sacrifice was to be offered to mark the new mother's return to the regular practice of prayer, commonly forty days after her child's birth. Saint Luke tells us in Chapter 2 of his Gospel that Joseph and Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill this precept of the Law, and there they encountered two faithful children of Israel who were always there in prayer, awaiting the arrival of the Messiah. And since the fourth century, the Presentation of the Lord has been celebrated on 2 February, forty days after Christmas.

Simeon and Anna stand for all who will accept Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and acclaim him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." Simeon also foretells the share that Mary will have in the suffering of her Son, and so the mysteries of Christ's birth and death are joined together in the Temple - the dwelling place of God on earth and the privileged place of sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Thus is the New Covenant hidden in the Old and the Old Covenant revealed in the New. And the place where the Old Covenant is fulfilled and the New Covenant is begun is none other than the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Also on the Feast of the Presentation, candles are blessed for use at the altar because Christ is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles," and from the connection between the Presentation and the blessing of candles, this feast in the sacred liturgy is also called Candlemas. On this day we pray that the brightness of the candles we use in divine worship will awaken in our hearts love for the uncreated brilliance of Christ's perpetual light so that all people will see the unbounded light of His glory reflected in the holiness of His Church. All of these dimensions of this great feast are gathered together every time we pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary: the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Finally, in 1997 Pope Saint John Paul the Great began a yearly World Day for Consecrated Life which he attached to the Feast of the Presentation. By living the grace of their Baptism in the most radical way, Christian men and women who profess the Evangelical Counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience are imitating Simeon and Anna and following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who placed her entire life at the service of the Lord and His holy Word. We are blessed at Saint Mary's to have the splendid witness of the Nashville Dominican Sisters, who remind us of the need of all Christians to surrender our entire lives in the obedience of faith to Christ the Lord. And each Wednesday afternoon during the Holy Hour, we pray for vocations for the priesthood and the consecrated life, asking the Lord of mercies to call young men and women from this parish to give themselves without reservation or compromise to the proclamation of the Gospel.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 2 February

7.30 am **★** SM Francelita Machnica, **CSSF**

9.00 am Respect Life Pro populo 11.00 am 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Sunday 2 February

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11 00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) High School Youth Group (P) 6.00 pm 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 3 February

7.00 am Frances Waters

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

Tuesday 4 February

7.00 am

₩ Robert L & Barbara V Kellems

Tuesday 4 February

6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 5 February

7.00 am Fr Renaurd West

Wednesday 5 February

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church) 6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 6 February

7.00 am Cassian Nielsen

Thursday 6 February

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 7 February

7.00 am

♣ Phil Mulachy 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

Friday 7 February

Spanish Rosary 7.00 pm

Saturday 8 February

5.00 pm ♣ Roman Family

Saturday 8 February

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church) Spaghetti Supper: After 5.00 pm Mass (P)

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 25/26 January

Needed 40,100 Received 38.125 Shortage - 1,975

Poor Box 508

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,243,100 Received 1,266,737 Surplus +23,637

Electronic Giving: If you want to have direct management of your Electronic Fund Transfer online, vou 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

Received 246,850

Still to Go 753,150

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 25/26 January

5.00 pm	377
7.30 am	363
9.00 am	423
11.00 am	391
1.00 pm	471

2,025 **Total**

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, Angelo Bautista Campos.

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!

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

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Romanita Figueroa Lopez, Gary & Tina Cruickshanks, Alvaro & Natalie Lage, Sharon Young, Jonathan Driver, Lady Borja, Christopher & Kathy Fincher, John O'Malley, Lucas Schindlar, Ryan Garihan, Grace Babcock, Wayne & Patricia Anderson, Andrew Bernard, Paul & Courtney Cunniff, Raymond & Magdalena Turner, Jonathan & Julia Hanson, Ezequiel Carballo & Shania Tejeda, Amber Stewart, Dayan & Samantha Noain, Gabe & Sarah Salamida, Angela Dinh, Makayla Simpson.

Parish News

Collection for 1/2 February

Support of the Parish

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



Congratulations to

Nichole Chioma Okereke who was baptized last weekend.

2024 Tax Statements

Tax Statements are available through your Flocknote account. Please log at https://smcgvl.flocknote.com/login. Enter your email address and you will have access to your account. Open up a new window in your browser with your profile. Select the Giving tab to view your giving information and tax statements. At the bottom of that tab, you'll see a section called *Donor Summaries for Taxes*. Click on the summary that you'd like to have automatically downloaded to your computer. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgvl.org. Thank you.



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry



St Anne's Stitchery Ministry of St Mary's Council of Catholic Women are knitters and crocheters who make gifts of love for charitable organizations. Our experienced members of these skills also share with those who would like to learn. After email confirmation we meet together the first Monday of

each month from 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. We also have stitchers who work at home and contribute to our projects. Please contact Maggie Simons at maggie.simons54@gmail.com or 612.695.0903 for more information.

High School Youth Group

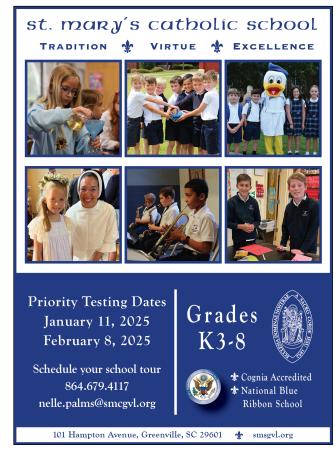
St Mary's High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6.00 pm in McGrady Hall. All parishioners of high school age are welcome. Contact Chris Ortiz at chris.ortiz@smcgvl.org for more information.

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-Oualified 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 Assistants - 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. **Monthly Parent Meeting this week in Gallivan Hall**

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

First 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.

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.



LET'S BE TOGETHER.

2025 Catholic Appeal Begins

The **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** (CASC) is a primary source of funding to help sustain and expand the ministries of the 95 parishes, 21 missions, 32 Catholic schools and multiple agencies of the Diocese of Charleston across the state. As stewards of God's gifts, we are invited to support the needs of our diocese through prayers and sacrificial gifts.

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Funding | \$5,000,000 Goal

Ministry & Outreach | \$1,300,000 - 26%

- Catechetical & Evangelization Programs
- Child Protection Services
- Ethnic Ministry Programs
- Family Life Programs
- Hispanic Ministry Programs And many more services

Vocations, Seminarians, Priest Retirement | \$1,000,000 - 20%

- Vocations
- Seminarian education
- · Permanent Diaconate
- · Priest retirement pensions & healthcare
- Women religious vocations

Catholic Charities of South Carolina | \$1,000,000 – **20%**

- · Clean of Heart Laundry & Shower Facilities
- Food Pantries
- Pregnancy Case Management
- Response Preparedness
- Senior Care Management And many more services

Catholic Schools | \$900,000 - **18%**

- Tuition Assistance
- Catholic School Grants
- Support of educational initiatives

College Campus Ministry | \$600,000 - 12%

- Conferences and Statewide Retreats
- Minister and Student Training
- Catholic Student Center Spaces
 And many more services

Youth & Young Adult Ministries | \$200,000 - 4%

- Education and Training
- Youth Retreats, Camps and Conferences
- Regional Young Adult Communities

Thank you for making a difference!



Next week, all registered parishioners will be mailed their personalized information packet and invitation to participate in the **2025 Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. Please take the time to review the materials and make your response in the return envelope provided.

Only by your prayers and generosity are the ministries supported by the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina** able to thrive and serve the many people who need us to share with them the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

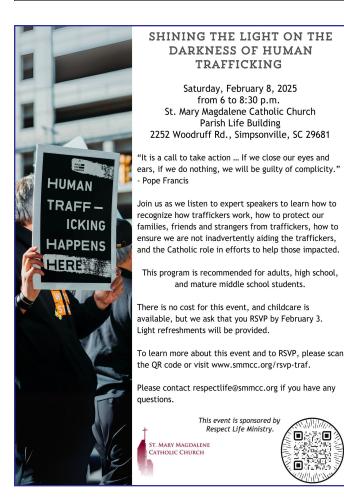
Read the Bible in 2025!

Read and Understand the Bible with
The Bible in a Year Podcast with Fr Mike Schmitz



In The Bible in a Year podcast, Fr Mike Schmitz guides you through the entire Bible in 365 episodes. Using an exclusive reading plan rooted in The Bible Timeline (a ground-breaking approach to understanding salvation history developed by Biblical scholar Jeff Cavins) you won't just read the Bible, you'll finally understand how all the pieces fit together to tell an amazing story that continues in your life today!

Download your reading plan at https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-podcasts/bibleinayear



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Prince of Peace

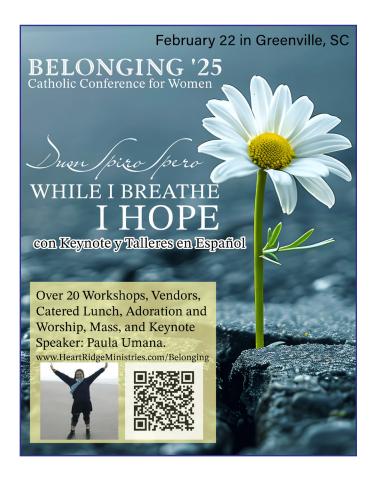
"Prayer. is the silent path that leads us straight to God's Heart; it is the breath of the soul that restores peace to us in the storm of life." ~Pope Benedict XVI

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>

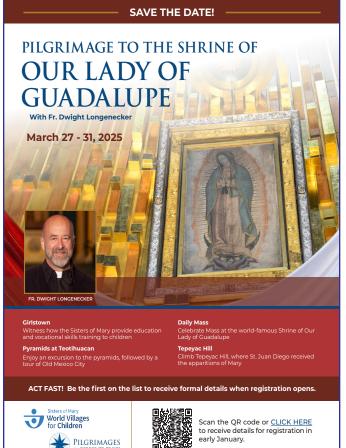
Monday 12 am* & 12 pm*
Tuesday 6 pm
Wednesday 6 pm & 11 pm
Thursday 1 am
Friday 12 pm
Saturday 8 pm

Nationwide Mass Times

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









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.

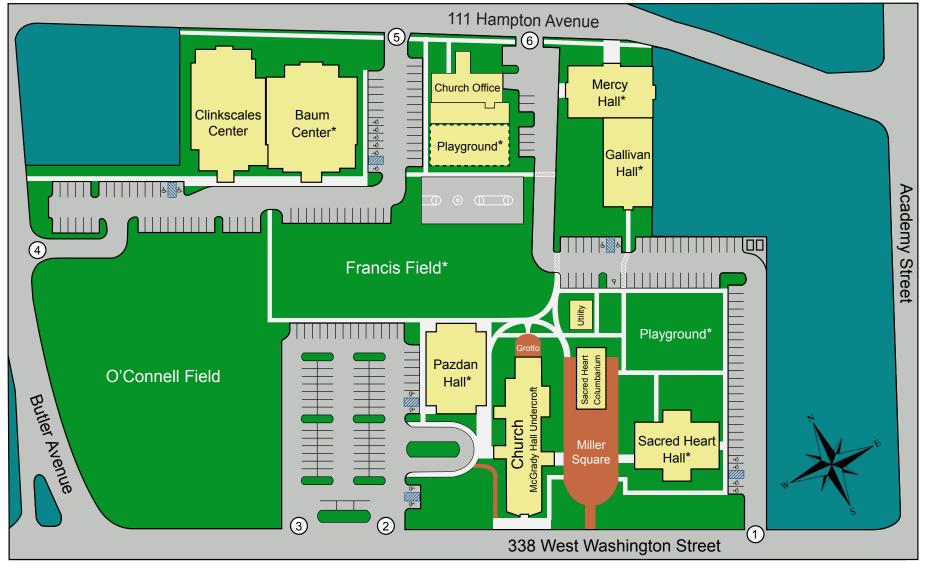
Volunteers Needed

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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