

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

23 March 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholics use the word "Church" in a variety of ways. In the first sense, we speak of the universal Catholic Church, and we usually indicate this meaning by the use of the capital "C." This is the worldwide assembly of disciples founded by the Lord Jesus which was found first only in Jerusalem but which had from the beginning a universal mission and scope, and this is the Church we confess in the Creed to be one, holy, catholic, and apostolic.

As the disciples were dispersed from Jerusalem, they organized Christian communities in the various cities where they took refuge, and then in the great missionary journeys of Saint Paul and the other apostles, Christian communities were planted where none had been before. Within the lifetime of the apostles, these local communities were also spoken of as "churches," and we now call these diocesan churches. These are the gatherings of Catholics presided over by a bishop who is assisted by a group or college of priests and deacons, and it is the diocesan Church that our tradition calls the "particular" or local Church to distinguish it from the universal Church found all over the world. The universal Church comes before all particular Churches in time and being, but in each diocese, the particular Church is the full expression of the universal Church. So, for example, the Catholic Church in South Carolina is the Diocese of Charleston. And to this we must add the Churches of the Christian East which have their own bishops and liturgical Rites, like our Maronite brethren. So the Eparchy (or Diocese) of Saint Maron, to which Saint Rafka belongs, is also a "particular Church."

All of this is by way of saying that Catholics do not believe that the local congregation is the fundamental unit of the universal Church's life. Both theologically and canonically, the diocesan Church is the true local Church. Nevertheless, from Christian antiquity every diocese has been organized into parishes, and now I come to my main point. No Catholic is in full communion with the universal Church or with the diocesan Church until and unless he or she is fully living the Catholic faith in one parish church. It is by full participation in the life of one parish church that a Catholic participates fully in the life of the whole Church. To do this requires one to worship each Sunday at one's proper parish, to share fully in the life of that parish, to contribute to the support of that parish, and - according to present custom - to be registered in that parish. To be a true parishioner of this parish church requires that one come to Mass here each week, be involved in some way in the life of the parish, support the parish with their time, talent, and treasure according to the stewardship guidelines, and be registered here. Truly belonging to the parish is also required of those who seek Baptism or Marriage here or ask for their children to receive sacraments here. We invite everyone who visits Saint Mary's to become a true parishioner by observing these simple precepts, because only by being truly a member of one parish church are we fully involved in the life of both the diocesan Church and the universal Church.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 23 March

7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm

♣ Barbara Taylor Sloane Perkins Pro populo Spanish Mass

Monday 24 March

7.00 am Fr Jonathon Polce, SJ

Tuesday 25 March

7.00 am Respect Life

Wednesday 26 March

7.00 am

Kelly Burchit

Thursday 27 March

7.00 am

♣ Elena Soto

Friday 28 March

7.00 am

Saturday 29 March

5.00 pm

♣ Robert Busch

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 23 March

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (G) 5.00 pm Solemn Vespers (church) High School Youth Group (P) 6.00 pm

Monday 24 March

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)

Tuesday 25 March

10.00 am **SMCCW Sewing Group**

6.30 pm Fidelis (P)

Wednesday 26 March

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 27 March

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 28 March

Pillars of Christ (early group) 5.30-6.30 am

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 Way of the Cross (church) 6.00 pm followed by Lenten Supper (P)

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 29 March

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)

After 5.00 pm Mass: KofC Food Drive

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

Family Center

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

Financial Report

Weekend of 15/16 March

Needed 40,100 Received 41,437 Surplus +1,337

Poor Box 842

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,523,800 Received 1,556,743 Surplus +32,943

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**

1,000,000 Goal

Donations

Received 449,269

Still to Go 550,731

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 15/16 March

5.00 pm	403
7.30 am	242
9.00 am	437
11.00 am	335
1.00 pm	486
Total	1,903

Lenten Devotions

WAY OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6.00 pm in the church followed by Lenten Supper in Pazdan Hall

SOLEMN VESPERS

Sundays of Lent at 5.00 pm in the church

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, James Smith, 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, Karen Krings.

Easter Flowers



Parishioners are encouraged to help decorate for the Holy Week and Easter Liturgies. If you wish to honor a loved one, living or deceased, please use your Easter Flower Offering envelope or a plain white envelope for your donation. <u>Please</u> <u>print your name and the names of those you</u> <u>wish to honor.</u> Memorial requests must be

received no later than **Friday 11 April** for the names to appear in the Easter Flower list. Thank you for your support.

Wit & Wisdom Bible Study

The Wit & Wisdom Bible Study group meets each Wednesday morning to discuss the readings for the upcoming Sunday liturgy. We gather after daily Mass in McGrady Hall (church undercroft). The meeting is co-ed and hybrid (in-person and Zoom). The Zoom meeting is from 8.00-9.00 am at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85980245341?pwd=TWZocW5te mFDQlcwQ2I4RWQwREFvUT09. Contact Bob Markaway at rmarkway@bellsouth.net with questions.

Parish News

Collection for 22/23 March

Support of the Parish

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



Friday Morning Prayer

Want a Lenten practice for the next forty days? Come join in the universal prayer of the Church (The Divine Office or Liturgy of the Hours) on Friday mornings during Lent at 6.30 am in the church and then stay for Mass at 7.00 am.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: John Reiker, Ismael & Abigail Martinez, Silvia Catano & Norberto Ioaiza, Alexis Perez-Rico & Kimberly Moreno-Cordova, Christopher & Cristina Cacciatore, Gregory & Jennifer Mazza, Anthony & Ashley Cianciolo, Covington Loftus, William McLaughlin, Tracey Gartner, Seth & Kea Wade, Darvin Montejo & Sheila Reyez.

2024 Tax Statements

Tax Statements are available through your **Flocknote account**. Please log in 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 Mary's Council of Catholic Women Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 25 March 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.



Social Ministries at St Mary's

St Mary's Lenten Service Day at Project Host



On the first Sunday of Lent, St Mary's volunteers spent the morning preparing, cooking, and serving meals for those in need in our community. Being on our volunteer

list is a great way to get to know fellow parishioners and serve those in need in our community.

If you are interested in receiving notifications for future volunteer opportunities, please contact Deacon John Heuser at john.heuser@smcgvl.org to be added to our distribution list.















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 29-30 March

Suggested Donations based on current needs

FOOD

RICE
GRAINS
CANNED FRUITS
CANNED VEGETABLES
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY
PASTA
PASTA SAUCE

BREAKFAST ITEMS - CEREAL, OATMEAL

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

CLIENT TESTIMONIAL

"I hope y'all realize just how important you are to all of us. You all give us a blessing and a reason to smile on days like this. God bless you."

Our Lady's Pantry serves approximately 300+ families a month!



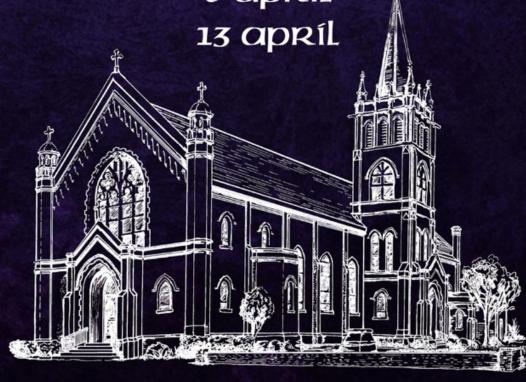
Monetary donation checks can be made out to Catholic Charities. Please note OLP Greenville on the memo line.

please join saint many's schola cantonam in singing

solemn vespers

sandays daring lent 3.00 pm

> 9 march 16 march 23 march 30 march 6 april 13 april



prayer * plainchant * polyphony



Register for Vacation Bible School 9-13 June 2025



https://vbspro.events/p/1ba50d

Child Participant (rising K5-5th Grade)
Student Volunteer (rising 6-12 grade)
Adult Volunteer

Contact Linda Jackson with questions linda.jackson@smcgvl.org 864.679.4110

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.

<u>Full-time Kindergarten Teacher</u> - 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 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.

Saint Mary's Classic

The Preserve at Verdae Golf Club





You Are Invited!

Please join us to support St Mary's School at our annual fundraiser Golf Tournament, which is open to all parishioners.

Sign up at https://SMSGolf2025.givesmart.com

Enjoy an outing of golf with friends on Friday 30 May!

- ◆ Breakfast, Lunch, & Post Play Light Fare Provided to All Players!
- ◆ Player Gifts
- ♦ Hole Contests, Putting Contest, & Prizes Awarded in Net & Gross
- ◆ Sponsorship Levels with Premium TaylorMade® Equipment!



St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Next Monthly Parent meeting is 2 April**

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 16 June 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.

Icon Painting Workshop

St. Rafka Catholic Church, Greenville, South Carolina

Experience the unique spiritual world of the Byzantine Era through icon painting



July 7-12, 2025 St. Rafka Catholic Church Greenville, South Carolina

Join us on this six day intensive course under the direction of visiting master iconographer and expert instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos from Greece-This Saint Gabriel icon will "come alive" as he will guide you step by step, through the ancient techniques of Byzantine Iconography. Let us journey together, discovering anew, this traditional artistic expression of theology and spirituality often called the "meeting place of the Divine". Whether you are beginner or a professional, this workshop offers the opportunity to learn or refine your techniques. It is a great pportunity for everyone to experience first hand the painting of an icon

Your tuition fee of \$800 includes all materials including boards brushes, pigments etc.

Space is limited and early registration is suggested.

For enrollment and more information, visit the website

https://theodoreicons.com/sc or contact the instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos at: theodoreicons@gmail.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.

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

Prince of Peace

"No one who believes in Him will be put to shame." ~Romans 10:8

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

Monday 12 am* & 10 am*
Tuesday 6 am & 6 pm
Wednesday 11 pm
Friday 3 am
Saturday 8 pm & 9 pm*

40 Days for Life



40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. You

are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign from 5 March through 13 April. Visit https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville to sign up for local events. Please contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Ingrid at 864.329.0044 with questions.

Midpoint Rally We are excited to announce that Dr Haywood Robinson will join us for our Midpoint Rally on Tuesday 25 March at 6.00 pm in the parking lot of Christ the King Church (1223 Grove Road). Dr Robinson is a former abortion provider who converted and is now 40 Days for Life director of medical affairs and education. He is co-author of *The Scalpel and the Soul: Our Radical Transformation as Husband and Wife Abortion Doctors*. We will have music and refreshments. You may wish to bring a chair.

Sidewalk Counseling Training Online/virtual training and in-person training available. Contact Judy Masterson at info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org or 864.506.0964.





Worldwide FertilityCare Week Meeting

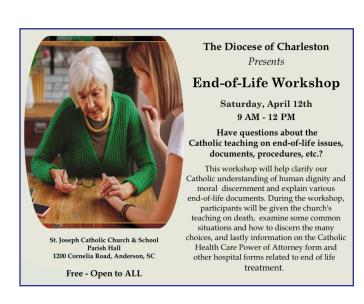
Join fertility care practitioners on 27 March at 6.30 pm at St Mary Magdalene Parish Life Building (room 106) to discuss the wisdom of the Creighton Model and NaProTechnology in addressing women's health needs and finding real solutions for real women's health problems, including endometriosis, premenstrual syndrome (PMS), postpartum depression, irregular cycles, infertility, and more. The 30-minute presentation will be followed by at least 30 minutes of Q&A (questions can be posed anonymously). Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. Please register in advance at https://tinyurl.com/WisdomNaPro. Contact Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com or Karen at karenmeyer.napro@gmail.com with questions.

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find mass times at a parish near you.

https://masstimes.org

https://www.catholicdirectory.com

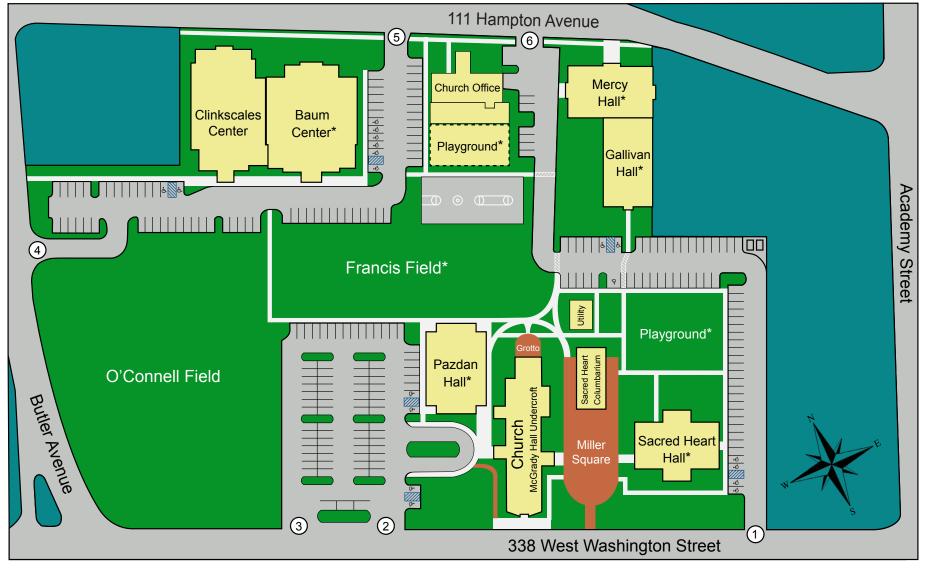




SAINT MARY'S CAMPUS MAP

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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