

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

6 April 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

With this Fifth Sunday of Lent, the Church enters the final part of Lent: Passiontide. From today until the Vigil of the Resurrection in the night of Holy Saturday, crosses and statues are veiled and the sacred liturgy of each day takes us more deeply into the heart of the Paschal Mystery, as the Church cries out in faith, "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free."

The veiling of sacred images during Passiontide is a custom with roots in Christian antiquity, and it prepares us for the great sundering of Christ's atoning death. But even in Passiontide, stained glass windows and the Stations of the Cross remain visible, and these artistic catechisms can teach us a great deal about the dignity and difficulty of being disciples of the Lord Jesus. This is true in any Catholic church, but it is most especially true here at Saint Mary's where we are blessed with sacred art of great beauty and power.

The sanctuary of the church is dominated by a stained glass window of the Crucifixion and Resurrection which was made in Bavaria in 1904 by the famed studio of Franz Mayer & Company. At the center of the scene is the Lord Jesus on the Cross, to which Saint Mary Magdalene clings at the base. To the left of the Cross are the three Mary's: the Blessed Virgin Mary stands between Mary the mother James and Joses and Mary the wife of Clopas, who was possibly a brother of Saint Joseph. And to the right of the Cross is another group of three: Saint John the Beloved Disciple stands between his mother Salome and the centurion who cried out "Truly, this was the Son of God!" Finally, at the top of the window is an image of the Resurrected Lord Jesus revealed in divine glory as the Eternal Word and God the Son - the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Behind all the figures, the Holy City of Jerusalem is visible, the same city into which Jesus was received as a conquering hero only five days before his judicial murder was demanded by a howling mob. How quickly the road paved with palm branches became the Way of the Cross!

At each Mass during the Fifth Week of Lent, the Church prays the first of two prefaces of the Passion of the Lord, and that text reminds us of the cost of our salvation: "For through the saving Passion of your Son the whole world has received a heart to confess the infinite power of your majesty, since by the wondrous power of the Cross your judgment on the world is now revealed and the authority of Christ crucified."

Running through the nave of our church are the Fourteen Stations of the Cross, a devotion made popular by Saint Francis of Assisi in the 13th century. At a time when Christians could not travel safely to Jerusalem because the Holy City was under Islamic rule, Saint Francis devised a simple method for Christians to follow the Lord Jesus in the Way of the Cross in their own churches. The fourteen traditional stops or stations on the Via Dolorosa are depicted in works of art that invite pilgrims to pause and pray while meditating on Christ's passion and atoning death on the Cross.

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

Father Newman



SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

Monday 14 April Tuesday 15 April 7.00 am Mass SPY WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL
7.00 am MASS
5.00 pm HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS

THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17 APRIL ♣

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7.00 pm

Adoration in the church ending at 9.00 pm

♣ Good Friday 18 April **♣**

PASSION OF THE LORD

WAY OF THE CROSS

3.00 pm (English in the church)

5.00 pm (Spanish in the Baum Center)
6.00 pm (English in the church)

★ HOLY SATURDAY 19 APRIL ★ VIGIL OF EASTER

7.00 pm

Confessions are not heard on Holy Saturday, and the 5.00 pm Mass is not celebrated.

* Easter Sunday 20 April *

7.30 am (English in the church)

9.00 am (English both in the church and in The Clinkscales Center)

II.00 am (English in the church)

1.00 pm (Spanish in The Clinkscales Center)

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 6 April

7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm

- ♣ AnnaGrace O'Connor
- ♣ Respect Life Pro populo Spanish Mass

Sunday 6 April

Coffee & Doughnuts: After 9.00 am Mass (P)

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)
6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)
6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

Monday 7 April

7.00 am

♣ David Creely

Monday 7 April

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

Tuesday 8 April

7.00 am

♣ Salvatore & Rosalia Sanfilippo

Tuesday 8 April

7.30 am

10.00 am SMCCW Meeting 6.30 pm Fidelis (P) 6.30pm KofC Meeting

Wednesday 9 April

7.00 am

Tony & Sherry Perkins

Wednesday 9 April

9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church) 6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

Wit & Wisdom Bible Study (M)

6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 10 April

7.00 am

♣ Gemma Geraghty

Thursday 10 April

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 11 April

7.00 am

Benjamin Elster

Friday 11 April

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
6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)

followed by Lenten Supper (P)

7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

Saturday 12 April

5.00 pm

♣ Roman Family

Saturday 12 April

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 29/30 March

 Needed
 40,100

 Received
 40,188

 Surplus
 + 88

Poor Box 663

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 1,604,000 Received 1,638,997 Surplus + 34,997

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 490,261

Still to Go 509,739

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 29/30 March

5.00 pm	370
7.30 am	334
9.00 am	514
11.00 am	321

Total 1,971

432

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, Micael Venerdi, Joan Greenaway.

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.



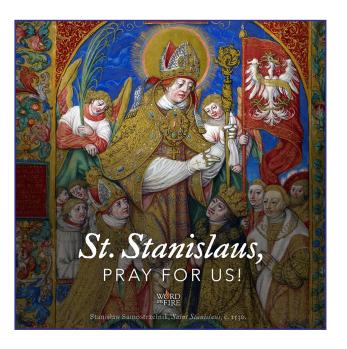
All are invited to enjoy a wonderful spread of doughnuts, bagels and freshly brewed coffee in Pazdan Hall dining room after 9.00 am Mass. Join fellow parishioners for fellowship and refreshments.

Parish News

Collection for 5/6 April

Capital Improvement Fund Support of the Parish

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



Daily Mass Readings

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

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.





Fasting

Ash Wednesday
Good Fridau

Ages 18-59

Abstinence

Every Friday during Lent

Ages 14+

How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit usccb.org.





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.

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 details.



Register for Vacation Bible School 9-13 June 2025



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

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.

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.

Lenten Confessions Around the Upstate



Prince of Peace (Taylors)
Tue-Thu 8-10 April
7-9 am, 11 am-1 pm, 6-8 pm

St Rafka (Greer)
Day of Confessions
Wednesday 16 April
9.00 am to 6.30 pm

St Paul the Apostle
(Spartanburg)

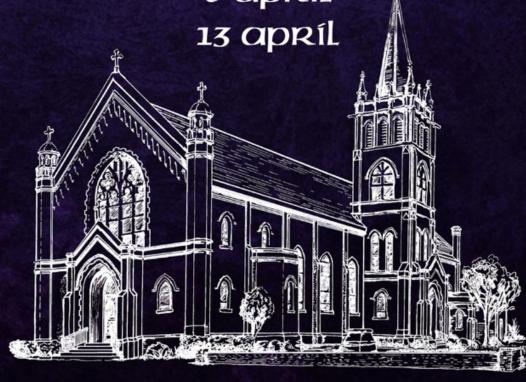
Last Chance Confessions
Wednesday 16 April
12-2 pm (historic church)

please join saint many's schola cantonam in singing

solemn vespers

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



prayer * plainchant * polyphony

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



First Confessions (RE & Homeschool Students)
RE and Homeschool students will make their First Confessions
on Wednesday, 9 April. Meet in the Church at 6:15 pm

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.

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



In March Catechumens and Candidates from all over the Upstate who are to be received into the Church at this year's Easter Vigil attended the Rite of Election with our Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune. We are extremely happy to announce that we have 12 Catechumens and 24 Candidates entering from St Mary's. Please keep them and their Sponsors in your prayers as they continue their journey into the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic 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, his 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 ico

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/se or contact the instructor Theodoros Papadopoulos at: theodoreicons@gmail.con

The Diocese of Charleston Presents

End-of-Life Workshop

Saturday, April 12th 9 AM - 12 PM

Have questions about the Catholic teaching on end-of-life issues, documents, procedures, etc.?

This workshop will help clarify our Catholic understanding of human dignity and moral discernment and explain various end-of-life documents. During the workshop, participants will be given the church's teaching on death, examine some common situations and how to discern the many choices, and lastly information on the Catholic Health Care Power of Attorney form and other hospital forms related to end of life treatment.

St. Joseph Catholic Church & School 1200 Cornelia Road, Anderson, SC

Free - Open to ALL

Catholic Charities of South Carolina

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.

PERPETUAL. \mathcal{L} UCHARISTIC \mathcal{A} DORATION

Prince of Peace

"You who fear the LORD, praise him!" ~Psalm 22:23

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

> Sunday 4 am* Monday 12 am* & 10 am Tuesday 6 am & 6 pm Thursday 1 am* Saturday 11 am & 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 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.

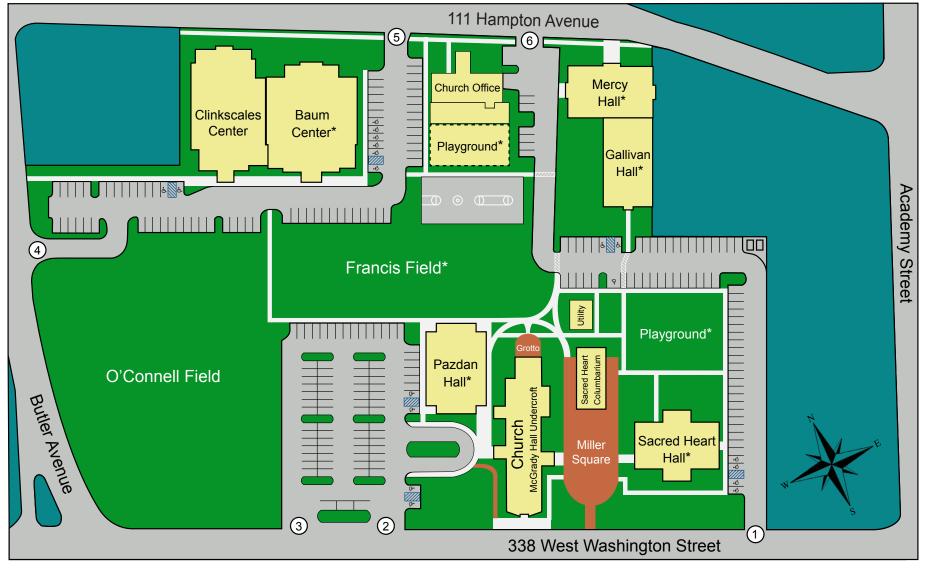
Closing Celebration Sunday 13 April at 2.00 pm at Christ the King Church (1223 Grove Road). Pastor Alfred Johnson, Greenville Church Without Walls, will give the Opening Prayer. Prayer Warriors will provide testimonies from the current campaign. Deacon Bob Connor will offer uplifting, encouraging words, lead us in the Prayer for Life and send us off with a Blessing. We will enjoy singing God's praises with Mason Costa on the guitar and end with a drawing for Door Prizes and refreshments. Please join us and bring a chair!

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

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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