

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

15 June 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is the one, only, living and true God, and He gradually revealed himself to Abraham and his descendants in order to make of them a chosen people. Through Moses, God gave to the children of Israel the high privilege and sacred duty of announcing to all the nations that there is but one God — "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one." (Deuteronomy 6.4)

The gradual revelation of the truth about the living God reached its fulfillment in the Lord Jesus, true God and true man, and it is Christ who completed the self-disclosure of the one God by revealing Him in his unity to be a communion of three divine Persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the mystery of the Holy Trinity in this way:

"Christians are baptized in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit; not in their names, for there is only one God, the almighty Father, His only Son, and the Holy Spirit: the Most Holy Trinity.

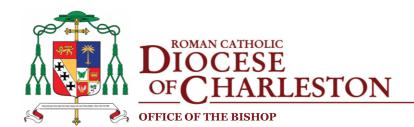
"The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the hierarchy of truths of faith. The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals Himself to men and reconciles and unites with Himself those who turn away from him.

"The Trinity is a mystery of faith in the strict sense, one of the mysteries that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God. To be sure, God has left traces of His Trinitarian being in His work of creation and in His Revelation throughout the Old Testament. But his inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel's faith before the Incarnation of God's Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, numbers 233, 234, and 237)

This Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity always falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, drawing the gaze of our contemplation to the mystery of God in Himself at the conclusion of Eastertide.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Father Newman



June 6, 2025

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On Father's Day weekend, June 14-15, we will take up a second collection for our diocesan seminarians. We have been blessed with an abundance of men who are on the journey of discernment of the priesthood, and this Seminarian Fund covers the cost for their education, lodging, food and other resources necessary to pursue their vocation.

The Seminarian Fund is vital to the formation of our future shepherds. Those who benefit from this collection are answering a call to serve God and his people. They are responding to the Lord in dedicating their lives to the Gospel and serving as spiritual leaders in persona Christi for our communities.

By contributing to the collection, you are directly helping these young men from our local parishes on their journey toward the priesthood. Your generosity allows them to focus on their studies and development. Our seminarians are not just students: they are preparing to guide each one of us closer to God through their ministries, particularly the celebration of the Eucharist. As St. Ambrose eloquently stated, "He made them, vicars of his love."

It is our responsibility as the Catholic faithful of South Carolina to support and encourage vocations, especially due to the national priest shortage. We are blessed to have over 30 seminarians in formation this year! Let us show support for those who have heard and answered God's call. Your support is crucial for their journey and the future of our Church. Thank you for your continued prayers for each one of our seminarians.

May the peace of Christ, the Good Shepherd, be with you always!

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In Christ's love,

Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS

Bishop of Charleston

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 15 June

Father's Day

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Parish Breakfast: After 7.30 & 9 am Masses (P) Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass 5.00 pm Solemn Vespers

Monday 16 June

7.00 am Scott & Chiara Braud

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6.30 pm Baptism Class

Tuesday 17 June

7.00 am Mabel Illidge

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10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

Wednesday 18 June

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7.30 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study (M) 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church)

Thursday 19 June

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7.00 am Dale & Theresa Albright 7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 20 June

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7.00 am Dave & Stephanie Johnson 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 21 June

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5.00 pm Chris Krauter 3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church)
After 5.00 pm Mass: Eucharistic Procession

& Parish Picnic

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M - McGrady Hall C - Clinkscales Family Center * All events in Sacred Heart Hall unless a location is listed

Financial Report

Weekend of 7/8 June

 Needed
 40,100

 Received
 40,790

 Surplus
 + 690

Poor Box 795

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 2,005,000 Received 2,050,856 Surplus + 45,856

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

Received 659,293

Still to Go 340,707

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 7/8 June

5.00 pm	322
7.30 am	398
9.00 am	446
11.00 am	384
1.00 pm	373
Total	1,923

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, Steve Hughes, Albert Normandin, Angelo Bautista Campos, Karen Krings, Micael Venerdi, Joan Greenaway, Dean Zimmermann, Mel Fitzpatrick, Chris Howard, Bruce Cole.

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 15 June.** 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.

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 17 and 24 from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at judyh75@att.net or 864.438.1017 for more information.

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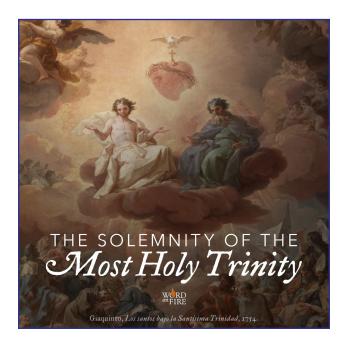
Evangeline Maria Huerta and Georgia Anne Linn who were baptized last weekend.

Parish News

Collection for 14/15 June

Seminary Offering Support of the Parish

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



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. 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.

2nd Annual Feast of Corpus Christi EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION & PARISH PICNIC

Come rejoice with us for the gift of Christ in the Holy Eucharist through a Eucharistic Procession around the campus of St Mary's and then stay to enjoy our parish community with a fun picnic.

Enjoy grilled hot dogs, Italian sausage with peppers and onions, and drinks all provided by the parish. Bring a side dish (A-L) or a dessert (M-Z) to share. There will be fun games and music.

To help us plan the food, PLEASE REGISTER HERE!

https://form.jotform.com/251397659335166

Text Nancy Carrano at 512.466.7989 with questions.

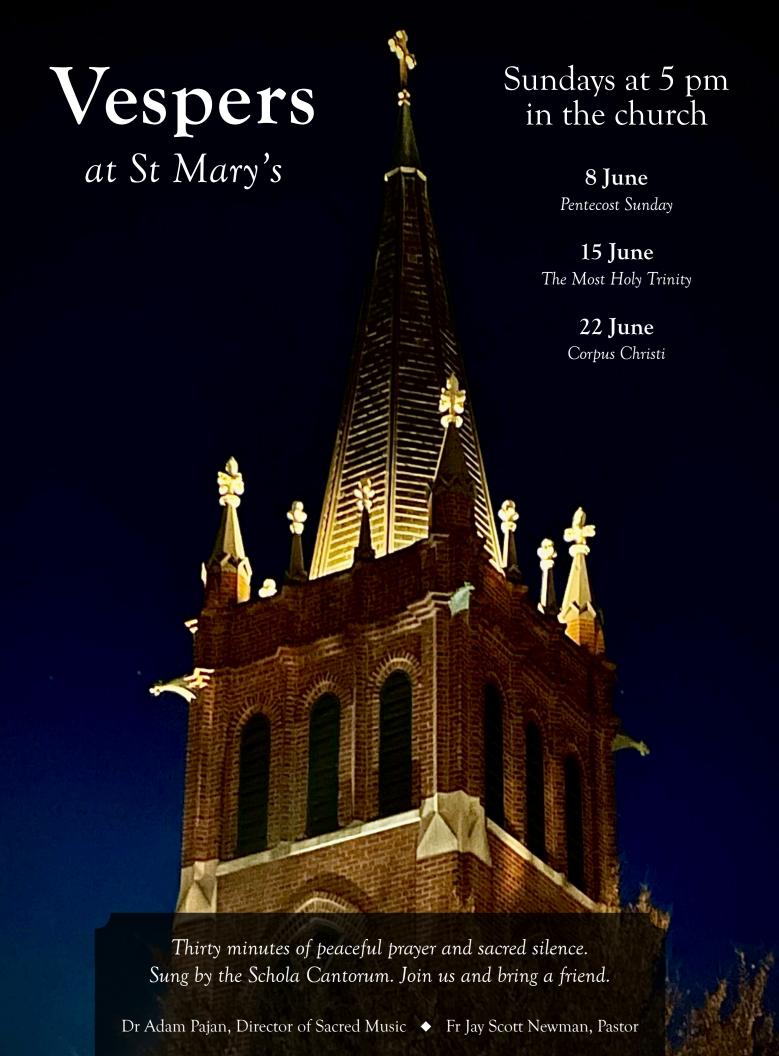






Saturday 21 June following 5.00 pm Holy Mass

Our Parish Picnic will be held immediately after the procession. Rain or shine!





St Mary's Religious Education



Registration for 2025-26 will open in August

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes meet on Sundays during the 9.00 am Mass

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.

Classes begin in the Fall. Registration will open in July on the parish website.

Please visit https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/ to learn more.

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 Patrick Ford at patrick.ford@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/individuals 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 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 portunity 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





Diocesan News

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

Prince of Peace

"Jesus meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine." ~from the Litany of the Sacred Heart

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>

Saturday 11 am,* 12 pm* & 10 pm



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.

Men's Clothing Needed

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate is <u>in desperate</u> <u>need of all men's clothing items</u>! Donations can be dropped off at 2300 Old Buncombe Rd (in the white building behind San Sebastian Catholic Church) during the hours Tueday to Thursday from 9am to 1 pm or coordinate a day/time with Silvia at sloaiza@charlestondiocese.org or 864.331.2629. Thank you for your generosity!

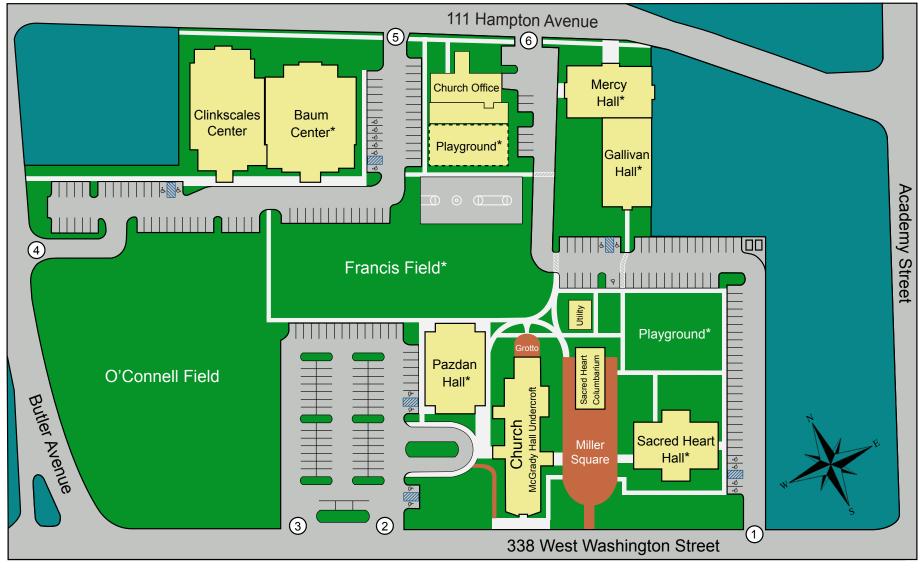
Volunteers Needed

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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