

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

12 October 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Third Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "The seven Sacraments of the New Covenant are divinely instituted instruments of grace given to the Church as the ordinary means of sanctification for believers. Receiving the Sacraments regularly and worthily is essential to the life of grace, and for this reason, faithful attendance at Sunday Mass every week (serious illness and necessary work aside) and regular Confession of sins are absolutely required for a life of authentic discipleship."

In the first chapter of his letter to the Ephesians, St Paul teaches us that we exist to live for the praise of God's glory. This is a bold claim! If we exist to praise God, then until we worship Him according to the eternal plan of salvation revealed in Jesus Christ, we are not yet living a whole or a holy human life. In other words, a person who does not give thanks to God each week in the Most Holy Eucharist does not yet fully understand why he exists or how to find his eternal destiny. From the creation of the world, the Seventh Day was set aside for us from ordinary occupations so that we could share in the covenantal worship which completes and perfects our humanity, and the Passover meal of Israel was set by God as a perpetual remembrance of their deliverance from slavery so that they would never return to the condition of slaves. In his passion, death, and Resurrection, the Lord Jesus transformed the Passover of the Old Covenant into the Eucharist of the New and Everlasting Covenant, and for Christians the observance of the Sabbath moved to the Day of Resurrection, the Lord's Day on which we share each week in the Passover of the Lamb of God. But if all this true, why do so many Catholics not attend Mass every Sunday?

"I don't get anything out of it. It's boring. I don't like the music." These are among the answers typically offered by non-practicing Catholics when asked why they don't attend Mass each Sunday. But those answers reveal a much deeper problem. People who don't attend Mass because "they don't get anything out of it" are revealing that they are not yet authentic disciples of the Lord Jesus who understand the cost of discipleship. We are not called to Mass to get anything; we are called to Mass to give something. In fact, we are called to give everything. We must offer our whole lives as a sacrifice of praise in and with the sacrifice of Christ, and in so doing we fulfill the command of the Lord Jesus given at the Last Supper: "Do this in remembrance of me." And when once we have learned to worship God in this fashion, then we find that we do receive something. We receive divine mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the light of the Gospel to illuminate the mysteries of life, the strength to take up our cross and follow Christ, and the nourishment of the Body and Blood of Christ which is the pledge of eternal life and the medicine of immortality. And going to Confession whenever needed is Christ's Easter gift to the Church and an essential preparation for our worthy participation in the Eucharist. Since we exist for the praise of God's glory, let's use the tools He himself has given us to worship Him in spirit and truth.

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 12 October

7.30 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm

- ♣ Daniel Grothouse
- ★ Louise Slater Mann Pro populo Spanish Mass

Sunday 12 October

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study 11.00 am Spanish Religious Education (G) 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

Monday 13 October

7.00 am

♣ Ma'May Grimm

Monday 13 October

6.30 pm Fraternus (P) 6.30 pm Fidelis

Tuesday 14 October

7.00 am

♣ Hal Smith

Tuesday 14 October

10.00 am SMCCW Meeting 6.30 pm KofC Meeting (M)

Wednesday 15 October

7.00 am

Fr Jay Scott Newman

Wednesday 15 October

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

6.30 pm Religious Education

Thursday 16 October

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♣ Alexis Quartararo 6.00 pm Altar Server Training (church)

Friday 17 October

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

Friday 17 October

7.00 am

♣ Lorraine Beauchemin

5.45-6.45 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 18 October

5.00 pm ♣ Patricia Grace Miller

Saturday 18 October

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 4/5 October

 Needed
 41,300

 Received
 43,572

 Surplus
 + 2,272

Poor Box 633

Offertory Year to Date

 Needed
 578,200

 Received
 595,848

 Surplus
 + 17,648

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 824,539

Still to Go 175,461

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 4/5 October

| 5.00 pm | 392 |
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| 7.30 am | 362 |
| 9.00 am | 517 |
| 11.00 am | 374 |
| 1.00 pm | 461 |
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Total 2,106

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, Michael Venerdi, Joan Greenaway, Dean Zimmermann, Mel Fitzpatrick, Chris Howard, Bruce Cole, Jim Armstrong, Anna Roman, Edward Stone, Valentina Hernandez, Barbara Redding.

All Souls Day Envelopes

Sunday 2 November is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day. On that day we pray for the souls of the just who are being prepared for the glorious vision of God, and in your stewardship envelopes you'll find an envelope for All Souls Day with lines on one side for writing the names of your beloved dead whom you would like remembered at the altar during November. Please complete that envelope and drop it in any collection during October.

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest

Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding the Knights of Columbus *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest. The contest is for boys and girls in Grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. The posters must be 11" x 17" and include a slogan, visual image and completed entry form. Deadline is 7 November. Contact John McGrath at 864.270.3656 for entry form and more information.

Nursery Help Needed

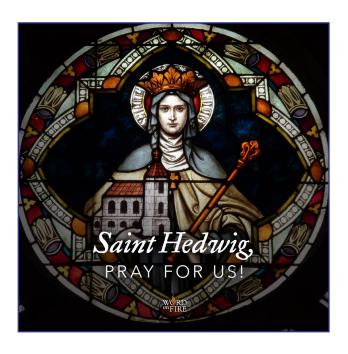
Our nursery is open each Sunday morning to provide child care during the 9.00 am Mass, and we need some more adult help. If you are interested in this essential service to the children of St Mary's, please contact Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@smcgvl.org or 864.679.4110.

Parish News

Collection for 11/12 October

Capital Improvement Fund Support of the Parish

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



Altar Server Training

A training session for all boys and young men who are interested in becoming altar servers at St Mary's is scheduled inside the church for Thursday 16 October at 6.00 pm. Serving is open to all boys and young men between the age of 10 and college age.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: William & Molly Mann, Michael & Stephanie Roe, Helene Damato, Mike & Erika Pereira, Rivers & Cynthia Bertolini, Astrid Tejeda Espinoza, Michael & Lauren Caisse.



Announcing a

Catholic Fellowship Dinner

New to St. Mary's? Want to meet parishioners?

COME TO A CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP DINNER!

6PM ~ 9PM Saturday Nov. 1, 2025 In Pazdan Hall after the 5:00 pm Mass

Fellowship dinners are a longstanding tradition at St. Mary's, offering a wonderful opportunity for adults to meet fellow parishioners, share a meal, and cultivate new friendships!

Those who attend are asked to bring a dish to share that will serve 8-10 and if you wish, bring your favorite adult beverage. Coffee and tea are provided.

If you would like to attend the dinner or get on our mailing list for future dinners, please contact rochellemccormick00@gmail.com

RSVP Rochelle by Oct. 29!
Food drop-off available at 4:45 for those attending Mass.

October Is Respect Life Month

We reflect on the gift of every human life and how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. An old Irish proverb says "It is in the shelter of each other that the people live." Please visit https://www.respectlife.org/celebrate to join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month.

St Mary's School Job Opening



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for a <u>full-time K4</u> <u>teaching assistant</u> 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 321 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.

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 necessary.

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



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Open House Week October 13-17

Schedule your school tour 864.679.4117 nelle.palms@smcgvl.org Grades K3-8





★ Cognia Accredited★ National Blue Ribbon School

101 Hampton Avenue, Greenville, SC 29601

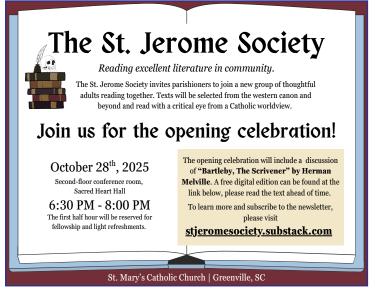
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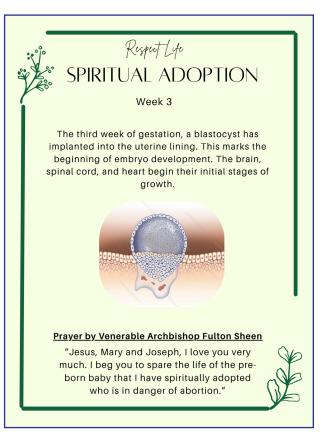
Nationwide Mass Times

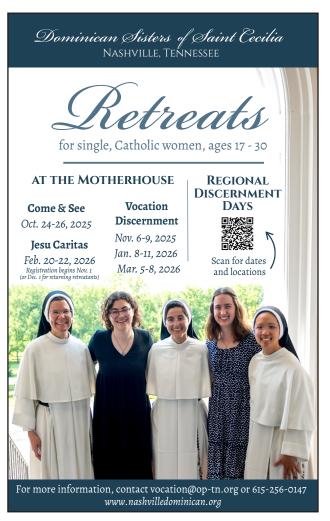
If traveling this fall season, find mass times at a parish near you.

https://masstimes.org https://www.catholicdirectory.com











DR TOM CATENA, MD

Monday 3 November at 5.30pm Clinkscales Family Center 125 Hampton Ave

One Man.
3 Million People.
25 Years On Call.

Meet Dr Catena, the only full-time surgeon in the Nuba mountains of Sudan. Come hear his incredible story and witness the love of God working through this one man.



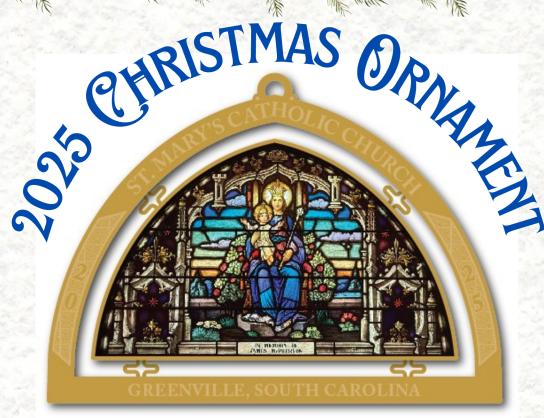
Watch the documentary

The Heart of Nuba

on Amazon Prime







Mary, Help of Christians

PRE-ORDER NOW

\$20 each. Pick-up at St. Mary's Bake Sale & Bazaar Dec. 6 & 7, Pazdan Hall, after all English Masses.

Retired ornaments are also available. Supplies limited.

Click HERE or use the QR Code to place your order.

Questions? Contact Cathy Spitzmiller at 864.380.8091 or thespitzmillers@gmail.com





St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women St. Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC



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 November**

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds NO Sunday Morning Preschool this week

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 for Easter 2026 meet at 6.15 pm on Wednesdays in McGrady Hall (church undercroft). Visit https://smcgvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/ for more information. Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvl.org for details 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 15 December 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

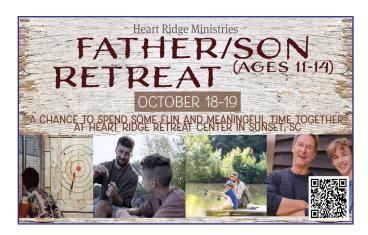
https://vocations.charlestondiocese.org

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.

Natural Family Planning Training

Discover a beautiful, faith-aligned way to plan your family naturally. Dr Andy Lane, a women's health specialist at Prisma Health, is seeking 10 couples to learn the Marquette Method of NFP as part of his certification program through Marquette University. **This training is being offered free of charge to these first 10 couples (normally valued at \$250-\$300).** Participation includes three brief education sessions (initial, 1-month follow-up, and 6-month follow-up). Visit the Boland Institute for Natural Family Planning website at https://www.marquette.edu/nursing/institute-natural-family-planning/model.php to learn more about the Marquette method of NFP. Interested couples please contact Andrew.Lane2@prismahealth.org for details.





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!

Diocesan News

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

Prince of Peace

"Let us come into His Presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to HIM with songs of praise!" ~Psalm 95.2

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!):

Wednesday 8 am & 8 pm Thursday 2 am* Friday 8 am & 12 pm* Saturday 11 am & 2 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 fall campaign from 24 September through 2 November. 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.

A big **THANK YOU** to all who took part in Sunday's Life Chain. We appreciate the nice turnout, especially the youth. Even the light rain didn't dampen spirits. Many of us have been involved in this ministry since the early 1990's and are ready to pass the torch. The youth are our future and from Sunday's participation, it looks to be a good one. The Greenville Life Chain had 250 to 300 participants.

40 Days for Life Midpoint Candlelight Vigil is Monday 13 October at 7.00 pm in OLR Outdoor Memorial Chapel. We will pray the Rosary in different languages and praise the Lord with singing. Greg Grimm, Choral Section Leader & Solo Artist will lead the singing.

Rosaries for Life Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society and for an end to other assaults on human life. Email your count each week to familylife@charlestondiocese.org.

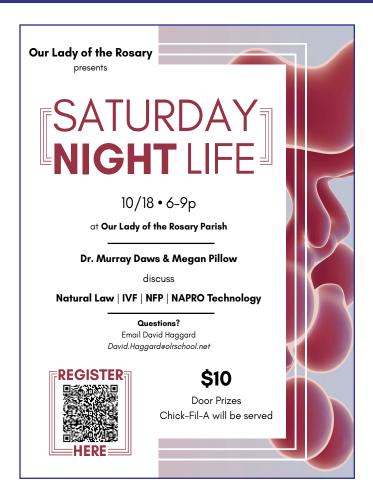
Sidewalk Counseling Training Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org

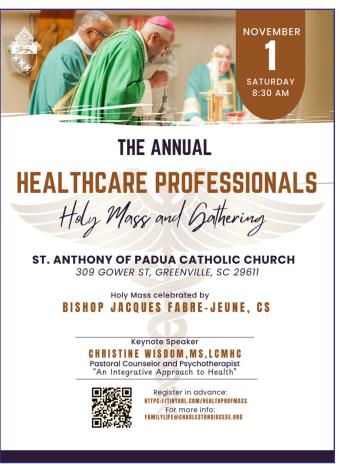
Catholic Writers Retreat



The Catholic Writers Guild will hold a retreat 24-27 October at Heart Ridge Retreat Center in Sunset, SC. Need time to get away from the hustle and bustle of daily life and focus on

your writing? Join fellow writers of like-minded faith in a peaceful location led by author Arthur Powers. Whether you are published or unpublished, write fiction or nonfiction, plan to work on poetry or a new novel, our retreats are for you! Find more information and registration at https://www.catholicwritersguild.org/writers-retreat/under SC Retreat. Contact Lynne Davis at lynneparkerdavis@gmail.com or 678.910.1811.





JUBILEE 2025 PILGRIMS OF HOPE

charlestondiocese.org/jubilee2025

Jubilee Prayer

Father in Heaven, May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. +Amen.



Plenary Indulgences

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ to remove the temporal punishment due to sin. The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized.

Plenary indulgences obtained during the Jubilee Year can also be applied to souls in purgatory, with the possibility of obtaining two plenary indulgences for the deceased in one day, according to the Apostolic Penitentiary. To obtain an indulgence, the usual conditions of detachment from all sin, sacramental confession, holy Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope must be met.

Catholics can also gain a plenary indulgence by making a pious pilgrimage to their cathedral or to another church or shrine selected by the local bishop. Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, has designated the following South Carolina parishes:

& Aiken

OLD ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH 203 Park Ave., SE, Aiken, SC 29801 stmarys-aiken.org

& Columbia

BASILICA OF ST. PETER 1529 Assembly St., Columbia, SC 29201 **visitstpeters.org** **Q** Charleston

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 120 Broad St., Charleston, SC 29401 charlestoncathedral.com

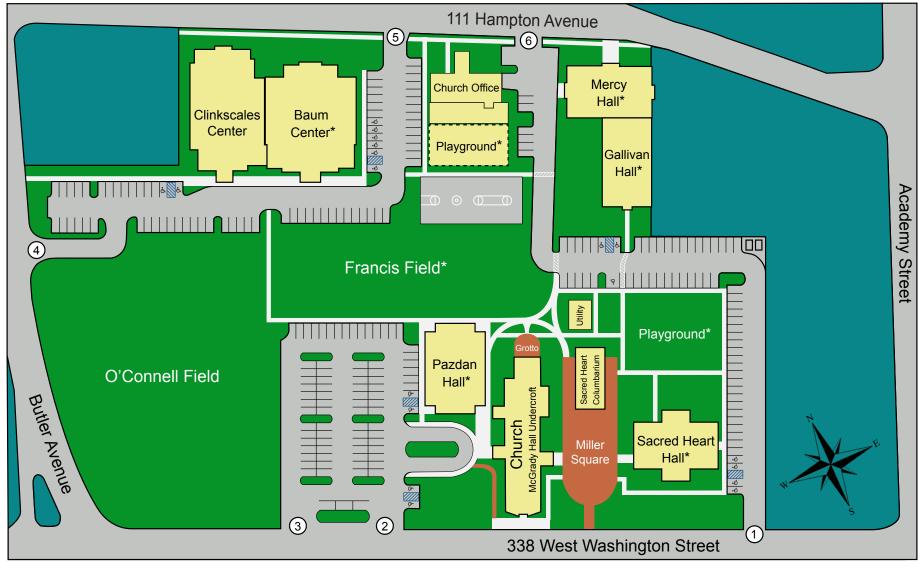
& Greenville

ST. MARY CHURCH 111 Hampton Ave., Greenville, SC 29601 smcgvl.org

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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