

# St Mary's Catholic Church

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# Greenville, South Carolina

26 October 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Fifth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "The sacred liturgy, through which the seven Sacraments are celebrated and the Hours of praise are prayed, makes present to us the saving mysteries of the Lord Jesus. The liturgy must therefore be celebrated in such a way that the truth of the Gospel, the beauty of sacred music, the dignity of ritual form, the solemnity of divine worship, and the fellowship of the baptized assembled to pray are kept together in organic unity."

Protestants who become Catholics often remark that they miss the sense of fellowship they experienced in their former congregations - the feeling of belonging to a group of friends in a spiritual family rather than joining a crowd of random strangers coming together for a common purpose as at an athletic event or concert. This is part of what I mean in the Fifth Principle by "the fellowship of the baptized assembled to pray."

One of the ways that sense of fellowship is fostered in Protestant congregations is that people in the pews speak to each other in conversational voices before worship begins. This is often called visiting, and it can help form a group of people into a spiritual family. But Catholics do not speak to each other in the pews before Mass because we are speaking to God: preparing in silent prayer to participate in the sacred liturgy by turning our hearts and minds to the Throne of Grace so that the truth of the Gospel, the beauty of sacred music, the dignity of ritual form, and the solemnity of divine worship can unite us body and soul as closely as possible to the Lord Jesus Christ.

But such a Christ-centered way of praying in union with the whole Church around the world should not impede us from finding other ways to foster fellowship in our parishes, and that is why lingering after Mass to converse with each other, joining other Catholics in service to those in need, and participating in parish social and recreational events are so important. Look for ways to cultivate friendships with those you see around you in the pews so that the vertical and horizontal dimensions of parish life reinforce each other rather than compete with each other.

And if you want to understand more deeply why the Church asks us to pray as we do, I recommend two short texts. The first to read is *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of the Second Vatican Council; it is only a few pages long, and the text is available online. Then read *The Spirit of the Liturgy* by Joseph Ratzinger (later Pope Benedict XVI), a beautiful meditation on the nature and purpose of liturgical worship by the finest theological mind of our time. The psalmist sings that we are created "to worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness," and the sacred liturgy is meant always to lead us to the Lord Jesus. An essential part of the New Evangelization is the full and faithful celebration of the sacred liturgy, and that is what we strive for in all our prayer. Let us go together to the source and summit of the Church's life and find there a glimpse of the New and Eternal Jerusalem.

Father Newman

# **Calendar of Events**

## **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

# **Meetings & Events \***

#### **Sunday 26 October**

7.30 am Ian Boyd 9.00 am Albert Waters 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

## **Monday 27 October**

7.00 am Patricia McClelland

#### **Tuesday 28 October**

7.00 am **Angelique Simmons** 

#### Wednesday 29 October

7.00 am ♣ Bill & Carol Rogers

## Thursday 30 October

7.00 am Alexis Gabela

#### Friday 31 October

7.00 am ♣ Phyllis Weaver

#### Saturday 1 November

## All Saints Day

♣ Ron Smith 11.00 am Lucia LaPenna 5.00 pm

### **Sunday 26 October**

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass

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

#### Monday 27 October

6.30 pm Fraternus (P) 6.30 pm **Fidelis** 

#### **Tuesday 28 October**

10.00 am **SMCCW** Sewing Group 6.30 pm St Jerome Society

## Wednesday 29 October

8.00 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study Wednesday Morning Bible Study 9.30 am 5.00-6.00 pm Holy Hour & Confessions (church) 6.15 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M) 6.30 pm Religious Education

### Thursday 30 October

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

#### Friday 31 October

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 1 November

3.30-4.30 pm Confessions (church) After 5.00 pm Mass: Toys for Tots donations Catholic Fellowship Dinner (P) 6.00 pm

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 18/19 October

Needed 41.300 Received 43.145 Surplus +1,845

Poor Box 894

## Offertory Year to Date

Needed 660,800 Received 681,380 Surplus +20,580

**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 848,897

Still to Go 151,103

# **Mass Attendance**

## Weekend of 18/19 October

5.00 pm	303
7.30 am	374
9.00 am	471
11.00 am	402
1.00 pm	416
Total	1,966

# **Liturgical Schedule Changes**

No Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday 5 & 26 November.



Saturday 1 November Solemnity of All Saints A Holy Day

Mass at 11 am

Sunday 2 November Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

**Normal Sunday Mass Schedule** 

# **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, Jim Armstrong, Anna Roman, Edward Stone, Valentina Hernandez, Barbara Redding, Molly Fitzpatrick, Helena Howard, and Paul Norman.

# **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.

# Parish News

## Collection for 25/26 October

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina Support of the Parish

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



# **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.

# **Congratulations to**

Archer Jay Bonnema and Gianna Marlene Cacciatore who were baptized last weekend.

Amelia Eginton and Ryan Nicolson who were married last weekend.

# **Knights of Columbus**

## **Toys for Tots**



**NEXT WEEKEND!** The Knights of Columbus 13112 kindly request your support for the Toys for Tots program for children in the upstate. Many children, particularly those aged 1-2 and 9-13, are in urgent need of toys and gifts this holiday season. Your generous donations can bring joy and hope to these vulnerable families during a challenging time. Please drop off your unwrapped, new toy valued at \$10

or more, at the trailer parked in the church parking lot the weekend of 1-2 November. Together we can make a significant difference in these children's lives. Please contact Grand Knight Michael d'Anjou at michael.danjou@gmail.com with questions. Thank you for your support!

#### **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.

# St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

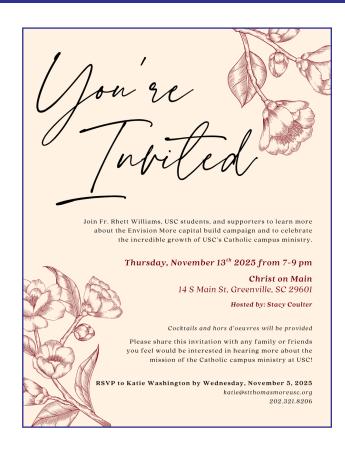
## **Sewing Ministry**

The group will meet Tuesday 28 October 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.

# Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 15 November at 12.00 noon



Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 for more information.



# **Daily Mass Readings**

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





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

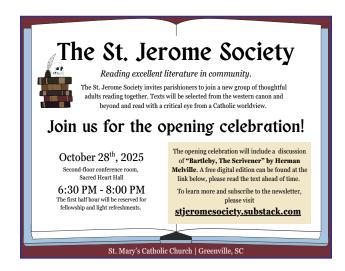
Fellowship dinners are a longstanding tradition at St. Mary's, offering a wonderful opportunity for adults to meet fellow parishioners, share a meal, and cultivate new friendships!

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.





# respect life month

novena









October 22-30, 2025

The annual Respect Life Month Novena prays for the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join thousands of Catholics in praying for life!

Sign Up!

Get the daily prayers by email or text message! Scan the QR code or visit

respect life.org/respect-life-month-noven a.



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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.



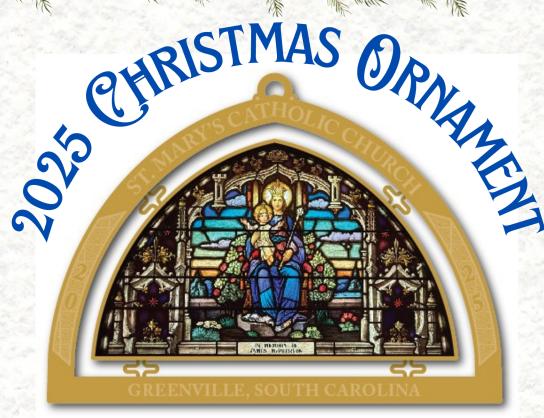
Watch the documentary

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**

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.

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.

Amer

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.







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.

# Diocesan News

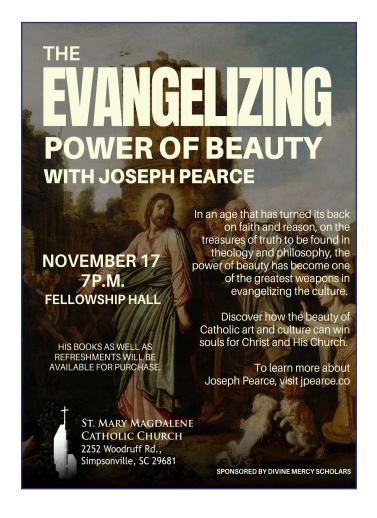
# ${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC . ${\cal A}$ DORATION

#### 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
Thursday 2 am\*
Friday 12 pm
Saturday 11 am & 2 pm
Sunday 9 am



# 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.

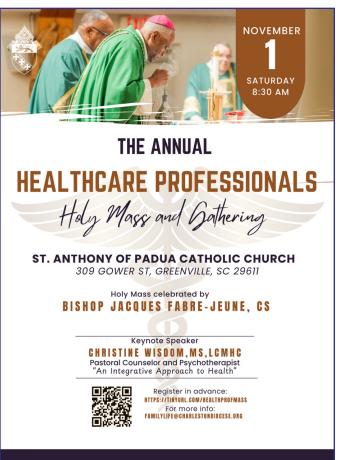
**40 Days for Life Closing Celebration** is Sunday 2 November at 3.00 pm at Christ the King Church (1223 Grove Road). Prayer warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign. Pastor Mark Wills, Pastors for Life, will give the Opening Prayer. He and his "For Life Praise Band" will lead the singing. We will end with a blessing from Deacon Bob Connor, and then have a"Celebration of Life" with refreshments and drawings for door prizes. Bring a chair.

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







# 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

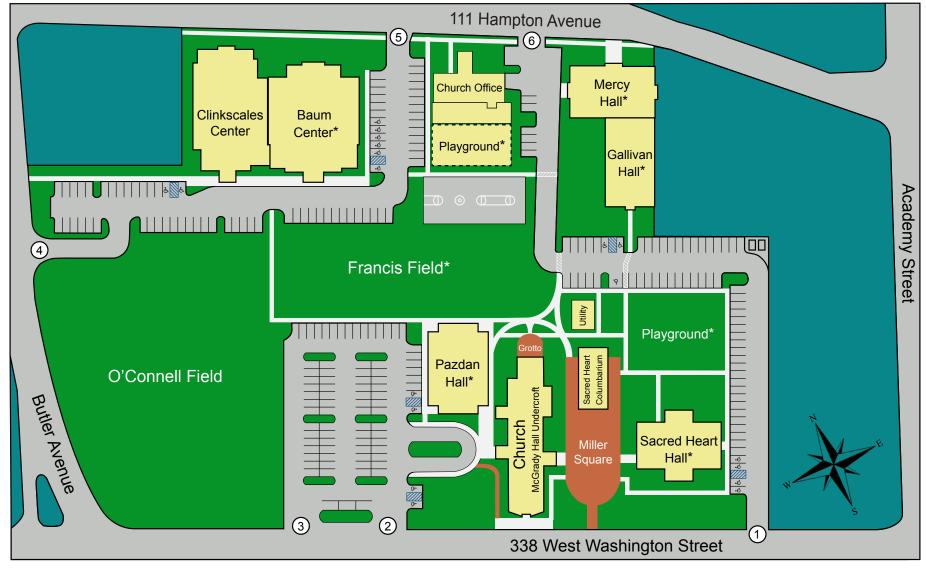
& Greenville

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.

#### The Clergy of St Mary's Catholic Church

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