

St Mary's Catholic Church

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Greenville, South Carolina

2 November 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism is: "Receiving the Sacraments without receiving the Gospel leads to superstition rather than living faith, and the Church must therefore take great care to ensure that those who receive the Sacraments also receive the Gospel in its integrity and entirety. Consequently, before Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, and Marriage are administered, there must be in those who request these Sacraments clear evidence of knowledge of the Gospel and a serious intention to live the Christian life."

During the first three hundred years of Christianity, asking to receive a Sacrament of the New Covenant was never done lightly because during most of that time to be a Christian was to be a criminal. When practicing the Christian faith was a crime punishable by horrible penalties, no one asked to receive a Sacrament who was not prepared to live and die as a Christian. But in the middle of the fourth century, those circumstances changed dramatically, and Christianity went from being an outlaw sect to a tolerated minority to the official religion of the Empire in a few short decades. After that, being a European was almost the same thing as being a Christian, and for a thousand years and more the Church could almost assume that anyone who asked for a Sacrament believed in the Gospel and intended to live the Christian life. But that time has long since passed.

Today we live in an age of the "baptized pagan," meaning someone who was brought to the font as an infant but then never evangelized, never catechized, never taught the truths of the Gospel, never formed for Christian living. These poor souls now number in the tens of millions in our nation alone, and they constitute the larger part of baptized Catholics in most nations of the world. And because of the lack of Christian formation among baptized pagans, the Church must once again look to the sacramental disciplines of the first Christian centuries to shape our answer to those who ask for a Sacrament (like the Baptism of a child or Marriage) without giving any evidence of a serious intention to practice the Catholic faith by (at a bare minimum) going to Mass each Sunday.

The Sacraments are not a reward for being good Catholics; they are, rather, the means of grace that change us and give us strength to become holy. But to administer the Sacraments to those who give no evidence of faith and who do not seek to live as disciples of the Lord Jesus is a sacrilegious fraud, and this must stop. Following the Sixth Principle of Evangelical Catholicism has immediate and profound consequences for the pastoral practice of a parish, and it is here perhaps more than anywhere else that cultural, cafeteria, and casual Catholicism collide with Evangelical Catholicism. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation for all who believe, and the Sacraments are for those who believe the Gospel.

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 2 November

All Souls' Day

7.30 am ♣ Nelly Restrepo 9.00 am Respect Life 11.00 am Pro populo 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

Sunday 2 November

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Toys For Tots Donations: After All Masses 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 Religious Education (G) Women of Grace Bible Study 6.00 pm

Monday 3 November

7.00 am Elizabeth Nietopski

1.00 pm St Anne's Stitchery 5.30 pm Dr Catena (clink) 6.30 pm Fraternus (P) 6.30 pm **Fidelis** 6.30 pm Cub Scouts (M)

Tuesday 4 November

7.00 am ♣ Brian Hickey

Tuesday 4 November

Wednesday 5 November

Monday 3 November

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7.00 am Fr Jay Scott Newman

8 00 am Wit & Wisdom Bible Study 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study No Holy Hour & Confessions

Introduction to Catholicism (M) 6.15 pm

6.30 pm **Religious Education**

Thursday 6 November

7.00 am ♣ Leo Lauzon

Thursday 6 November

Friday 7 November

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

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♣ Thelma Lauzon

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 8 November

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5.00 pm Tim & Elizabeth Devereaux 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 25/26 October

Needed 41,300 Received 42,492 Surplus +1,192

Poor Box 761

Offertory Year to Date

Needed 702,100 Received 723,872 Surplus +21,772

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

Total

Received 870,259

Still to Go 129,741

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 25/26 October

5.00 pm	352
7.30 am	359
9.00 am	432
11.00 am	408
1.00 pm	437

1,988

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 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

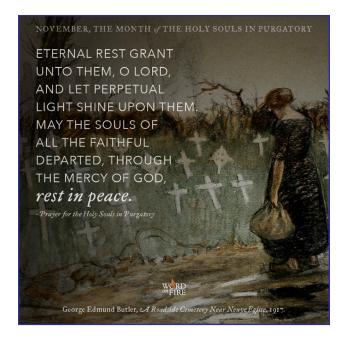
Collection for 1 November - 11 am

Solemnity of All Saints

Collection for 1/2 November

Capital Improvement Fund Support of the Parish

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



Time Change Reminder



Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday 2 November. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour.

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.

Knights of Columbus

Toys for Tots



THIS 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!

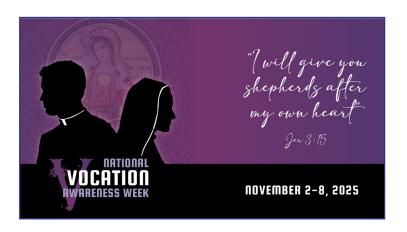
Poster Contest

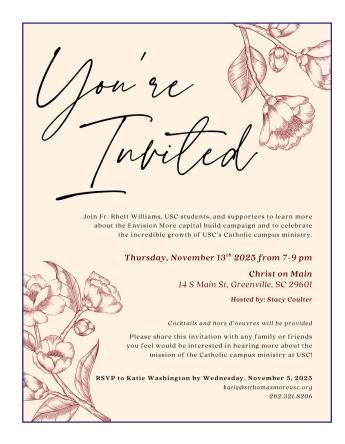
Monsignor Charles J Baum Council #13112 is holding the Knights of Columbus *Keep Christ in Christmas* Poster Contest. The contest is for boys and girls in Grades K, 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8. The posters must be 11" x 17" and include a slogan, visual image and completed entry form. **Deadline is 7 November**.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

Senior Fellowship Luncheon Saturday 15 November at 12.00 noon



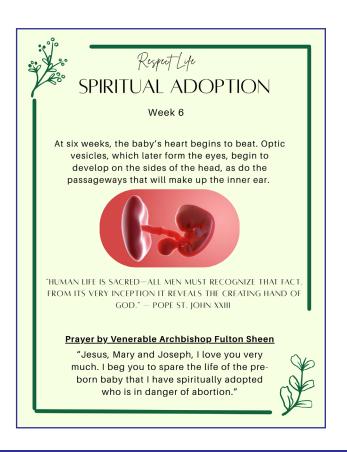
Please join us in Sacred Heart Hall for our Thanksgiving Luncheon. Contact Dee Goughneour at 864.421.3726 or Alice Ramos at 864.430.7276 for more information.



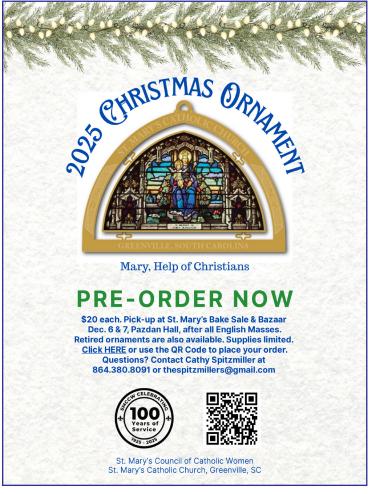


Daily Mass Readings

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







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 more information.

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=TWZ ocW5temFDQlcwQ2I4RWQwREFvUT09. Contact Bob Markway at Rmarkway@bellsouth.net.

Women of Grace Bible Study

Women of Grace Bible Study meets the first and third Sunday of each month at 6.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. This year we are studying *Acts, The Spread of the Kingdom* by Ascension Press. For more information about joining please contact Dorothy Whalen at dorothy.whalen@smcgvl.org.





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





St Mary's Religious Education



Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm. **Next 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 (Registration required)

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.







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

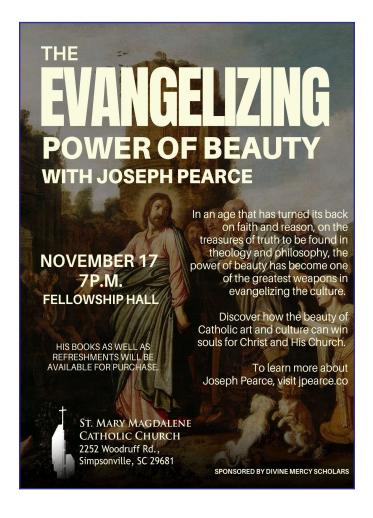
${\cal P}$ ERPETUAL ${\cal E}$ UCHARISTIC . ${\cal A}$ DORATION

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

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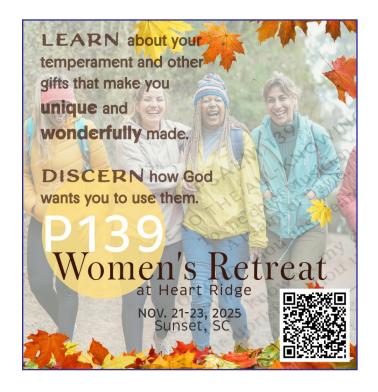
40 Days for Life is an international campaign of prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities,

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

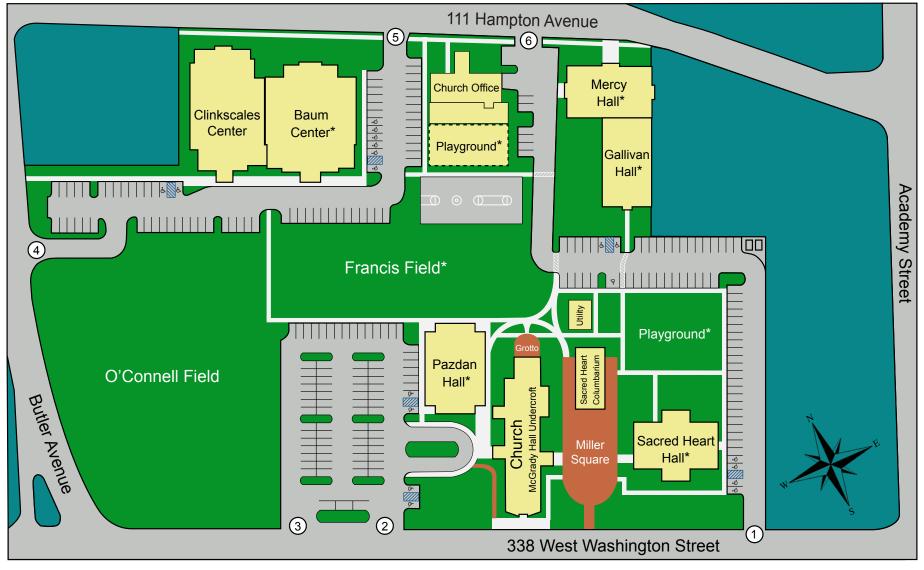
& Greenville

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.

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