



# St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

22 March 2026

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

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday 22 March

7.30 am ✱ Elena Soto  
 9.00 am Victor Smith  
 11.00 am Pro Populo  
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday 23 March

7.00 am ✱ Richard Stephens

### Tuesday 24 March

7.00 am Fr Jonathon Polce, SJ

### Wednesday 25 March

7.00 am ✱ Robert F Jarvis

### Thursday 26 March

7.00 am ✱ Bennie Buch

### Friday 27 March

7.00 am Timothy Wylie

### Saturday 28 March

5.00 pm Evelyn Lane

## Meetings & Events \*

### Sunday 22 March

Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass  
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 11.00 am Spanish Bible Class (M)  
 5.00 pm Lenten Vespers (church)  
 6.00 pm High School Youth Group (P)

### Monday 23 March

6.30 pm Fraternus (P)  
 6.30 pm Fidelis  
 6.30 pm Cub Scouts (M)

### Tuesday 24 March

10.00 am SMCCW Sewing Group

### Wednesday 25 March

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 26 March

7.00 pm Spanish Adoration

### Friday 27 March

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  
 6.00 pm Way of the Cross (church)  
 followed by Lenten Supper (P)  
 7.00 pm Spanish Rosary

### Saturday 28 March

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 14/15 March

Needed	41,300
Received	42,098
Surplus	+ 798

Poor Box 621

### Offeritory Year to Date

Needed	1,528,100
Received	1,610,495
Surplus	+ 82,395

**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@smcgv1.org](mailto:jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org).

## 2026 Capital Improvement Fund

**Goal** 1,000,000

**Donations Received** 553,458

**Still to Go** 446,542

## Mass Attendance

### Weekend of 14/15 March

5.00 pm	363
7.30 am	347
9.00 am	461
11.00 am	440
1.00 pm	454

**Total** 2,065

## 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, 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, Angelo Bautista Campos, Karen Krings, Michael Venerdi, Joan Greenaway, Dean Zimmermann, Mel Fitzpatrick, Chris Howard, Anna Roman, Edward Stone, Valentina Hernandez, Barbara Redding, Molly Fitzpatrick, Helena Howard, Daniel McGee, Jennifer Swyer, Patrick McLeod, Lily Elizabeth Reno.

## Pillars of Christ Men's Ministry

Pillars of Christ small group men's ministry meets in Friday throughout the year. The early group meets at 5.30 am and the late group meets at 7.30 am. If you are interested in joining our ministry, please contact Robert Sullivan (early group) at [rsulli42@gmail.com](mailto:rsulli42@gmail.com) or 864.561.9600 or Mike Munafa (late group) at [mmunafa1950@gmail.com](mailto:mmunafa1950@gmail.com) or 864.313.5356.

## 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. **Please print your name and the names of those you wish to honor.** Memorial requests must

be received no later than **Sunday 22 March** for the names to appear in the Easter Flower list. Thank you for your support.

# PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 21/22 March

Support of the Parish

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



## Fidelis at St Mary's

Fidelis forms girls heart, mind, body and soul into virtuous disciples of Christ through the witness of Catholic women. We meet on Mondays at 6.30 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Contact Cristina Ortiz at 305.439.2172 or [fidelisstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:fidelisstmarys@gmail.com) for more information. Visit <https://www.fidelissisterhood.org>.

## St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

### Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 24 & 31 March from 10.00 am - 12.00 pm in Sacred Heart Hall. Please contact Judith Hogg at [judyh75@att.net](mailto:judyh75@att.net) or 864.438.1017 for more information.

## St Mary's School Job Openings



St Mary's Catholic School is accepting applications for the following positions for the 2026-2027 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 319 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.

**Full-Time First Grade Teacher** - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, experienced, passionate for elementary education, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

**Computers & Technology Teacher** - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, experienced, passionate about technology and elementary education, with excellent classroom management and high expectations for student achievement. Computers & Technology classes meet once per week for students in grades 1 through 8. Students are exposed to proper typing technique, MacOS, Microsoft Office, Google's suite of apps, Hour of Code, and more. There is considerable flexibility for a qualified and experienced teacher to implement a wide variety of technology-based lessons and projects across all grade levels. Salary is highly competitive and is based on years of experience and level of education completed.

**Full-Time Spanish Teacher** - The ideal candidate would be a practicing Catholic, fluent in Spanish, and experienced in elementary education. Candidates must be able to work well with children of all ages, successfully manage large classes, provide the necessary rigor in high school-credit courses, and possess the enthusiasm and energy necessary to help students thrive.

**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 necessary.

Please email cover letter, resume, and references to Principal Steven Zimmerman at [principal@smcgv1.org](mailto:principal@smcgv1.org).

## Saint Mary's Classic

The Preserve at Verdae Golf Club

# GOLF

### 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://SMGolf2026.givesmart.com>

*Enjoy an outing of golf with friends on Friday 29 May!*



Scholarship Amount Increased to \$2,000 for 2026 Grads

## St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Scholarship

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women established this scholarship award in 1998 to support young Catholic women of our parish in their post high school academic endeavors including university, community college or technical school.

### BASIC INFORMATION

#### \$2,000 AWARD

Recipient receives a one time award to be used towards tuition, books, etc.

#### ELIGIBILITY

Female graduating senior in 2026 and member of St. Mary's parish with plans to continue her education.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE**  
April 15, 2026

**APPLICATION LINK**  
[Scholarship Application](#)

**Questions?**  
[smccwgv1@gmail.com](mailto:smccwgv1@gmail.com)

**APPLY TODAY**



## High School Youth Group

St Mary's High School Youth Group meets on Sundays at 6.00 pm in Pazdan Hall. All high school youth and 8th graders who have been confirmed are welcome. Contact Chris Ortiz at [chris.ortiz@smcgv1.org](mailto:chris.ortiz@smcgv1.org) for more information.

# Tree-mendous adventure awaits!

**Vacation Bible School  
is 15-19 June 2026**

**REGISTER NOW!  
Participants & Volunteers**

**Contact Linda Jackson with questions  
linda.jackson@smcgv1.org 864.679.4110**



## Nursery Closures

Our nursery will be closed on the following dates: 5 April (Easter Sunday) and 24 May (Memorial Day Weekend). Please contact Linda Jackson at linda.jackson@smcgv1.org or 864.679.4110 with questions.

## 2025 Tax Statements

Tax statements are automatically generated through your Flocknote account. Login to your account at <https://smcgv1.flocknote.com/login> with the email address you have registered with at St Mary's. Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org with questions.

## Friday Morning Bible Study

The Friday Morning Bible Study group will meet again after Easter to begin a new study of the Book of Numbers on Friday 10 April. We meet in the Bishop England Room of Sacred Heart Hall from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon on Fridays. We also pray the Rosary. Contact Pat Webb at patwebb1010@charter.net or 864.419.0467 to join and for more details.



*Respect Life*

## SPIRITUAL ADOPTION

Week 26

At twenty six weeks, baby has developed tiny fingernails. Eyes are also have the ability to open due to an almost developed retina.



"A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world." - John 16:21

### **Prayer by Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen**

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the pre-born baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."



## The St. Jerome Society

*Reading excellent literature in community.*

This month we will be reading and discussing...

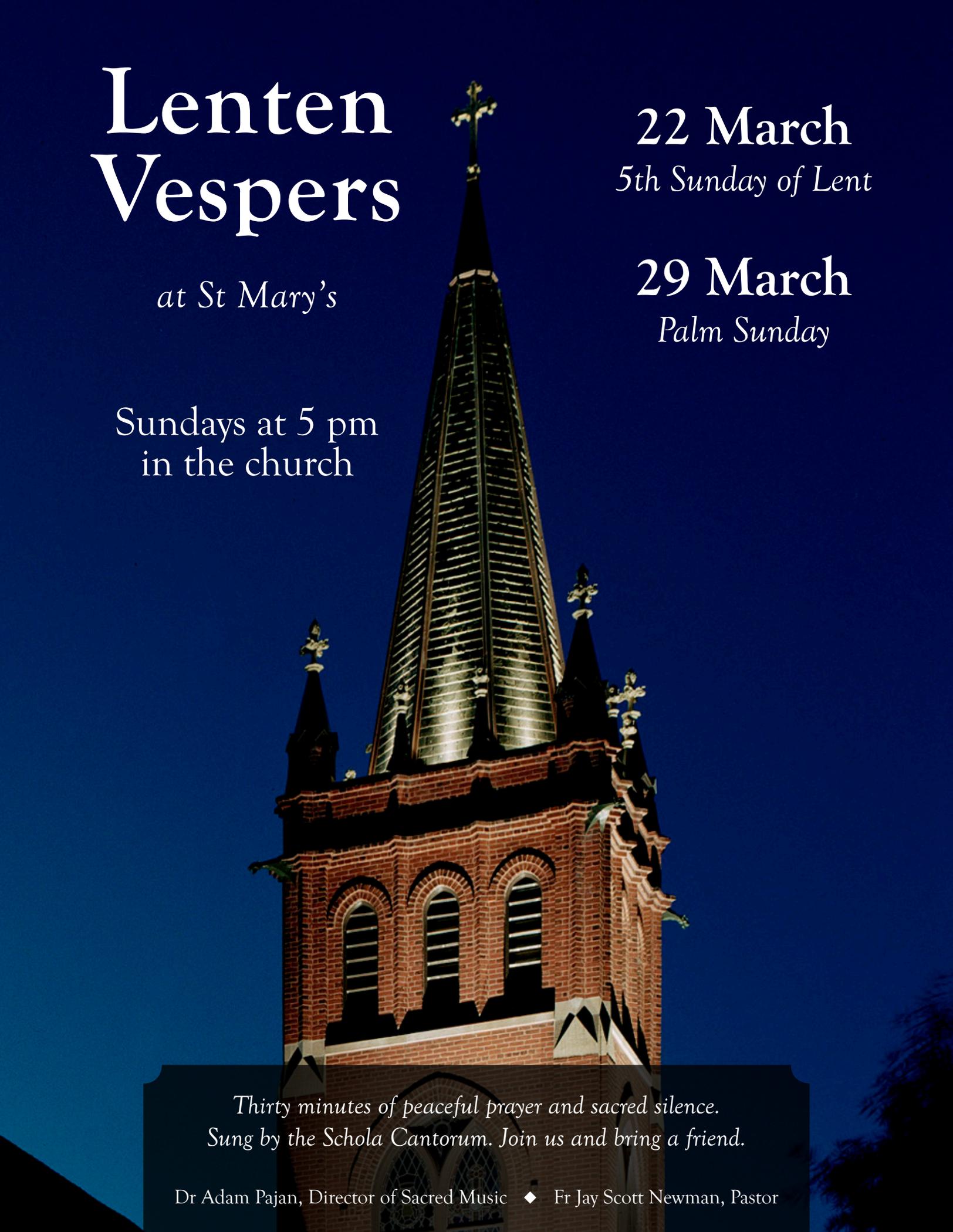
***The Hunchback of Notre-Dame***  
by Victor Hugo

March 31st, 2026 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Second-floor conference room, Sacred Heart Hall  
The first half hour will be reserved for fellowship and light refreshments.

To learn more and subscribe to the newsletter, please visit  
[stjromesociety.substack.com](http://stjromesociety.substack.com)

# Lenten Vespers



*at St Mary's*

Sundays at 5 pm  
in the church

22 March  
*5th Sunday of Lent*

29 March  
*Palm Sunday*

*Thirty minutes of peaceful prayer and sacred silence.  
Sung by the Schola Cantorum. Join us and bring a friend.*

Dr Adam Pajan, Director of Sacred Music ♦ Fr Jay Scott Newman, Pastor



# St Mary's Religious Education



**1st Communion Retreat this Week**  
**Sunday, 22 March 10:15 (after 9:00 am Mass)**

**Religious Education Grades 1-8**

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.30pm.  
Next Monthly Parent meeting is 1 April

**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@smcgv1.org](mailto:linda.jackson@smcgv1.org) or 864.679.4110**

## Adult Christian Formation

### An Introduction to Catholicism

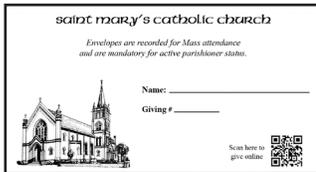
What is Catholicism? Is the Catholic Faith in the Bible? Did the Lord Jesus found the Catholic Church? *An Introduction to Catholicism* is designed to answer these and many other questions about the origins of Catholic Christianity and the shape of Christian faith and life within the Catholic Church. **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://smcgv1.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> for more information.**

**Contact Deacon John at [john.heuser@smcgv1.org](mailto:john.heuser@smcgv1.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 Inactive and envelopes are no longer distributed.** To begin receiving stewardship envelopes again, please email Sarah Perkins at [sarah.perkins@smcgv.org](mailto:sarah.perkins@smcgv.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 Tuesday 16 June at 6.30 pm.** Contact Patrick Ford at [patrick.ford@smcgv.org](mailto:patrick.ford@smcgv.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@smcgv.org](mailto:thomas.whalen@smcgv.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.

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### 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.charlestdiocese.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.

**"Exploring Fertility Care and Women's Health: Medical and Spiritual Perspectives"**

Q and A with the O'STEEN Brothers

**FERTILITYCARE WEBINAR**

In celebration of Worldwide FertilityCare Week, you are cordially invited to a transformative conversation on how FertilityCare and NaProTechnology cooperate with God's Plan for Women's Health.



**Date:** 24 March 2026  
**Time:** 6:00pm EST

Dr. Jordan O'Steen  
NAPro Medical Consultant

Fr. Peter O'Steen  
Parochial Vicar, St. Joseph Columbia

Register in advance:  
<https://tinyurl.com/FCWebinarMar24>

**LIVE @NFPS**

Join Fr. Christopher on a Pilgrimage to:

**IRELAND**

Prepare for a trip of a lifetime!

**September 8-18, 2026**

Fr. Christopher and Holy Family Parish invite you on a pilgrimage to Ireland, where our Catholic faith is woven into the fabric of Irish history, culture, and the stunning landscapes. This journey is designed for pilgrims seeking a meaningful connection with their faith in a land steeped in religious tradition.

Double Occupancy: \$5,950  
Single Occupancy: + \$1,375  
payment discounts available

For a detailed itinerary and to register, please visit: [www.holyfamilyhhi.org](http://www.holyfamilyhhi.org) or scan the QR code



## Nationwide Mass Times

<https://www.catholicdirectory.com>

## 40 Days for Life

**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 17 February through 28 March. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> to sign up for local events. Please contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Deacon Connor at 828.860.5622 with questions.

**Sidewalk Counseling Training** Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy 864.506.0964 or [info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org](mailto:info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org).

# Diocesan News

## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

*"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host." ~(Soon to be Blessed) Fulton J Sheen*

To share a Holy hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto: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!):

Monday 12 am,\* 1 am\* & 1 pm  
Tuesday 5 pm  
Wednesday 8 am  
Saturday 11 am  
Sunday 9 am & 10 am

## Walking With Moms In Need



Our Lady of the Rosary's Walking with Moms in Need program is growing! We assist expectant moms in need of resources in

Greenville. Our volunteers connect with moms via our private and confidential email or phone/text line. We especially need Spanish/English translators as well as drivers who can take moms to Birthright of Greenville and local food banks. Contact [wwmin@proton.me](mailto:wwmin@proton.me) or text 864.618.6814 to learn more.

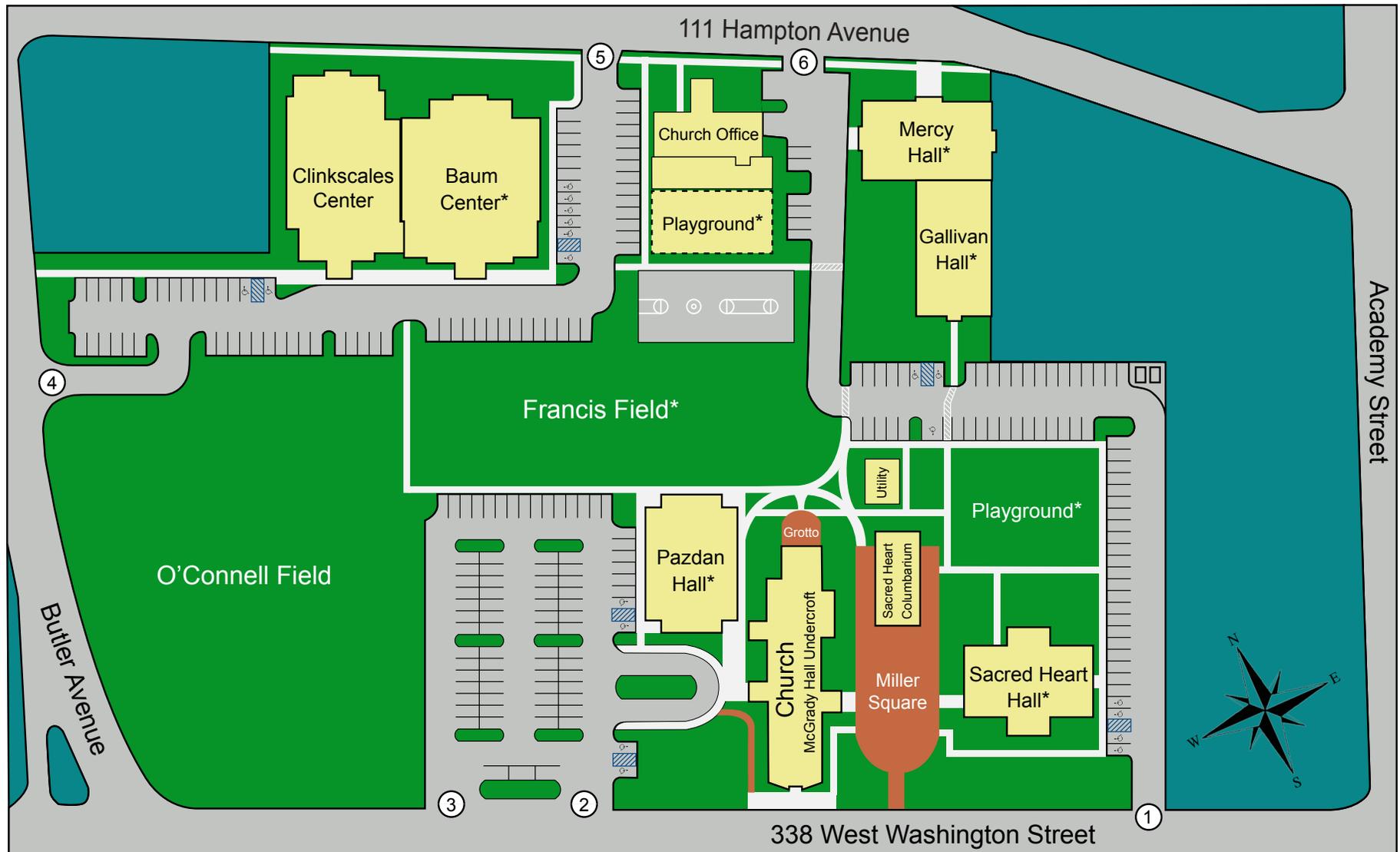


Please contact Jessica Thrall at [jthrall@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jthrall@charlestdiocese.org) if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

## 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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