



St Mary's Catholic Church



Greenville, South Carolina

25 October 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

In last week's column, I reviewed the origin and purpose of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and encouraged all Catholics to go to Confession whenever needed, at least once each year and probably not more than once each month to avoid the twin dangers of presumption and scrupulosity. Every time we go to Confession we must name our mortal sins by kind and number and give a general description of our venial sins, but the difference between mortal and venial sins can sometimes be difficult to establish.

The scriptural foundation of this distinction comes from the Apostle and Evangelist Saint John who wrote that "all wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death." (1 John 5.17) Deadly or mortal sin is an offense so grave that the life of the grace is extinguished in us, while venial sin, though still contrary to the law and love of God, does not separate us from the grace given us in Holy Baptism. This distinction is important because worthy participation in the celebration of Holy Mass is for the forgiveness of all venial sin, and so there is no reason to refrain from receiving Holy Communion at Mass if one's unconfessed sins are venial rather than mortal.

Here we should remember that four of the seven sacraments confer the grace of forgiveness of sins, and they are Baptism, the Anointing of the Sick, Confession, and the Most Holy Eucharist. Of these four, the Eucharist is the most important by far since in that sacrament we receive not a gift from God but God himself, and the other three sacraments of mercy are given to us precisely so that we may worthily receive the Body and Blood of Christ. But a mortal sin is a spiritual wound that kills the life of grace in us, and so when we have an unconfessed mortal sin we should not receive Holy Communion because that is like trying to feed a dead body. In that case, we must go to Confession in order to be prepared once again to receive Holy Communion, and that brings us back to the distinction between mortal and venial sin.

For a sin to be deadly or mortal, three equally important conditions must be fulfilled: 1) The action must be gravely wrong, 2) I must know that it is gravely wrong, and 3) I must freely and deliberately choose to do it anyway. If I do something gravely wrong but either don't fully understand the gravity of my sin or am not fully free to say no to the sin because of force, fear, habit, or compulsion, then although the sin is objectively wrong, my culpability is diminished to such a degree that the sin is not mortal for me. Compulsive and habitual sins, though they may be gravely wrong, are seldom truly mortal sins in the life of the penitent, and like all other venial sins they should be confessed during the Sacrament of Penance but should not prevent the reception of Holy Communion at Mass even before the next Confession. For a deeper review of this doctrine, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 1846 to 1876, and God be praised for his tender mercies which lead us to eternal life!

Father Newman

Calendar of Events

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday 25 October	
7.30 am	Ian Boyd
9.00 am	Brooklyn Lesley
11.00 am	Pro Populo
1.00 pm	Spanish Mass
Monday 26 October	
7.00 am	† Kimberly Anguilm
Tuesday 27 October	
7.00 am	Whitty Family
Wednesday 28 October	
7.00 am	† Bob & Barbara Scoggins
Thursday 29 October	
7.00 am	† Bill & Carol Rogers
Friday 30 October	
7.00 am	Cordelia Buchholz
Saturday 31 October	
5.00 pm	† Janice Alvarado Quinn

Meetings & Events *

Sunday 25 October	
Nursery: During 9.00 am Mass	
9.00 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
6.00 pm	High School Youth Group (P)
Monday 26 October	
6.30 pm	Fidelis
6.30 pm	Fraternus (P)
6.30 pm	Cub Scouts (M)
Tuesday 27 October	
10.00 am	SMCCW Sewing Group
6.30 pm	St Jerome Society
Wednesday 28 October	
8.00 am	Wit & Wisdom Bible Study (M)
9.30 am	Wednesday Morning Bible Study
No Holy Hour & Confessions	
6.30 pm	Religious Education
6.30 pm	Introduction to Catholicism (G)
6.30 pm	Youth Introduction to Catholicism (P)
Thursday 29 October	
7.00 pm	Spanish Adoration
Friday 30 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 31 October	
3.30-4.30 pm	Confessions (church)

Financial Report

Weekend of 17/18 October

Needed	42,750
Received	46,895
Surplus	+ 4,145

Poor Box	872
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Offertory Year to Date

Needed	684,000
Received	719,515
Surplus	+ 35,515

2026 Capital Improvement Fund

Goal	1,000,000
Donations Received	1,075,585
Over Goal	+ 75,585

2026 Catholic Annual Appeal

Goal	136,725
Donations Received	153,107
Over Goal	+ 16,382

Mass Attendance

Weekend of 17/18 October

5.00 pm	357
7.30 am	376
9.00 am	535
11.00 am	436
1.00 pm	427

Total	2,131
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G - Gallivan Hall M - McGrady Hall
P - Pazdan Hall C - Clinkscals
Family Center

* All events in Sacred Heart Hall
unless a location is listed

Liturgical Schedule Changes

No Holy Hour and Confessions on Wednesday 28 October.

Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frank Plavan, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends.

Prayer For The Faithful Departed

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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, Anthony Gomes, Chet & Dorothy Jaskwhich Sobol, Lisa Myer, Sandy Miros, Terry Gurn, Mitchell & Elisa Bianco, Barbara Dresser, Caroline Henson, Betty Jo Brown, Gary Redding, Steve Hughes, Angelo Bautista Campos, Michael Venerdi, 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, Dee Dillon, Carol Anagnos, James Seaborn, Barbara Fechtel, Susanne Prevost.

Congratulations to

Grace Elizabeth White and Lydia Drew White who were baptized last weekend.

Stock Donations to St Mary's Church

Consider a gift of appreciated stock for your annual giving. This method can offer significant tax benefits while providing crucial support to our parish. For more information on how to give stock and updated transfer instructions, please contact Jennifer Anderson at jennifer.anderson@smcgv1.org. Please note that we no longer use UBS for stock transfers.

PARISH NEWS

Collection for 24/25 October

Catholic Appeal of SC
Support of the Parish

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



All Souls Day Envelopes

Monday 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.

Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Quirino Quiahua Quiahuixtle & Rosalinda Ruiz Olvera, Christopher Clark, Liam Twigg, Robert & Patricia Chasuk, MaryRya Smith, Mason Jordahl.

THE CHOSEN
SEASON 6
EPISODE 1

ADVANCED SCREENING
8 NOVEMBER | 5 PM | GALLIVAN HALL
Free Admission | [Click Here to RSVP](#)

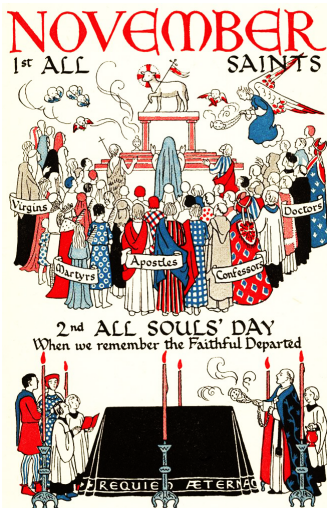
Confirmation

Our bishop Most Rev Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS will be with us on Saturday 31 October to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 51 young men and women in our parish community. Please keep these young people in your prayers this week!

St Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Sewing Ministry

The group will meet Tuesday 27 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 details.



Sunday 1 November Solemnity of All Saints Sunday Mass Schedule

Mass at 7.30 am, 9.00 am,
11.00 am & 1.00 pm (Spanish)

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

Mass at 7 am

The Knights of Columbus
will collect toys for
TOYS FOR TOTS
**BEFORE AND AFTER MASS
NOVEMBER 7 - 8, 2026**
**Bring Christmas Joy
to Children in Need**

**NEW, UNWRAPPED
TOYS VALUED AT
\$10 OR MORE**

**TOYS FOR
CHILDREN OF
ALL AGES ARE
WELCOME**
Based on previous years,
there is a particular need
for gifts for girls ages
1-2 and 9-13.

**PLEASE DO NOT
DONATE**
Realistic-looking
weapons or gifts
containing food
or candy.

Monsignor Charles J. Baum Council #13112 | St. Mary's Catholic Church • Greenville, SC

**Mass for
MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS**

*A special Mass honoring and praying for all
who serve in healthcare*

**Saturday, November 7, 2026
8:30 AM**
St. Mary's Catholic Church
Greenville, South Carolina

Blessing of all healthcare professionals present

Light Breakfast to Follow
in the Undercroft of the Church

Meditation by
Fr. Jonathan Duncan
Director of Mission, Bon Secours St. Francis

**SUPPORT ST MARY'S AT
THE ANNUAL GALA!**

**CITY
LIGHT**
YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD;
MATTHEW 5:14

**Masquerade
IN
PARIS**

6 MARCH 2027
TEXT "MSGALA2027"
TO 76278

Scan to Learn More!



ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

Harp & Shamrock Division

Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity

Irish Catholic men of the Upstate are invited to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, America's oldest Irish Catholic fraternal organization. The Harp & Shamrock Division gathers in Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity — serving our priests and parishes, preserving Irish Catholic heritage, and looking after one another. Visitors welcome.

For more information visit
<https://aohgreenvillesc.org>

or contact Bryan Dunleavy
at president@aohgreenvillesc.org

Saint Mary's Council of Catholic Women

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

Pre-Order Now for 2026!

PICK UP

Bake Sale in Pazdan Hall:

Saturday 5 December
5.30 - 7.00 pm

Sunday 6 December
8.00 am - 1.00 pm

 **Retired ornaments also available** (Limited quantities)

**Click Here
to Order**



*"Birth of the
Blessed Virgin Mary"*

Questions?
smccwgl@gmail.com

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. Join Catholics nationwide in praying The Respect Life Novena beginning 22 October at <https://www.respectlife.org/respect-life-month-novena>.

The St. Jerome Society

Reading excellent literature in community.

This month we will be reading and discussing...

Dracula
by Bram Stoker

October 27th, 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.

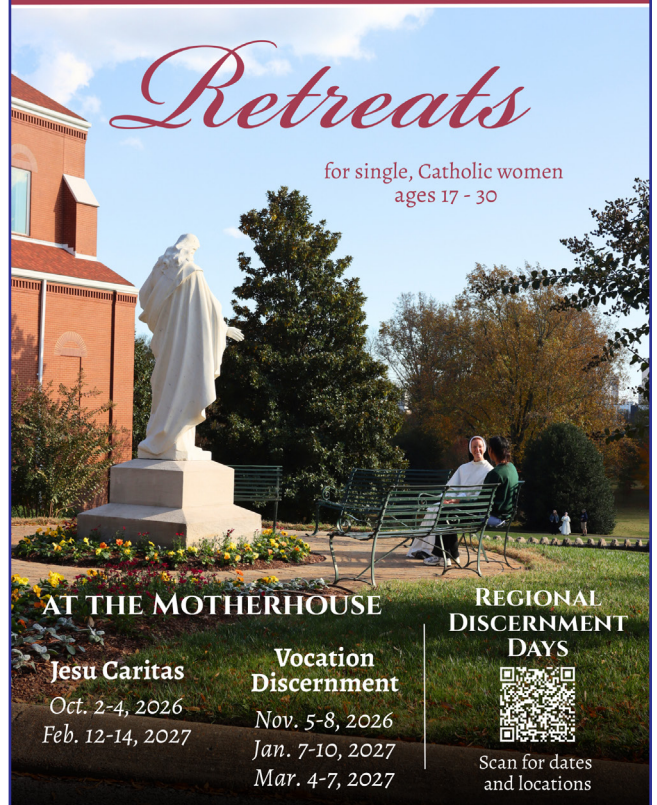
To learn more and subscribe to the newsletter, please visit
stjermesociety.substack.com

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Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Retreats

for single, Catholic women
ages 17 - 30



AT THE MOTHERHOUSE

Jesu Caritas

Oct. 2-4, 2026
Feb. 12-14, 2027

**Vocation
Discernment**

Nov. 5-8, 2026
Jan. 7-10, 2027
Mar. 4-7, 2027

**REGIONAL
DISCERNMENT
DAYS**



Scan for dates
and locations

For more information, contact vocation@op-tn.org or 615-256-0147
www.nashvilledominican.org

Youth Ministries

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 for more information.

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 for prayer, dinner, games, lessons and group discussions. Please contact Cristina Ortiz at fidelisstmarys@gmail.com for more information about our chapter. Learn more about Fidelis at <https://www.fidelissisterhood.org>.



ST. MARY'S
LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS' CLUB
Growing holier, one virtue at a time

Little Flowers Girls' Club® is a Catholic program for girls in K5 - 5th grades and their mothers inspired by St. Thérèse of Lisieux and her "Little Way."

Through the lives of the saints, Sacred Scripture, prayer, crafts, service, and meaningful friendships, girls grow in virtue and deepen their Catholic faith while earning flower-shaped virtue badges.

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 3:30-5:00 in Sacred Heart Hall. Contact Laura Nelson at littleflowers.smcgv1@gmail.com for more information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
MONSIGNOR CHARLES J. BAUM COUNCIL #13112
St. Mary's Catholic Church | Greenville, SC

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

All boys and girls in Grades K-8 are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

AGE GROUPS

- ◆ Grades K - 1
- ◆ Grades 2 - 3
- ◆ Grades 4 - 5
- ◆ Grades 6 - 8

POSTER REQUIREMENTS

- ◆ Poster must be 11" x 17"
- ◆ Include a slogan
- ◆ Include a visual image
- ◆ Completed entry form



POSTER DEADLINE
November 2

MORE INFORMATION
Contact John McGrath at mcgrathjohnf@aol.com for a poster contest entry form.

Fraternus at St Mary's

Fraternus is a Catholic brotherhood for men ages 12 and up. We meet every Monday during the school year at 6.30 pm in Pazdan Hall. Contact Chris Ortiz, Commander of the St Mary's Chapter of Fraternus, at stmarysgvl.fraternus@gmail.com.

WELCOME PACK 521

St Mary's Cub Scouts meet every other Monday from 6:30-7:30pm in McGrady Hall (Church Undercroft)



All boys in K5 through 5th grades are welcome to join! No prior involvement is required-start at any level. A parent attends each meeting with their child. Contact Nick Upham with any questions juph4m@gmail.com, 864-506-2384

Activities include camping, Pinewood Derby, Christmas parade, and more!



St Mary's Religious Education



**For More Information
Contact Linda Jackson
linda.jackson@smcgvvl.org
864.679.4110**

Religious Education Grades 1-8

Classes meet on Wednesday from 6.30pm – 7.45 pm

Mid August - April

Next Monthly Parent Meeting 4 November in McGrady Hall

Confirmation Practice; Friday, 30 October at 6:00 pm in
Gallivan Hall.

Confirmation; Saturday 31 October 2026

Introduction To Catholicism for Youth (ages 14-17)

Classes meet on Wednesday 6.30 - 7.45 pm

Sunday Mornings for 3 & 4 Year Olds

Classes meet on Sundays mornings during the 9.00 am Mass
September - April

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 meet on Wednesdays at 6.30 pm in Gallivan Hall.

Visit <https://smcgvvl.org/christian-formation/intro-to-catholicism/> for more information.

Contact Deacon John at john.heuser@smcgvvl.org with questions about 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@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 Tuesday 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.whelen@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.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.

Diocesan News

PERPETUAL Eucharistic Adoration

Prince of Peace

"Friends, do not be afraid of silence or stillness. Listen to God. Adore Him in the Eucharist." ~Pope Benedict XVI

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 please consider one of the following hours of need (*urgent open hour!):

Sunday 9 am
Wednesday 12 pm
Thursday 2 am*

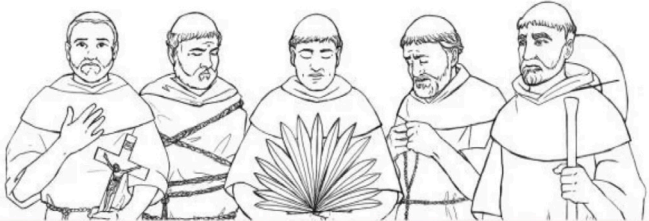
Holiday Craft Fair

Get a head start on your Christmas shopping at our 32nd annual Holiday Craft Fair at Prince of Peace Catholic Church (1209 Brushy Creek Rd, Taylors). Join us on Saturday 7 November from 9.00 am to 2.00 pm for a festive indoor event featuring over 70 local artisans selling their handcrafted gifts. Admission and parking are free!

Nationwide Mass Times

If traveling, find Mass times at a parish near you.

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



Mass of Beatification
PEDRO DE CORPA AND FOUR COMPANIONS

Saturday, October 31, 2026, at 11 a.m. | Savannah Convention Center
Doors open at 8 a.m.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Visit the GeorgiaMartyrs.org

40 Days for Life

**40 DAYS
FOR LIFE**
September 23
- November 1



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 23 September through 1 November. Visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/greenville> to sign up for local events. Contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or Deacon Bob at 828.860.5622 with questions.

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

Sidewalk Counseling Training Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy at 864.506.0964 or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

Closing Celebration Sunday 1 November at 3.00 pm at Christ the King Church (1223 Grove Road). Prayer warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign, and then have a Celebration of Life with refreshments and a drawing for door prizes. Bring a chair.



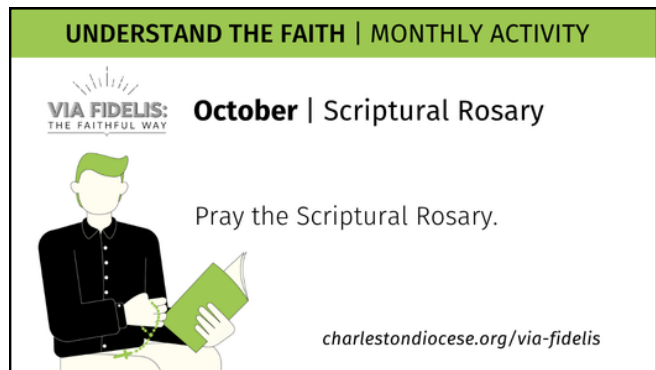
Please contact Jessica Thrall at jthrall@charlestdiocese.org if you're interested in volunteering, donating or learning more about any of our programs. Visit our website at <https://charitiessc.org>.

October 2026

VIA FIDELIS: THE FAITHFUL WAY

UNDERSTAND THE FAITH

charlestdiocese.org/via-fidelis



THE THEOLOGICAL VIRTUES

Read the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1812-1829; 1840-1844

- The theological virtues come from God and are “infused” into humans as a gift of sanctifying grace
- The theological virtues are directed towards God; they give one the capacity to live in relationship to the Trinity, making the meriting of eternal life possible
- The theological virtues are the pledge of the Holy Spirit’s presence and action in human faculties
- The human virtues are rooted in the theological virtues, and, therefore, the theological virtues are the foundation of Christian morality
- Faith is the theological virtue which disposes one to believe God and all he has revealed as well as all that the Church presents to us to be believed
- Faith is rooted in the fact the God is Truth itself
- In faith, one commits the whole self to God
- In faith, one strives to know and do God’s will
- Hope is the theological virtue that disposes one towards the desire for heaven and eternal life with God
- Hope is the trust in the promises of Christ rather than trust in one’s own strength
- Christian hope fulfills the hopes of God’s people in the promises of the Old Testament
- The Christian hopes for “final endurance” and the Church prays, in hope, for the salvation of all humanity
- Charity is the theological virtue that disposes one to love God above all things and one’s neighbor as oneself for the sake of this love of God
- Charity is the new commandment given by Jesus (Jn 13:34)
- Charity animates and inspires the practice of all the virtues
- Charity perfects our human ability to love by supernatural divine love



Feasts & Solemnities

OCTOBER 1: ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. Thérèse of Lisieux is one of the most beloved saints because of her simple, yet profound spirituality. At 15, when Thérèse expressed the desire to enter the convent like her older sisters, she was told to come back when she was 21. The priest-director told her that only the bishop could make an exception. To his surprise, she actually made her petition to the bishop, who granted her request.

OCTOBER 3: THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

This celebration of the Guardian Angels commemorates that God entrusts each and every one of us to the care of one of his angels. It reminds us of the depth of God’s love, not only for humanity in general, but for each of us individually. This individualized care is reflected in Jesus’ words in Matthew’s Gospel preceding the parable of the lost sheep: “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (18:10).

OCTOBER 4: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

St. Francis’ feast day is technically classified as a “memorial” and is not observed liturgically this year because it falls on a Sunday. Yet, this year marks the 800th anniversary of his death (Oct. 3, 1226). In response, Pope Leo XIV has asked us all to focus on imitating St. Francis’ example of holiness and peace, proclaiming a special jubilee year to commemorate the occasion.

OCTOBER 7: OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

This feast day was originally called “Our Lady of Victory” by St. Pius V, as it commemorated the victory of a Catholic coalition over the Ottoman Turks at the naval battle of Lepanto on Oct. 7, 1571. Because this victory was attributed to the intercession of Mary through praying the rosary, in 1573, Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to “Our Lady of the Rosary.”

OCTOBER 15: ST. TERESA OF JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. Teresa of Avila (Santa Teresa de Jesús) is beloved as a spiritual writer and reformer of the Carmelites. Her mystical writings give clear glimpses into the intimacy with which God loves, and to the beauty of being united to him. In 1970, St. Teresa and St. Catherine of Siena were together named the first female “doctors of the Church” for making significant contributions to the Christian life and the understanding of the faith.

OCTOBER 19: STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, and their companions, were the first martyrs in the Americas to be recognized officially by the Church. These Jesuit missionaries served in Quebec and ministered to the Huron people. They were martyred over a period of a few years by the Iroquois, who were frequently at war with the Huron. The missionaries’ enthusiasm for the Gospel and love for those they served in the Huron people are an example of Christ’s love for his Church.

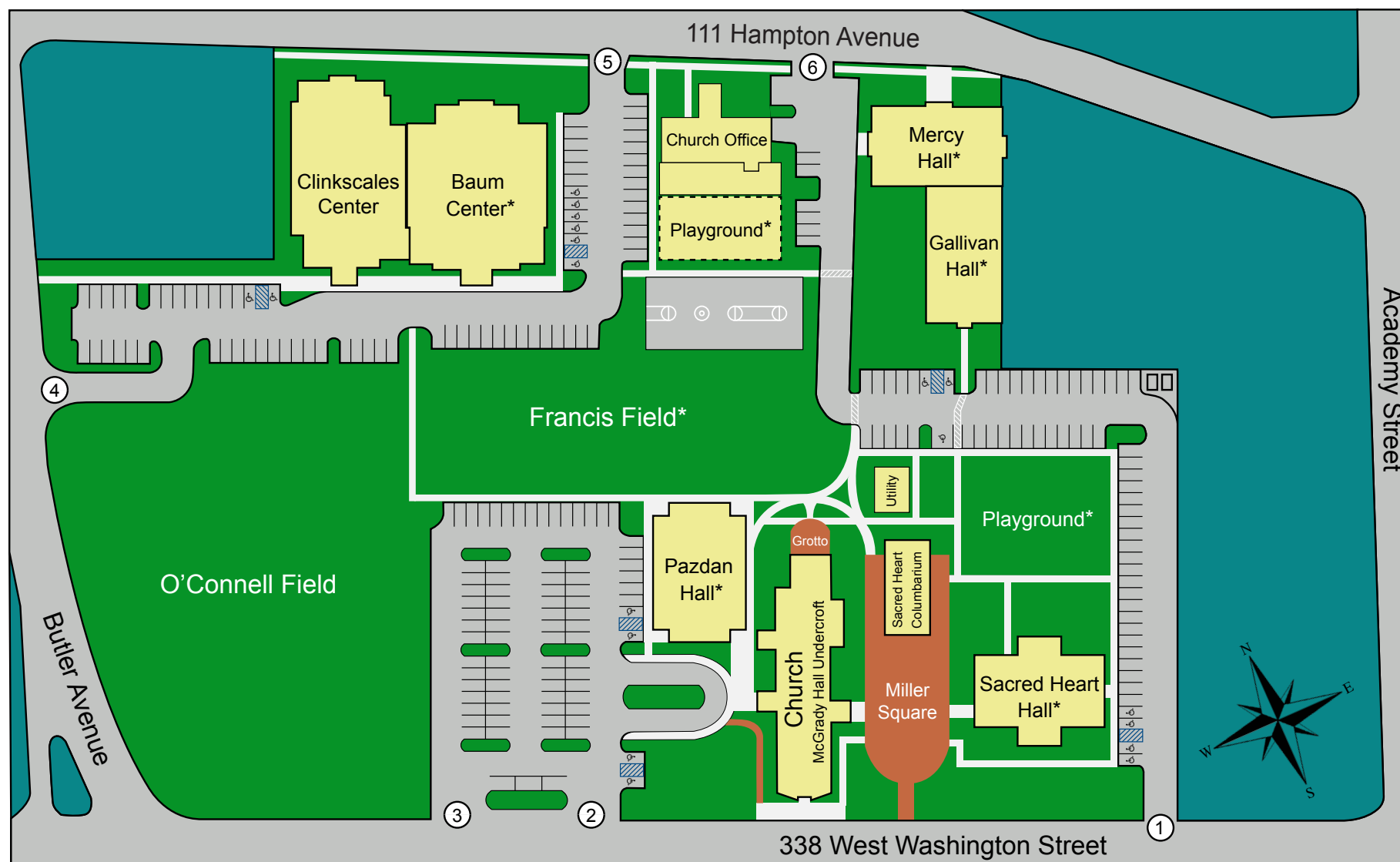
OCTOBER 28: STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES

These two apostles whom we commemorate share an interesting commonality: they both have the same name as other apostles. To distinguish him from Simon (who Christ renamed St. Peter), St. Simon is sometimes referred to as the “zealot” in Scripture, which points to a possible prior connection with a first century Jewish movement for independence from the Romans. St. Jude’s name is often shortened to Jude in English to distinguish him from Judas Iscariot. St. Jude is called Thaddeus in the Gospels of Matthew and Mark, while Luke calls him Jude (Judas). John refers to him once as “Judas, not the Iscariot” (Jn 14:22).

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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