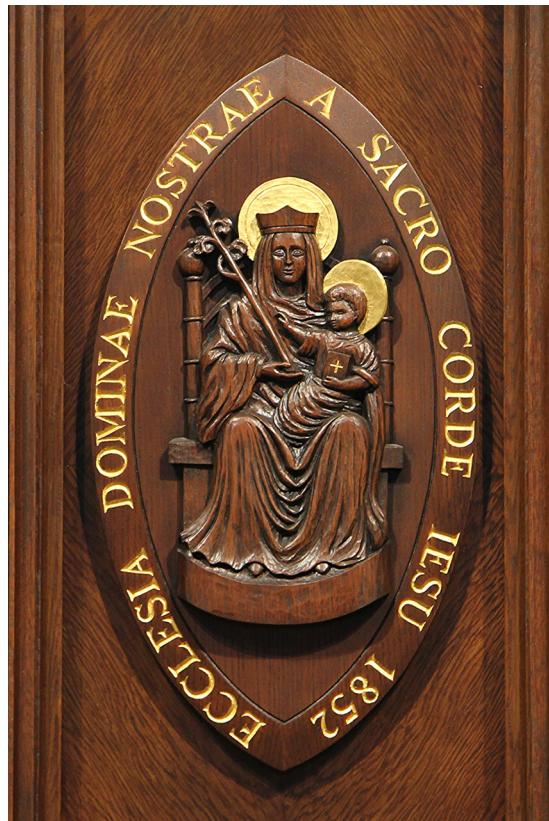


st mary's catholic church
greenville, south carolina



fourth sunday of the year
1 february 2026

 INTRODUCTORY RITES 

Entrance Antiphon

Psalm 106.47

Save us, O Lord our God! And gather us from the nations, to give thanks to your holy name, and make it our glory to praise you.

Entrance Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us
 3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and

heav'n to earth come down! Fix in us your
 all your life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re-
 spot - less, gra - cious Lord, Let us see your

hum - ble dwell - ing, All your faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 turn and nev - er, Nev - er more your tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly in you re - stored.

Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion, Love un-
 Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve you
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in

bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
 as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you
 heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be-

your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
 fore the al - might - y Lost in won - der, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Tune: HYFRYDOL, 8 7 8 7 D; Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

Penitential Act

Confiteor

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

All strike their breast, saying:

through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Priest May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

People Amen.

Kyrie

Missa Orbis Factor

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son

Chri - ste, e - le - i - son

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son

Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son

Gloria

Missa VIII

Gló-ri - a in ex-cél-sis De - o. Et in ter - ra pax ho-mí-ni-bus
 bo - nae vo - lun - tás - tis. Lau-dá - - mus te.
 Be-ne-dí-ci-mus te. A-do-rá - - mus te.
 Gló-ri - fi - cá-mus te. Grá-ti - as á - gi - mus ti - bi
 pro-pter ma-gnam gló-ri - am tu - am. Dó-mi-ne De-us, Rex cae-
 lé - stis, De-us, Pa-ter om - ní - po - tens.
 Dó-mi-ne Fi - li u - ni - gé - ni - te, Je - su Chri - ste.
 Dó-mi-ne De-us, A-gnus De - i, Fí-li-us Pa - tris.
 Qui tol - lis pec-cá - ta mun - di, mi-se-ré - re no-bis.
 Qui tol - lis pec-cá - ta mun - di, sú - sci - pé de-pre - ca - ti - ó -
 nem no - stram. Qui se - des ad déx-te-ram Pa - tris,
 mi-se-ré - re no - bis. Quó - ni - am tu so - lus San - ctus.
 Tu so-lus Dó - mi - nus. Tu so-lus Al - tís - si-mus,
 Je - su Chri - ste. Cum San - cto Spí - ri - tu,
 in gló-ri - a De - i Pa - tris. A - - men.

Collect

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger.

But I will leave as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly, who shall take refuge in the name of the LORD: the remnant of Israel. They shall do no wrong and speak no lies; nor shall there be found in their mouths a deceitful tongue; they shall pasture and couch their flocks with none to disturb them.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 146.6-7, 8-9, 9-10



R. Blessed are the poor in spir-it; the king-dom of heav-en is theirs!

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind;
the LORD raises up those who were bowed down.
The LORD loves the just;
the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains,
but the way of the wicked he thwarts.
The LORD shall reign forever;
your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

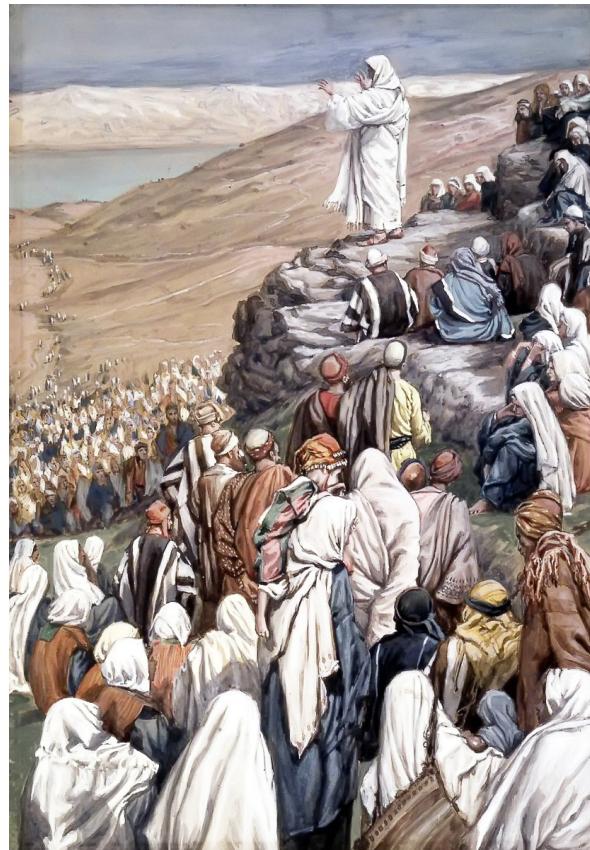
Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.26-31

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



Profession of Faith (*spoken slowly and reverently*)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

Bow profoundly during these two lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Bidding Prayers

The Collection

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 92.2

It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to your Name, O Most High.

Offertory Hymn

Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

LIEBSTER JESU 78. 78. 88
Johann R. Ahle, 1625-1673
Harm. by Johann S. Bach, 1685-1750



1. Bless - ed Je - sus, at Thy word
2. Glo - rious Lord, Thy - self im - part,
3. Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



We are gath - ered all to hear Thee;
Light of Light, from God pro - ceed - ing;
Praise to Thee and ad - o - ra - tion!



Let our hearts and souls be stirred
O pen that Thou our ears and heart,
Grant we Thy Word may trust



Now to seek and love and fear Thee,
Help us by Thy Spir - it's plead - ing;
And ob - tain true con - so - la - tion



By Thy teach-ings, sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to
Hear the cry Thy peo - ple rais - es, Hear and bless our
While we here be - low must wan - der, Till we sing Thy



love Thee sole - ly.
prayers and prais - es yon - es.
prais - es yon - der.
A - men.

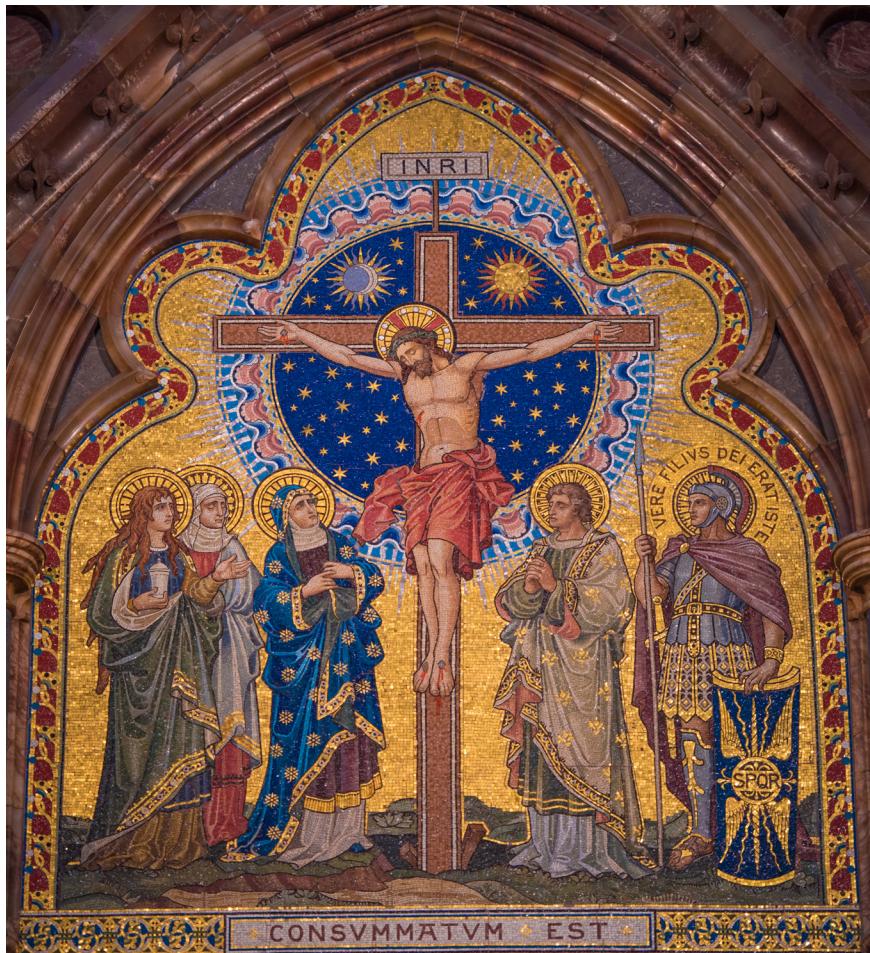
Offertory Anthem

Ave Verum Corpus

*Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria
Virgine, vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine cuius latus
perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis prægustatum in mortis
examine.*

William Byrd

*Hail the true body, born of the Virgin
Mary: You who truly suffered and
were sacrificed on the cross for the
sake of man. From whose pierced
flank flowed water and blood: Be a
foretaste for us in the trial of death.*



Sanctus (11.00 am Mass)

Missa Orbis Factor

San - ctus, San - ctus, San - ctus Do - mi - nus

De - us Sa - ba - oth. Ple - ni sunt cae - li

et ter - ra glo - ri - a tu - a

Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

Be-ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit in no - mi-ne

Do - mi - ni.

Ho - san - na in ex - cel - sis.

Mystérium Fídei (The Mystery of Faith)

We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come_ a - gain.

 COMMUNION RITE 

Priest At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

People **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil,
graciously grant peace in our days,
that, by the help of your mercy,
we may be always free from sin
and safe from all distress,
as we await the blessed hope
and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

People **For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

Priest Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Priest The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **And with your spirit.**

Agnus Dei (11.00 am Mass)

Missa Orbis Factor

Agnus Dei qui tollis pecata mundi:
miserere nobis. Paucem.



Priest Behold the Lamb of God,
behold him who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 31.17-18

Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your merciful love. O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.



AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

LORD JESUS, I LOVE YOU ABOVE ALL THINGS.
HOW I LONG TO RECEIVE YOU WITH MY BROTHERS
AND SISTERS AT THE TABLE YOU HAVE PREPARED.
BUT SINCE I CANNOT AT THIS MOMENT RECEIVE YOU IN
THE HOLY SACRAMENT OF YOUR BODY AND BLOOD,
I ASK YOU TO FEED ME WITH THE MANNA OF YOUR HOLY SPIRIT
AND NOURISH ME WITH YOUR HOLY PRESENCE.
I UNITE MYSELF COMPLETELY TO YOU;
NEVER PERMIT ME TO BE SEPARATED FROM YOUR LOVE.
AMEN.

Communion Motets

The Beatitudes

Russian Chant

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

Psalm 128

Sir John Goss

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord: and walk in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands: O well is thee and happy shalt thou be. Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine: upon the walls of thine house. Thy children like the olive branches: round about thy table. Lo thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord. The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee: that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity all thy life long. Yea that thou shalt see thy children's children: and peace upon Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end Amen.



Communion Hymn

Martin Rinkart, 1586-1649
Trans. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET 67.67.66.66
Johann Crüger, 1598-1662
Harm. by Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847



1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
2. O may this gracious God through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
The Son, and Spirit blest, who reigns in highest heaven,



Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
Preserve us in his grace, and guide us in distress,
Eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;



With countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.
And free us from all sin, till heaven we possess.
For thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more. Amen.



CONCLUDING RITES

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

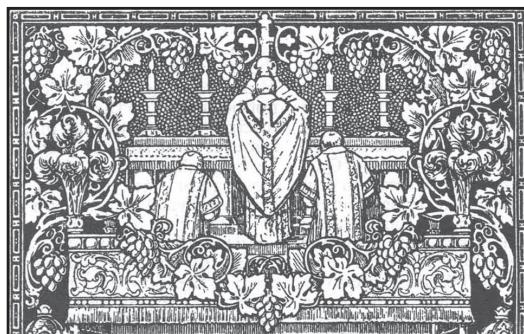
Priest May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Deacon Go in peace.

People Thanks be to God.

During Mass at St Mary's, the priest and people face the same direction at the altar, a custom that was once universal in the Catholic Church but is now rare in the celebration of the modern liturgy. For an explanation of this practice, please visit our parish website, smcgv.org, and look in the section called *Parish Links* for the essay entitled *Facing East to Pray*.



Page one: Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Greenville, SC. (20th century).

Page six: Tissot. *The Beatitudes Sermon*. (19th century).

Page ten: Saint Paul's Anglican Cathedral, Melbourne. (19th century).

Page fifteen: Rafael. *Disputation of the Holy Sacrament*. (1509).

Page sixteen: Book of Durrow (Gospels), detail of folio 85v. (c. 700).

from the office of readings
for the fourth sunday of the year

From Ignatius, known as Theophorus, to the Church of God the Father and of Jesus Christ, his beloved, at Smyrna in Asia, wishing you all joy in an immaculate spirit and the Word of God. By his mercy you have won every gift and lack none, filled as you are with faith and love, beloved of God and fruitful in sanctity.

I celebrate the glory of Jesus Christ as God, because he is responsible for your wisdom, well aware as I am of the perfection of your unshakeable faith. You are like men who have been nailed body and soul to the cross of Jesus Christ, confirmed in love by his blood.

In regard to the Lord, you firmly believe that he was of the race of David according to the flesh, but God's son by the will and power of God; truly born of the Virgin and baptized by John, that all justice might be fulfilled; truly nailed to a cross in the flesh for our sake under Pontius Pilate and the Tetrarch Herod, and of his most blessed passion we are the fruit. And thus, by his resurrection he raised up a standard over his saints and faithful ones for all time (both Jews and Gentiles alike) in the one body of his Church. For he endured all this for us, for our salvation; and he really suffered, and just as truly rose from the dead.

As for myself, I am convinced that he was united with his body even after the resurrection. When he visited Peter and his companions, he said to them: Take hold of me, touch me and see that I am not a spirit without a body. Immediately they touched him and believed, clutching at his body and his very spirit. And for this reason they despised death and conquered it. In addition, after his resurrection, the Lord ate and drank with them like a real human being, even though in spirit he was united with his Father. And so I am giving you serious instruction on these things, dearly beloved, even though I am aware that you believe them to be so.

- From a letter to the Church of Smyrna
by Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr (d. 108)



from the pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Christmas was forty days ago this Monday, and that is why 2 February is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a liturgical observance that began in Jerusalem in the fourth century. According to Chapter 12 of Leviticus, every Jewish woman who gave birth required a ritual purification from her flow of blood, and a sacrifice was to be offered to mark the new mother's return to the regular practice of prayer, commonly forty days after her child's birth. Saint Luke tells us in Chapter 2 of his Gospel that Joseph and Mary went to the Temple in Jerusalem to fulfill this precept of the Law, and there they encountered two faithful children of Israel who were always there in prayer, awaiting the arrival of the Messiah.

Simeon and Anna stand for all who will accept Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior and acclaim him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for your people Israel." Simeon also foretells the share that Mary will have in the suffering of her Son, and so the mysteries of Christ's birth and death are joined together in the Temple - the dwelling place of God on earth and the privileged place of sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins. Thus is the New Covenant hidden in the Old and the Old Covenant revealed in the New. And the place where the Old Covenant is fulfilled and the New Covenant is begun is none other than the heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and Mother of the Church.

Also on the Feast of the Presentation, candles are blessed for use at the altar because Christ is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles," and from the connection between the Presentation and the blessing of candles, this feast in the sacred liturgy is also called Candlemas. On this day we pray that the brightness of the candles we use in divine worship will awaken in our hearts love for the uncreated brilliance of Christ's perpetual light so that all people will see the unbounded light of His glory reflected in the holiness of His Church. All of these dimensions of this great feast are gathered together every time we pray the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Holy Rosary: the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

Finally, in 1997 Pope Saint John Paul the Great began a yearly World Day for Consecrated Life which he attached to the Feast of the Presentation. By living the grace of their Baptism in the most radical way, Christian men and women who profess the Evangelical Counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience are imitating Simeon and Anna and following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who placed her entire life at the service of the Lord and His holy Word. We are blessed at Saint Mary's to have the splendid witness of the Nashville Dominican Sisters, who remind us of the need of all Christians to surrender our entire lives in the obedience of faith to Christ the Lord. And each Wednesday afternoon during the Holy Hour, we pray for vocations for the priesthood and the consecrated life, asking the Lord of mercies to call young men and women from this parish to give themselves without reservation or compromise to the proclamation of the Gospel.

Father Newman