



# St Mary's Catholic Church



## Greenville, South Carolina

17 January 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write these words, I am still at home in isolation because of Covid-19, and I am most fortunate to have had the very mildest symptoms. I will return to my regular schedule this weekend and beyond, and I am grateful to everyone for your prayerful support in these days.

As the world approaches a full year of this pandemic, it occurs to me that fear and fatigue have led us to regard other people as the enemies of public health because the virus spreads among us through human hosts. But other people are not our adversaries, and the human race is not a virus. Our enemy in this struggle is the virus itself, and it moves without purpose or plan because it is simply an organism behaving as it must.

Do you remember Fifteen Days to Flatten the Curve? That was the first plan proposed by the federal government last Spring, and its purpose was simple: everyone stay home for two weeks so that we can prevent our hospitals from being overwhelmed by patients needing critical care. And here we are many months later still scrambling to live as normally as possible while contending with a relentless foe.

A few days before I came down with the bug, I was in a store where a woman slapped a man in the face for not wearing a mask. It turns out that he had the mask in his pocket but walked into the store while continuing a conversation on his phone that had begun in his car, thus forgetting to stop and put on his mask. I submit that the fear and contempt reflected in the violent assault on his human dignity is a worse threat to public health than the coronavirus, and that sort of estrangement from each other is something we can prevent in a way that we cannot prevent the spread of the virus.

No power on this planet can prevent the spread of viruses, and we live with them all the time. Some of them make us sick; some of them can kill us. Medical science and public policy can work together to help us fight the diseases that come from viruses, but the idea that we can create a zone of perfect safety is a dangerous illusion. Friends, we are all going to get this virus, and the vaccines now available don't prevent us from being infected by the virus, they simply help our bodies fight off the virus without experiencing the worst symptoms of the disease.

Stay home if you need to. Be mindful of others at all times. Get the vaccine when it becomes available. And live every day with gratitude for the gift of life and respect for all the people around us. Other people are not our adversaries; the virus is, and until last year the human race had never before encountered this threat. But it is here to stay now, and we must all learn to live with it. A good dose of healthy Christian realism is just the medicine we need right now.

Father Newman



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OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

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December 28, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our social, economic, political, and religious lives in ways no one ever imagined. Yet we are not without hope during this time, as people have been working hard for better treatments and now several effective vaccines are available.

The two current vaccines available in the U.S., made by Pfizer and Moderna, have not been derived from the morally tainted fetal stem cell lines. Unfortunately, a fetal stem cell line was utilized for some of the testing of these vaccines. However, after careful examination and consultation with Catholic theologians, scientists, and bioethicists, the Church teaches that it is morally permissible for people to take these vaccines, if others without any connection to these stem cell lines are unavailable. Put most simply, it is not sinful to receive these vaccines.

Catholics also have a duty to make pharmaceutical companies and political leaders know their complete disagreement with developing any vaccine derived in an unethical manner. I call upon each of us to pray and work for the continued development and distribution of safe and effective vaccines that are untainted by involvement or association with abortion.

Lastly, I want to convey the importance of individual discernment as we determine our own healthcare decisions. Certain subsets of our society may be required to vaccinate for the health and safety of those in their care or simply by the nature of their stage of life or health conditions. However, those individuals who are outside the immediate at-risk groups and caregivers, must make a prudential judgment weighting all the factors, such as individual circumstances, responsibilities to the common good and the particular vaccines available. Let us all continue to pray for an end of the pandemic and working for an end to abortion.

In the Lord's Peace,

Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone  
*Bishop of Charleston*

# Calendar of Events

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday, 17 January 2021

7.30 am Fr Jay Scott Newman  
 9.00 am ✱ Ed Swift  
 11.00 am Pro populo  
 1.00 pm Spanish Mass

### Monday, 18 January 2021

7.00 am ✱ Argemira Palacio

### Tuesday, 19 January 2021

7.00 am ✱ Jimmy Slattery

### Wednesday, 20 January 2021

7.00 am ✱ Jonathan Hipps

### Thursday, 21 January 2021

7.00 am ✱ Margaret Lavelle

### Friday, 22 January 2021

7.00 am ✱ David Schumacher

### Saturday, 23 January 2021

5.00 pm ✱ Frank & Frances Watkins

## Meetings & Events \*\*

### Sunday, 17 January 2021

K of C Breakfast: After 7.30 am &  
 9.00 am Masses (P)  
 9.00 am Sunday Morning Bible Study  
 5.30 pm High School Youth Group (M)  
 6.00 pm Women of Grace Bible Study

### Monday, 18 January 2021

**MLK Day - Parish office closed**

### Tuesday, 19 January 2021

7.00 pm Spanish Bible Class

### Wednesday, 20 January 2021

7.30 am SMCS Mom's Bible Study  
 9.30 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
 5.00 - 6.00 pm Holy Hour and  
 Confessions (church)  
 6.30 pm Introduction to Catholicism (M)

### Thursday, 21 January 2021

### Friday, 22 January 2021

5.30 - 6.30 am Pillars of Christ (early group)  
 6.15 am Morning Prayers (church)  
 6.30 - 8.00 am Pillars of Christ  
 10.00 am Scripture Study  
 8.00 pm Spanish Rosary Gathering

### Saturday, 23 January 2021

3.30 - 4.30 pm Confessions (church)

## Financial Report

### Weekend of 9/10 January

Needed	35,900
Received	34,198
Shortage	-1,702

Poor Box	576
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### Offertory Year to Date

Needed	1,005,200
Received	1,022,093
Surplus	+16,893

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

## *Forward in Faith* Capital Campaign \$7 Million to Raise 2019 to 2023

Donations Received	2,941,687
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Pledge Balance	1,026,362
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Still to Go	3,031,950
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G - Gallivan Hall      M - McGrady Hall  
 P - Pazdan Hall

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

## Requiescat in pace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lisa Watkins, who died recently. We extend our prayers and sympathy to her 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 Paulina Cruz, Brett Gervais, Michael Pinto, Joseph & Sandy Srp, Marie-Therese Isidore, Carlton Carpenter, Jim Barber, Mauren Lukovic, Christine Tancrell, Celsea Patry, John Tyler, Hunter Conant, Lori Wylie, Kenneth & Nancy Tessier, Patricia O'Leary, Robert Brown, John Hever, Juliet Roy, Chris Papademitriou, Jeannine Harvey, Ellen Plowden, Mary Stillmock, Shelby Gaschler, Rose Mary Koski, James Smith, Anna Deehan, Nancy Laliberty, Cole Henderson, Julie Birello, Fr Louis Marie Leonelli, Amal Long, Marilyn Postell, and John Paul Serpa.

## Knights of Columbus Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast is 17 January after the 7.30 am and 9.00 am Masses in Pazdan Hall dining room. If you would like a to-go box, you can either go through the serving line or text your order before Mass to 864-497-4804 (menu on board outside Church) and we will have it ready for you.

*\*We ask you to follow the same recommendations for social distancing and mask wearing as prescribed by the diocese.*

Please support the Knights of Columbus. We are way behind on our income for the year to support our charitable causes due to COVID restrictions. These breakfasts are the main income source for the Knights and we look forward to serving you. Also, for all you men out there, please consider joining our fraternal organization.

## Welcome Newcomers

We welcome the following new members to our parish family: Ms. Gabrielle G. Andrews, Prof. Lara W. Elie-Joseph, and Dr. & Mrs. John C. Carrano.

## PARISH NEWS

## Collection for 16/17 January

Support of the Parish &  
The Catholic Miscellany

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

## Parish Office Closure

The parish office will be closed on Monday  
18 January for the Martin Luther King, Jr holiday.

## 2020 Tax Statements

Please contact Jennifer Anderson, Director of Finance, at [jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:jennifer.anderson@stmarysgvl.org) or 864.679.4102 if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2020. Please allow several days to process and mail your statement.

**Tax statements are only mailed upon request.**

## Bulletin Submissions

The deadline for items is 12 days prior to the bulletin date. To submit items for the eBulletin, contact Jenni at [jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:jenni.dillard@stmarysgvl.org).

## Prayer Chain Ministry

St Mary's Prayer Chain is a network of parishioners who receive prayer requests by telephone and then pray for those requests. Please call the office at 271.8422, ext. 127 to submit your requests. Information received will be kept confidential.

## Congratulations to

Albert Joseph Archibald Waters who was baptized last weekend.

**GREENVILLE DEANERY  
of the  
South Carolina Council of Catholic Women**



The Winter Meeting of the Greenville Deanery of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, 17 January 2021, at the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church gymnasium. The members of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Women's Council will host the meeting and luncheon located at 309 Gower Street, Greenville, SC 29611. There is plenty of space to spread out. We will practice distancing and ask everybody to wear a mask. There is no cost for the luncheon. We welcome all women from the Upstate parishes as we gather together doing God's work. Contact President Veronica Yockey at [veronica.yockey@gmail.com](mailto:veronica.yockey@gmail.com) or 864-246-5777 for questions.



## St Mary's Religious Education 2020-21



### **Religious Education Grades 1-8**

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Classes for grades 1- 8 meet on the second Wednesday of the month 6.30pm– 7.30pm. The next class is Wednesday 10 February at 6.30 pm.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**Contact Linda Jackson**

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



## Daily Mass Readings

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

## St Mary's School - AmazonSmile

**amazon**smile Sign into your Amazon account, and select St Mary's Catholic School as your organization of choice. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products. you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile.

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/57-0426237>

Encourage your friends and family to help SMS by signing up for AmazonSmile!

## Caritas Counseling Services, LLC

Counseling services are available at St. Mary's. Contact Dorothy Whalen by phone at 864.679.4122 or by email at [dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:dorothy.whalen@stmarysgvl.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.*

## St Mary's is online:

**Website** <https://smcgv1.org>

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/stmarysgvl/>

## Weekend Masses & Streaming Mass in Gallivan Hall

Gallivan Hall is open during every weekend Mass to provide plenty of room for everyone. Mass is clearly visible and audible in Gallivan Hall thanks to our cinema screen and sound system, and the rest rooms to the left of the stage will be open.

### **\*\* Help us keep Gallivan Hall ready for the next Mass:**

While you are welcome to move chairs to allow your family to sit closer together, please return them to their original location after Mass. Also, please take home or throw away your Mass booklet. Thank you for your cooperation. **\*\***

Please note that every other pew remains closed to allow for social distancing, and we continue to encourage strongly the wearing of a face mask and careful attention to hand washing and purifying to help reduce the spread of the virus. Our cry rooms remain closed because proper distancing is not possible in those spaces, and for now Confessions are being heard in the cry rooms on Saturday from 3.30 - 4.30 pm. The Wednesday afternoon Holy Hour has returned from 5.00 - 6.00 pm.

Finally, the dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in force, which means that no one is required to attend Mass, even though all must find a way to keep the Lord's Day holy, and the best way to do that is by joining in the sacred liturgy live-streamed on Sunday morning at 11 am. If you are at risk of the severe symptoms possible from exposure to SARS-CoV-2, then please stay home and join us in prayer remotely.

## 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. For questions, contact T.J. Nielsen at 864.679.4114 or [timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org](mailto:timothy.nielsen@stmarysgvl.org).

## Natural Family Planning Classes

Virtual and in person NFP Introductory Sessions are available this February. Register by email.

Virtual Sessions are Thursday 11 February at 7 pm -  
lexiesawonik@gmail.com and NaProNurse@aol.com and  
Thursday 25 February at 6.30 pm - janellenapro@gmail.com

In Person Session is Wednesday 17 February at 6.30 pm at St Joseph Catholic Church (Columbia) - naprogal@gmail.com

## Catholic Charities

### Our Lady's Food Pantry



The pantry (2300 Old Buncombe Rd, Greenville 29609 behind San Sebastian mission church) is currently looking for a couple of volunteer drivers to drive the pantry truck to the food bank, help load the items into the truck, and help unload the items at the pantry. The time commitment will be from 9.30-11.30 am on Mondays, and you can volunteer once a week or once a month. If interested, schedule a tour and training (2 hours) with Gracie Ortiz, Catholic Charities Regional Coordinator for the Upstate, at gortiz@charlestondiocese.org or 864.331.2626.

### Catholic Charities Clothing Closet

Catholic Charities of SC Upstate has opened a new clothing closet to complement our other services! Open the 1st and 4th Saturdays of the month during Mobile Clean of Heart (10 am-1 pm), our clothing closet provides clothes to those in need. The closet is entirely donation based. Therefore, to continue to provide clothes, your generosity is much appreciated. The most pressing needs are:

- Pants, sweaters, long sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, and jeans (M/L/XL+ preferred)
- Coats and jackets
- Comfortable shoes (like tennis shoes; no heels please)
- New or gently used socks
- NEW underwear (M-L+ sizes preferred)
- Hats and gloves

Donations can be dropped off at Catholic Charities at 2300 Old Buncombe Rd during pantry hours (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-3 pm), or sent to us using the below Amazon wish list link. Please designate you are a St Mary's parishioner and choose the Catholic Charities - Piedmont address at checkout. Please include your name or 'Anonymous'. Thank you!

[www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1M8C467DC7G38?ref\\_=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1M8C467DC7G38?ref_=wl_share)



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visit [CatholicRadioinSC.com](http://CatholicRadioinSC.com).

## PERPETUAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

### Prince of Peace

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest." Matthew 11.28*

To share an hour with the Lord, contact Lisa Buss at 864.508.7123 or [adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org](mailto:adoration@princeofpeacetaylors.org). All hours are available for adoption, but please consider one of the following hours:

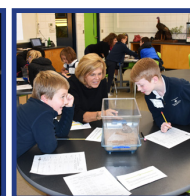
Monday 12 pm  
Wednesday 11 pm  
Saturday 2 pm

### Formed.org

Online resources are available to every member of our parish. Register using our parish code: **8B7VRM**.

## st. mary's catholic school

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Priority Testing Dates  
January 23  
February 20

Call to schedule your  
school tour: 864.679.4117

Grades  
K3-8



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