

# *The Third Sunday of Lent*

## **Mass Intentions**

If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office at [office@sma.church](mailto:office@sma.church).

### **Saturday, March 2**

*Lenten Saturday*

8:00am: +Kathleen Blanchard+

5:00pm: The Rosenblum Family

### **Sunday, March 3**

*The Third Sunday in Lent*

9:00am: Pro Populo

### **Monday, March 4**

*Optional Memorial of St. Casimir*

8:00am: +Dooley Fava+

### **Tuesday, March 5**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:00am: +Kathleen Blanchard+

### **Wednesday, March 6**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:00am: Priest's Intention

### **Thursday, March 7**

*Optional Memorial of Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

8:00am: Priest's Intention

### **Friday, March 8**

*Optional Memorial of St. John of God, Religious*

8:00am: Priest's Intention

### **Saturday, March 9**

*Optional Memorial of St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

8:00am: +Kathleen Blanchard+

5:00pm: Margaret Haygood

+denotes the person is deceased+

## **Housebound? Going into the Hospital?**

If you or your loved one would like to receive the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Eucharist, please contact Msgr. Droze at 843.834.7050 or Father Allen at 843.261.4188. Your contact is the only way we will know you are in need.

## **Parish News**

### **Stations of the Cross**

On Fridays in Lent there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions from 4:30pm – 5:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm.

### **Volunteer Ministry Opportunities**

This week we especially are seeking volunteers for the Seafarers Ministry. A sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's Parish continues to seek volunteers for the various ministries for the religious and social activities that make St. Mary's a more vibrant Catholic community. Sign up sheets are already in the Parish Hall for the following ministries:

- Hospitality (Sunday Coffee)
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Lectors
- Ushers
- Counters
- Altar Servers
- Greeters
- Choir
- Ladies Altar Society
- Men's Holy Name Society
- Adult Education
- St. Vincent de Paul

Next week we will be adding a sign-up sheet for the Finance Committee; to be followed by the Building & Grounds Ministry.

**Thank you** to all those who have volunteered and continue to serve in our various ministries.

### **Please Pray for:**

Alice	Caleb Marshall
Clayton	Steve McLaughlin
DBF	Robin Mahal
Regina	Michael Moore
D. Carter	Robin Ann Parker
Robin Dagostino	Sydney Reddick
John Devane	John Rowland
Steve Donaldson	David Shah
C. Evans	Joe Ward
David Kerr	Carole White
Paul Madden	Chloe
Nancy S.	Marvin H.
Joe Neuhooff, Jr	Val Preston
Keith Preston	Norma Nance
Richard Redican	Carter Naile
Diane P.	Laura Fontaine
Janet Mogolnicki	Nick Digangi
Joan Bowie	James Darby Parker
Eleanor Alter	Kathy Thom
Nicole Carey	Mark E.
Maggie	Carson Parker

To add someone to the prayer list, email the person's name to [office@sma.church](mailto:office@sma.church).

## Spiritual Reflection

- From a sermon by St. Gregory Nazianzen

*Blessed are the merciful, because they shall obtain mercy, says the Scripture. Mercy is not the least of the beatitudes. Again: Blessed is he who is considerate to the needy and the poor. Once more: Generous is the man who is merciful and lends. In another place: All day the just man is merciful and lends. Let us lay hold of this blessing, let us earn the name of being considerate, let us be generous.*

Not even night should interrupt you in your duty of mercy. Do not say: *Come back and I will give you something tomorrow.* There should be no delay between your intention and your good deed. Generosity is the one thing that cannot admit of delay.

*Share your bread with the hungry, and bring the needy and the homeless into your house with a joyful and eager heart. He who does acts of mercy should do so with cheerfulness.* The grace of a good deed is doubled when it is done with promptness and speed. What is given with a bad grace or against one's will is distasteful and far from praiseworthy.

When we perform an act of kindness we should rejoice and not be sad about it. *If you undo the shackles and the thongs,* says Isaiah, that is, if you do away with miserliness and counting the cost, with hesitation and grumbling, what will be the result? Something great and wonderful! What a marvelous reward there will be: *Your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will rise up quickly.* Who would not aspire to light and healing?

If you think that I have something to say, servants of Christ, his brethren and co-heirs, let us visit Christ whenever we may; let us care for him, feed him, clothe him, welcome him, honor him, not only at a meal, as some have done, or by anointing him, as Mary did, or only by lending him a tomb, like Joseph of Arimathea, or by arranging for his burial, like Nicodemus, who loved Christ half-heartedly, or by giving him gold, frankincense and myrrh, like the Magi before all these others. The Lord of all asks for mercy, not sacrifice, and mercy is greater than myriads of fattened lambs. Let us then show him mercy in the persons of the poor and those who today are lying on the ground, so that when we come to leave this world they may receive us into everlasting dwelling places, in Christ our Lord himself, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

## Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

High School Youth Group: High School Youth Group meets this Sunday, March 3rd, from 6:00pm -8:00pm, where we will be doing our first life skills night on changing a tire!

Middle School Youth: St. Mary's youth are invited to St. Joseph's for middle school youth nights every other Thursday at St. Joseph's! Our next meeting is March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm -7:45pm, where we will be doing a prayer night and talking about not being anxious about the future and God's calling in our lives.

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Instagram: @saintmarychasym

## Charleston Catholic School

We invite current families and alumni to our CCS Oyster Roast. This is an adult only event.

Ticket sales will go towards the 8th grade class trip.

Enjoy music, food, and catch up with familiar faces.

Saturday, March 9, CCS Playground  
6-9 pm - \$35 per person

Venmo - @CharlestonCatholic-School

Visit [charlestoncatholic.com](http://charlestoncatholic.com) to learn about CCS!

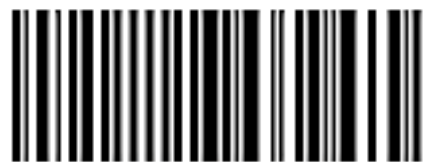
## St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, and the Ladies Auxiliary is hosting their 2nd Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 3rd at the Cathedral from 3pm to 6pm. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students, and free for children 5 and under. There will be Irish Step Dancers, Trad Musicians, Bagpipers, a Silent Auction and more!

## Parking Code

For free parking in the city garage during Sunday Mass, please scan this barcode in the parking kiosk.

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## Upcoming Events

**Catholic Relief Services.** The Second Collection next week (March 8 – 9) is for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to enact the mission of the Bishops of the United States which is serving those in need overseas and here at home. CRS provides support and resources in emergencies, to fight disease and poverty, and works to show the face of Christ to the most vulnerable and impoverished among us.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** for Post Abortion Healing is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion. On the retreat you can find peace, love, mercy and forgiveness and also strengthen your relationship with God. The next retreat in South Carolina is: April 19-21 in the Fort Mill area (English) For more information or registration, please contact at Christy 803 554 6088 or Kathy 803 546 6010; or at [Grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:Grace4healing@gmail.com) or [rachelsvineyard.org](http://rachelsvineyard.org).

**St. Patrick's Day Parade.** Everyone, Irish or not, is invited to join the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Knights of Columbus and the South Carolina Irish Historical Society in celebrating a family-friendly St. Patrick's Day on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Festivities begin at 8:00am with Mass at St. Patrick's Church, 134 St. Philip Street. The Parade begins at 10:00am at King & Radcliffe Streets then proceeding down King Street and ending at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Questions: [finnegan5@bellsouth.net](mailto:finnegan5@bellsouth.net) Website: <https://charlestonstpatrickdayparade.wordpress.com/>

## Ministry Schedule

	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Safety</i>	<i>Usher</i>
<b>March 2 – March 3: The Third Sunday of Lent</b>						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Bill Booth Mary Frances Kastner	Tommy Hartnett-1 <sup>st</sup> Pete Ward-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pete Ward Open	Open Open Bennett Sease Open	John Pauldine Marc Oberdorff	Ryan Loughran
Sunday 9:00 AM	Mary Gastley Lee Gastley	Anne Frances Bleeker-1 <sup>st</sup> Robert Hagood-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Betsy Cahill Al Stiles Roy Howell Billy Condon	Open Sarah Gill Max Barreira Molly Gill	Denny O'Brien John Gill	John Cahill
Sunday Hospitality: L. Hammerbacher M. F. Kastner S. Moore D. Pauldine R. Rowland T. Hunter M. Moore. A. Condon. R. Dykeman						
<b>March 9 – March 10: The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)</b>						
Saturday 5:00 PM	John Gill Mary Catherine Gill	Jimmy McAlister-1 <sup>st</sup> Brandon Hoffman-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adelaida Bennett Pete Ward	Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Jack Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Travis Hipp Glenn Hammerbacher	Open
Sunday 9:00 AM	Anne Condon Billy Condon	Conrad Linhart-1 <sup>st</sup> Randy Teegardin-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cathy Rosenblum Roy Howell April Cullen Nicholas Lyden	Matthew Teegardin Jane Teegardin Pippa Taylor Liam Teegardin	Taylor Rodriguez Mark Zdanewicz	Ryan Loughran
Sunday Hospitality: D. Lipman D. Coakley C. Dalla Mura L. Jones B. Martin						

## Offertory Report

February 24 - February 125	Budget	Variance
<b>Offertory</b>		
In Pew \$	2,628.00	
Online \$	2,061.78	
C of C \$	175.00	
<b>This Week's Total</b> \$	4,864.78	\$ 8,443.00 \$ (3,578.22)
<b>Total Fiscal YTD</b> \$	253,053.71	\$ 295,505.00 \$ (42,451.29)
<b>Building &amp; Renovation</b>		
In Pew \$	386.00	
Online \$	126.01	
<b>Total</b> \$	512.01	\$ 4,000.00 \$ (3,487.99)
<b>Total Fiscal YTD</b> \$	139,245.19	\$ 140,000.00 \$ (754.81)
<b>Bicentennial Campaign</b>		
	Goal	Raised
In Pew \$	120.00	
Online		
<b>Total</b> \$	120.00	\$ 5,100,000.00 \$ 3,154,996.68
<b>Catholic Appeal of SC</b>		
\$	40.00	Goal Raised
		\$ 28,600.00 \$ 33,662.55

## Offertory Option

Giving online is easy and allows you to schedule contributions and view your complete online giving history. To do so, visit [sma.church/online-giving.html](http://sma.church/online-giving.html).

## Second Collection

The second collection for this week is for our Building and Renovation Fund. Next week, the second collection will be for Catholic Services Many thanks for your continued support!

## Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,154,996.68  
 Current Amount Collected: \$2,722,407.13  
 Fulfillment Rate: 86%  
 Still To Be Collected: \$432,589.55  
 Number of Donors: 170

We are planning the next phase of restoring the church ceiling paintings. To learn more and to pledge or make a donation online, please visit [sma.church](http://sma.church) and click on the "Bicentennial Campaign." Thank you to all who have made pledges. You have helped make all this possible.

*Saint Mary of the Annunciation, pray for us!*



## Baptisms

To have your child baptized, please call the Parish Office at 843.722.7696. Please call before the birth of your child.

## The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

The Wedding Policy Booklet may be found on our website: [sma.church/wedding-policy](http://sma.church/wedding-policy). Contact the Parish Office for more information, [office@sma.church](mailto:office@sma.church) or 843.722.7696. For Marriage Preparation / Request information please contact Angelia Grech at [grechj@comcast.net](mailto:grechj@comcast.net).

## Altar Flowers

Would you like to celebrate a special event or honor the memory of a loved one by sponsoring the Sunday flower arrangements? There are two arrangements in the sanctuary. Each arrangement sponsorship is \$75. Unless you prefer anonymity, your gift will be noted in the weekend bulletin. To make a request, please visit [sma.church/forms.html](http://sma.church/forms.html), download and print the form, and mail it to the Parish Office, with your check payable to the Parish. If you wish to learn which weekends are available, please call the Parish Office at 843.722.7696. Thank you for your gift of beauty to our Masses.

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**After Hours Emergency Number:**  
 843.834.7050

For help with food, electric & water bills, medical & prescription costs, rent, transportation, and clothing.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
 843.727.1577

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