

The First 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.

Saturday, February 17

Optional Memorial of the Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00am: *The Fisher & Rodansky Family*

5:00pm: *+Sister Maureen Tzinieris+*

Sunday, February 18

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9:00am: *Pro Populo*

Monday, February 19

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: *+Dooley Fava+*

Tuesday, February 20

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: *The Kerr Family*

Wednesday, February 21

Optional Memorial of St. Peter Damien, Bishop, Doctor

8:00am: *Priest's Intention*

Thursday, February 22

Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

8:00am: *Priest's Intention*

Friday, February 23

Optional Memorial of St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr

8:00am: *Priest's Intention*

Saturday, February 24

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: *The Scott Family*

5:00pm: *Ben & Kelly Navarro*

+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 Life Center

All parish groups wishing to use the Parish Life Center are asked to please let the office know in advance so we can add it to our date book. Please provide the name of the group, date and time, how many to attend, and any other requests.

Saint Mary of the Annunciation

Parish News

Lenten Services

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.

New Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office Hours are 9am – 2:30pm, Monday – Thursday and 9am – 12 noon on Friday.

Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

This week we especially are seeking volunteers for the Adult Education 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

Next week we will be adding a sign-up sheet for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul; to be followed by the Seafarers 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 Neuhoft, 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	

To add someone to the prayer list, email the person's name to office@sma.church.

Spiritual Reflection

- From a sermon of St Peter Chrysologus

There are three things, my brethren, by which faith stands firm, devotion, remains constant, and virtue endures. They are prayer, fasting and mercy.

Prayer knocks at the door, fasting obtains, mercy receives. Prayer, mercy and fasting: these three are one, and they give life to each other. Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. Let no one try to separate them; they cannot be separated. If you have only one of them or not all together, you have nothing. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself.

When you fast, see the fasting of others. If you want God to know that you are hungry, know that another is hungry. If you hope for mercy, show mercy. If you look for kindness, show kindness. If you want to receive, give. If you ask for yourself what you deny to others, your asking is a mockery.

Fasting bears no fruit unless it is watered by mercy. Fasting dries up when mercy dries up. Mercy is to fasting as rain is to the earth. However much you may cultivate your heart, clear the soil of your nature, root out vices, show virtues, if you do not release the springs of mercy, your fasting will bear no fruit. When you fast, if your mercy is thin your harvest will be thin; when you fast, what you pour out in mercy overflows into your barn. Therefore, do not lose by saving, but gathering by scattering. Give to the poor, and you give to yourself. You will not be allowed to keep what you have refused to give to others.

Diocesan Eucharistic Conference

Please join us for our first ever Diocesan Eucharistic Congress in Columbia, SC on April 6, 2024. This is an opportunity for the entire diocese to gather around our Lord in the Eucharist.

The event will feature great speakers including Bishop Joseph Espallat and Dr. Edward Sri. The event will also include Mass with Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston, a Eucharistic Procession, and opportunities for Adoration and Confession.

Due to limited capacity, this will be a ticketed event. Please contact the Parish Office for tickets or visit charlestondiocese.org/eucharistic-revival.

There are currently five (5) tickets available.

Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

High School Youth Group meets at St. Joseph's this Sunday, February 18th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will be having a night on detaching from distractions in this world, especially as we enter into the Lenten season.

Middle School Youth Group: 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 February 22nd from 6:00-7:45 p.m., where we will be doing a Life Skills night on Time Management.

Upcoming Events:

- Helping with St. Joseph SVDP and Summit Adventure Park: February 24th, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m
- Family Youth Night: Thursday, February 29th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Joseph's-Rising 6th grade is invited as well, contact Molly to sign up!

Molly Pereda, Youth Minister

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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 to learn about CCS!

Parking Code

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

City of Charleston



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St. Marys Church

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Upcoming Events

The Second Collection: Aid to the Black and Indian Missions. The funds from this collection are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs for our Black and Indian brothers and sisters. .

Songs for Lent. Again this year, St. Mary of the Annunciation parishioner and Yale-trained biblical scholar Betsy Cahill will be offering “Songs for Lent,” daily reflections on a psalm verse or verses from the lectionary, enhanced with images and music, a link to the readings, and a prayer. These are sent to participants every day via email. (There is no cost or obligation, and your email address is not shared.)

If you wish to subscribe, or if you have friends who may be interested, the sign-up form may be accessed through this link: <http://eepurl.com/gj22CH>, or at <http://betsycahill.com/>.

Reflections will begin on Wednesday, February 14 and go through Holy Saturday, March 30. There will be no reflection offered on Sundays. If you have further questions, you may reach Betsy at betsy@betsycahill.com.

Birthright of Charleston is looking for New Board Members and volunteers who will work with their clients. They are seeking compassionate people whose beliefs align with Birthright’s charter statement: It is the right of every mother to give birth and the right of every child to be born. Birthright is an abortion alternative crisis pregnancy center in West Ashley: they offer hope, love and support to any woman who is pregnant or thinks she may be pregnant. If interested, please call 843-556-4403 or email birthrightofcharleston@gmail.com.

Ministry Schedule

	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Safety</i>	<i>Usher</i>
February 17 – February 18: The First Sunday of Lent						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Mike Savinda Mary Frances Kastner	Jimmy McAlister-1 st Tommy Hartnett-2 nd	Pete Ward Jimmy McAlister	Open Open Open Open	Jordan Rock Open	Open
Sunday 9:00 AM	Beatty Martin James Martin	Brandon Hoffman-1 st Mark Zdanewicz-2 nd	Mary Elizabeth Sease Cathy Rosenblum Al Stiles Roy Howell	Sarah Gill Molly Gill Max Barreira Open	Jose Rodriguez Al Stiles	Glenn Hammerbacher
Sunday Hospitality: J. McDowell B. Ankersen C. Daniel D. Darling M. Gatley F. Killian S. Koval W. Koval						
February 24 – February 25: The Second Sunday of Lent						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Linda Jones Larry Jones	Al Stiles-1 st Tommy Hartnett-2 nd	John Cahill Betsy Cahill	Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Jack Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Carl Wohlfeil Ryan Loughran	Cliff Moore
Sunday 9:00 AM	John Gill Mary Catherine Gill	Jimmy McAlister-1 st Mary Elizabeth Sease-2 nd	Roy Howell Cathy Rosenblum Jimmy McAlister Brendan Hoffman	Jane Teegardin Pippa Taylor Liam Teegardin Open	Marc Oberdorff John Pauline	Lee Gastley
Sunday Hospitality: M. C. Gill D. Booth K. Duffy C. Linhart C. Newton G. Novello L. Simmons A. Stiles R. Tuten. A. Derry						

Offertory Report

February 10 - February 11		Budget		Variance
Offertory				
In Pew	\$	4,219.00		
Online	\$	2,712.59		
C of C	\$	267.00		
This Week's Total	\$	7,198.59	\$ 8,443.00	\$ (1,244.41)
Total Fiscal YTD	\$	242,464.69	\$ 278,619.00	\$ (36,154.31)
Building & Renovation				
In Pew	\$	1,865.00		
Online	\$	152.34		
Total	\$	2,017.34	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (1,982.66)
Total Fiscal YTD	\$	138,596.34	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 6,596.34
Bicentennial Campaign		Goal	Raised	
In Pew	\$	110.00		
Online	\$	30.00		
Total	\$	140.00	\$ 5,100,000.00	\$ 3,153,781.68
Catholic Appeal of SC		Goal	Raised	
	\$	130.00		
			\$ 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.

Second Collection

The second collection for this week is for Aid to the Black and Indian Missions. Next week the second collection will be for our Building and Renovation Fund. Many thanks for your continued support!

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,153,781.68
 Current Amount Collected: \$2,718,942.13
 Fulfillment Rate: 86%
 Still To Be Collected: \$434,839.55
 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 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. Contact the Parish Office for more information, office@sma.church or 843.722.7696. For Marriage Preparation / Request information please contact Angelia Grech at 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, 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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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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