

The Ascension of the Lord

Parish News

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office at office@sma.church or 843.722.7696. Learn more about Mass intentions at aleteia.org/2017/09/02/what-are-mass-intentions/.

Saturday, May 20

8:00am: +Marcella Lorsen+

5:00pm: Tom Finnegan

Sunday, May 21

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9:00am: Pro Populo

Monday, May 22

8:00am: Luke Linhart

Tuesday, May 23

8:00am: Robin Parker

Wednesday, May 24

8:00am: +Judy Imbus+ & Bob Imbus

Thursday, May 25

8:00am: +Peter Derry+

Friday, May 26

8:00am: +Ida Achterhof+

Saturday, May 27

8:00am: Mark & Martha Matic

5:00pm: Pro Populo

+denotes the person is deceased+

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 Neuhoff, Jr	Jo Fortunato
Keith Preston	Val Preston
Richard Redican	Norma Nance

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

Parking Code

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

Saint Mary of the Annunciation

Congratulations

Congratulations to, and blessings on, Victoria Bailey, who graduated from MUSC on May 20th. May there be an abundance of healing gifts as she assumes the ministry of healing and may she always be in our prayers.

Adult Faith Formation and RCIA

Please join us to study the USCCB's Catechism for Adults on Sundays after 9am Mass in the Parish Office. If you want to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches, are curious about the Church, or seeking to complete your sacramental initiation, or interested in joining the Catholic Church, these classes are for you! Please contact John Thom at thomjff@icloud.com or the Parish Office at office@sma.church or 843.722.7696 with any questions.

Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

High School Youth Night-Last School Year Meeting: Sunday, May 21st, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph's. Join our Diocesan Missionary, Antoinette, for marshmallow, games and fun, with end of the year gifts!

High School Summer Costco Outing: Sunday, June 4th, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Contact Molly Pereda for a permission slip.

Middle/High School Summer Bible Study with Blessed Sacrament: First meeting Wednesday, June 7th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament. Contact Molly Pereda for more information.

Rising 8th-12th grade are encouraged to sign up for our summer service retreat, June 28th-30th. Please contact Molly Pereda for more information.

Make sure to reach out to Molly Pereda for the summer events calendar.

Molly Pereda. Youth Minister
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St. Mary's Church

Spiritual Reading

From a sermon by St. Augustine:

“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* and when he said: *I was hungry and you gave me food.*

Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him? While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.*

These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are the sons of God. So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body.

Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head.”

Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (Bishop's Annual Appeal)

Please remember, if you have not done so, to complete your pledge offering to the Catholic Appeal for South Carolina (CASC). The diocesan programs and ministries supported by the CASC include Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools, Vocations, Retired Priests, Youth and Young Adult Ministries and so many more.

You may fulfill your pledge:

- On-line (credit card or direct debit) at <https://charlestdiocese.org/donate/>,
- By sending a check to the Diocesan Office of Stewardship and Mission Advancement
- By check or cash in the collection basket using the blue envelope in your monthly packet.

The 2023 goal for the diocese is \$5 million. The parish goal for 2023 is \$28,600. We will receive back 50% of anything over our goal.

- Raised-To-Date: \$35,876.55
- Percentage of Goal: 125%
- Participating Families: 34
- Percent of families participating to-date = 11%

Every dollar counts to the parish and diocesan goal, and so does the family participation rate. Please prayerfully consider a pledge and donation.

Thanks so much for your generous response!

Housebound? Going into the Hospital? Recuperating at Home?

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 Service Opportunities

Are you looking for a way to serve your church? We are looking for parishioners to help in the followings ways:

Adult Altar Servers: We are in need of adult altar servers who are able to serve at funerals and other events that happen during the week.

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Around the Diocese

Sacristan Needed: The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston, South Carolina, is seeking a part-time Sacristan. The Sacristan performs duties which are concerned with the care and upkeep of the Cathedral church building and sacristies. Duties include: preparing the Cathedral for Mass and other liturgical functions; directing volunteers to help in cleaning the church and setting up for liturgies; keeping inventories of items such as altar bread, wine, candles, charcoal and incense, and notifying appropriate staff when to order; polishing metalware as needed; making sure candles are replenished for use in the liturgy; keeping sacristies clean and organized; and other duties as assigned by the Rector. Hours are flexible. Must have working knowledge or willingness to learn the workings of the sacred liturgy and liturgical seasons of the Catholic Church. If interested, please email Stephanie Stewart at executive.assistant@charlestoncathedral.com.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Put Spring into your marriage! The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God. It offers married couples an opportunity to learn a technique of loving communication that you can use for the rest of your lives. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Nov 10-12, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Jan 26-28, 2024 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

Ministry Schedule

	Greeters	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Safety	Usher
May 20 – May 21: The Ascension of the Lord						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Joseph Koval Susan Koval	Pete Ward-1 st Tommy Hartnett-2 nd	John Cahill Betsy Cahill	Conrad Linhart Open Open Bennett Sease	Marc Oberdorff John Pauldine	Lee Gastley
Sunday 9:00 AM	James Godefroy Kara Beth Godefroy	Cherie Aimar-1 st Anne Francis Bleeker-2 nd	Brandon Hoffman Roy Howell	Catie Gill Sarah Gill Max Barreira Molly Gill	Denny O'Brien John Gill	Billy Condon
Sunday Hospitality: A. Dolan A. Cullen R. Pardieck H. Volgel L. Willard K. Robinson						
May 27 – May 28: Pentecost						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Michael Powell Christine Powell	Bill Booth-1 st Adelaida Bennett-2 nd	Mary Elizabeth Sease Adelaida Bennett	Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Jack Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Jose Rodriguez Al Stiles	Open
Sunday 9:00 AM	Mary Francis Kastner Mary Catherine Gill	Tommy Hartnett-1 st Randy Teegardin	John Cahill Betsy Cahill	Matthew Teegardin Jane Teegardin Pippa Taylor Liam Teegardin	Glenn Hammerbacher Travis Hipp	Roy Howell
Sunday Hospitality: No Coffee / Memorial Day						

Offertory Report

May 13 - May 14	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$ 3,829.00		
Online \$ 3,028.00		
C of C Campus Ministry		
This Week's Total \$ 6,857.00	\$ 7,211.00	\$ (354.00)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 345,559.41	\$ 338,706.00	\$ 6,853.41
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$ 415.00		
Online		
Total \$ 415.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (585.00)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 60,799.18	\$ 46,000.00	\$ 14,799.18
Centennial Campaign		
	Goal	Pledged
In Pew		
Online		
Total \$ -	\$ 5,100,000.00	\$3,116,790.55
Catholic Appeal of SC \$ 110.00	Goal	Raised
	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 34,851.55

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 this week is for the Catholic Communications Campaign. The Catholic Communication Campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message in the U.S. and in developing countries using modern media tools to inform, inspire, and enlighten.

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,123,218.55
 Current Amount Collected: \$2,379,250.77
 Fulfillment Rate: 76%
 Still To Be Collected: \$743,967.78
 Number of Donors: 159

Work continues on the courtyard of the Parish Hall. 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.

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 Becky in the office at 843.722.7696. Thank you for your gift of beauty to our Masses.

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After Hours Emergency Number:
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 843.727.1577

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