

The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish News

Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

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

This week we especially are seeking volunteers for Greeters. Next week we will be adding a sign-up sheet for the Choir; to be followed by the Ladies Altar Society.

Thank you to all those who volunteered and continue to serve in our various ministries. Please stop by the Sacristy to pick up a gift from the Parish to thank you for your service to St. Mary's.

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.

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	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	

Mass Intentions

If you would like a Mass offered for a special intention, please contact the Parish Office at office@sma.church.

Saturday, January 20

Optional Memorial of St. Fabian, Pope, Martyr or St. Sebastian, Martyr

8:00am: Ted Albenesius III

5:00pm: Alexander Smith

Sunday, January 21

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9:00am: Pro Populo

Monday, January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00am: +Judith McDowell+

Tuesday, January 23

Optional Memorial of St. Vincent, Deacon, Martyr or St. Marianne Cope

8:00am: +Dooley Fava+

Wednesday, January 24

Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Thursday, January 25

Feast of The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

8:00am: +Barbara Whidden+

Friday, January 26

Memorial of Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Saturday, January 27

Optional Memorial of St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:00am: Beemok Foundation

5:00pm: Robert & Margaret Hagood

+denotes the person is deceased+

Bob Imbus

In your mercy, please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of our parishioner Bob Imbus. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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.

Spiritual Reflection

-From the encyclical 'The Mystery of Faith' of Pope Paul VI

In a most sublime manner, Christ is present in his Church as she offers in his name the sacrifice of the Mass. He is present in her as she administers the sacraments. But there is yet another manner in which Christ is present in his Church, a manner which surpasses all the others; it is his presence in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, which is for this reason a more consoling source of devotion, a more lovely object of contemplation, a more effective means of sanctification than all the other sacraments. The reason is clear: it contains Christ himself and it is a kind of perfection of the spiritual life; in a way, it is the goal of all the sacraments.

This presence is called 'real' – by which it is not intended to exclude all other types of presence as if they could not be 'real' too – but because it is presence in the fullest sense: that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, the God-Man, is wholly and entirely present.

No one can fail to understand that the Divine Eucharist bestows upon the Christian people an incomparable dignity. Not only while the sacrifice is offered and the sacrament is received, but as long as the Eucharist is kept in our churches and oratories, Christ is truly the Emmanuel, that is, 'God with us.' Day and night he is in our midst, he dwells with us full of grace and truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtues, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak. He proposes his own example to those who come to him that all may learn to be, like himself, meek and humble of heart and to seek not their own interests but those of God.

Anyone who approaches this august Sacrament with special devotion and endeavors to return generous love for Christ's own infinite love, will experience and fully understand – not without spiritual joy and fruit – how precious is the life hidden with Christ in God and how great is the value of conversation with Christ, for there is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness.

Further, you realize, venerable brothers, that the Eucharist is reserved in the churches and oratories as in the spiritual center of a religious community or of a parish, yes, of the universal Church and of all of humanity, since beneath the appearance of the species, Christ is contained, the invisible Head of the Church, the Redeemer of the World, the Centre of all hearts, 'by whom all things are and by whom we exist.

Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

High School Youth Group: We will *not* be having High School Youth Group on January 21st or January 28th. We will see you February 4th for a movie night of "Back to the Future"!

Middle School Youth Group: Middle School Winter Retreat: February 3rd-4th at Camp Saint Christopher! (Cost is \$125.00), contact Molly if interested!

Upcoming Retreats and Camp Opportunities:

Reserve your spot for these events now by contacting Molly Pereda!

- High School Youth Conference: March 8th-10th. (Cost \$50.00)---Need to know by February 12th.
- Middle School Life Teen Summer Camp: June 17th-22nd, Reserve your spot now! (Need to Know by February 1st)
- High School Life Teen Summer Camp: July 29th-August 3rd, Reserve your spot now! (Need to Know by February 1st)

Contact Molly Pereda with questions and to reserve your spot on these events!

Molly Pereda, Youth Minister

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Charleston Catholic School

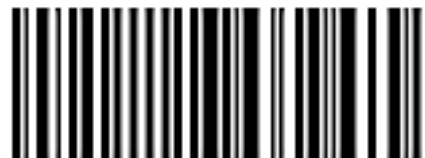
CCS is having an Open House for any new/prospective families on Wednesday, January 31 at 10 am.

Please call the school at 843-855-4495 to RSVP. www.charlestoncatholic.com

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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Diocesan News

Anniversary Mass. The Diocese of Charleston celebrates your marriage! The annual Anniversary Mass will be held on February 4th at 2pm at St. Clare of Assisi in Daniel Island. Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune will be the main celebrant. Please register so that we can have a certificate prepared for you! <https://bit.ly/2024-bilingual-mass>



Thank you, salamat, σας ευχαριστώ, podziękowanie, hvala, 고맙습니다, danke, Дякую, grazie, vā mulțumim, merci, Спасибо, terima kasih! On behalf of the Stella Maris Seafarers' Ministry, the Charleston Port and Seafarers' Society, and all of the seafarers, I want to thank you for your support of the Christmas-at-Sea program.

This year we were able to give out over 3,400 Christmas packages to the men and women we serve. For those who were far from their homes at Christmas this was a small, but greatly appreciated reminder that they are not forgotten, that the Lord cares for all of them. May God bless you always. Our Lady, Stella Maris, pray for us.

-- Peace, Deacon Paul Rosenblum, Stella Maris Seafarers' Ministry, Diocesan Port Minister

Ministry Schedule

	Greeters	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Safety	Usher
January 20 – January 21: The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Linda Jones Larry Jones	Pete Ward-1 st Anne Frances Bleeker-2 nd	Adelaida Bennett Pete Ward	Mary Margaret Hagood Virginia Hagood Bennett Sease Open	Jordan Rock Open	Lee Gastley
Sunday 9:00 AM	Anne Condon Billy Condon	Cherie Aimar-1 st Roy Howell-2 nd	Brandon Hoffman Cathy Rosenblum Al Stiles Jimmy McAlister	Sarah Gill Max Barreira Molly Gill Open	Jose Rodriguez Al Stiles	Glenn Hammerbacher
Sunday Hospitality: A. Dolan A. Cullen R. Pardieck H. Volgel L. Willard K. Robinson						
January 27 – January 28: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Mary Catherine Gill Mike Savinda	Anne Frances Bleeker-1 st Pete Ward-2 nd	Pete Ward Brandon Hoffman	Jack Wohlfeil Open Open Open	Carl Wohlfeil Ryan Loughran	Therese Smythe
Sunday 9:00 AM	Fran Bennett Chick Bennett	Adelaida Bennett-1 st Jimmy McAlister-2 nd	Mary Elizabeth Sease Cathy Rosenblum John Cahill Betsy Cahill	Matthew Teegardin Jane Teegardin Pippa Taylor Liam Teegardin	Taylor Rodriguez Mark Zdanewicz	Jose Rodriguez
Sunday Hospitality: P. McAlister C. Aimar A. Finnegan J. Hill C. Kersting M. Cleland N. Scheurer M. Testa C. Woods						

Offertory Report

January 13 - January 14	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$ 4,403.00		
Online \$ 3,467.03		
C of C \$ 549.00		
This Week's Total \$ 8,419.03	\$ 8,443.00	\$ (23.97)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 214,191.77	\$ 244,847.00	\$ (30,655.23)
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$ 701.00		
Online		
Total \$ 701.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (3,299.00)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 129,303.62	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 13,303.62
Bicentennial Campaign		
	Goal	Raised
In Pew \$ 205.00		
Online		
Total \$ 205.00	\$ 5,100,000.00	\$ 3,157,723.68
Catholic Appeal of SC		
\$ 100.00	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.

Second Collection

The second collection for this week will be for the Parish Building & Renovation Fund. Next week the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America. Many thanks for your continued support!

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,157,723.68
Current Amount Collected: \$2,606,582.13
Fulfillment Rate: 83%
Still To Be Collected: \$551,141.55
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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