

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, January 27

Optional Memorial of St. Angela Merici, Virgin

8:00am: Beemok Foundation

5:00pm: Robert & Margaret Hagood

Sunday, January 28

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9:00am: Pro Populo

Monday, January 29

Monday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: +Dooley Fava+

Tuesday, January 30

Tuesday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: Sr. Selime Mary Flores

Wednesday, January 31

Memorial of St. John Bosco, Priest

8:00am: +David Lamar Clark, Sr.+

Thursday, February 1

Thursday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Friday, February 2

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Saturday, February 3

Optional Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr

8:00am: Sister Lucita Bacat

5:00pm: +Marie-Therese El Meouchi+

+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

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
- Greeters

This week we especially are seeking volunteers for the Choir. Next week we will be adding a sign-up sheet for the Ladies Altar Society; to be followed by the Men's Holy Name 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:

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| 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 | Kathy Thom |

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

Spiritual Reflection

-From a conference by Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest

Why did the Son of God have to suffer for us? There was a great need, and it can be considered in a twofold way: in the first place, as a remedy for sin, and secondly, as an example of how to act.

It is a remedy, for, in the face of all the evils which we incur on account of our sins, we have found relief through the passion of Christ. Yet, it is no less an example, for the passion of Christ completely suffices to fashion our lives. Whoever wishes to live perfectly should do nothing but disdain what Christ disdained on the cross and desire what he desired, for the cross exemplifies every virtue.

If you seek the example of love: *Greater love than this no man has, than to lay down his life for his friends.* Such a man was Christ on the cross. And if he gave his life for us, then it should not be difficult to bear whatever hardships arise for his sake.

If you seek patience, you will find no better example than the cross. Great patience occurs in two ways: either when one patiently suffers much, or when one suffers things which one is able to avoid and yet does not avoid. Christ endured much on the cross, and did so patiently, because *when he suffered he did not threaten; he was led like a sheep to the slaughter and he did not open his mouth.* Therefore Christ's patience on the cross was great. *In patience let us run for the prize set before us, looking upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith who, for the joy set before him, bore his cross and despised the shame.*

If you seek an example of humility, look upon the crucified one, for God wished to be judged by Pontius Pilate and to die.

If you seek an example of obedience, follow him who became obedient to the Father even unto death. *For just as by the disobedience of one man, namely, Adam, many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one man, many were made righteous.*

If you seek an example of despising earthly things, follow him who is *the King of kings and the Lord of lords, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.* Upon the cross he was stripped, mocked, spat upon, struck, crowned with thorns, and given only vinegar and gall to drink.

Do not be attached, therefore, to clothing and riches, because *they divided my garments among themselves.* Nor to honors, for he experienced harsh words and scourging's. Nor to greatness of rank, for *weaving a crown of thorns they placed it on my head.* Nor to anything delightful, for *in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.*

Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

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

Upcoming Events:

- Helping with St. Joseph St. Vincent de Paul and Summit Adventure Park: February 24th, 8:30am - 12:00 noon.
- Family Youth Night: Thursday, February 29th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm. at St. Joseph's

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)

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

Molly Pereda, Youth Minister
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Charleston Catholic School

Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 21st – February 3rd. Here are a few reasons to choose a Catholic School:

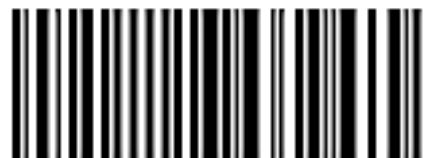
- We teach children respect of self and others.
- We set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed.
- We provide a balanced curriculum that integrates faith, culture, and life.
- We prepare students to be productive citizens and future leaders.

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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Diocesan News

The St. Vincent de Paul Society. As January 27 - 28 includes the last Sunday of the month, the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be begging for alms at the end of each Mass. The Society serves the needs of our less fortunate neighbors with assistance for food, utilities and housing. Please prayerfully consider a donation to assist our neighbors..

The Church in Latin America. The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. The programs that are aided by your support include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis.



Thank you, salamat, σας ευχαριστώ, podziękowanie, hvala, 고맙습니다, danke, Дякую, grazie, vă 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 27 – January 28: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Mary Catherine Gill Open	Anne Frances Bleeker-1 st Pete Ward-2 nd	Pete Ward Open	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	Open 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						
February 3 – February 4: The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Michael Rowell Christine Rowell	Bill Booth-1 st Al Stiles-2 nd	Open Al Stiles	Open Open Open Open	Marc Oberdorff John Pauldine	Cliff Moore
Sunday 9:00 AM	Mary Gastley Lee Gastley	Randy Teegardin-1 st Tommy Hartnett-2 nd	Roy Howell Jimmy McAlister Cathy Rosenblum Mary Elizabeth Sease	Sarah Gill Molly Gill Max Barreira Open	Denny O'Brien John Gill	Ryan Loughran
Sunday Hospitality: C. Rosenblum, P. Bachofner, D. Hoppe, S. Leadem, E. Marshall, M. Savinda, J. Nuss, A. Zdanewicz M. Zdanewicz						

Offertory Report

January 20 - January 21	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$	2,654.00	
Online \$	2,668.93	
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This Week's Total \$	5,402.93	\$ (3,040.07)
Total Fiscal YTD \$	219,594.70	\$ (33,695.30)
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$	862.00	
Online		
Total \$	862.00	\$ (3,138.00)
Total Fiscal YTD \$	130,165.62	\$ 10,165.62
Bicentennial Campaign		
	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Raised</u>
In Pew \$	105.00	
Online		
Total \$	105.00	\$ 3,103,041.68
Catholic Appeal of SC		
\$ 50.00	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Raised</u>
	\$ 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 Church in Latin America.. Next week the second collection will be for Parish Building & Renovation Fund. Many thanks for your continued support!

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,103,041.68
Current Amount Collected: \$2,608,157.13
Fulfillment Rate: 84%
Still To Be Collected: \$494,884.55
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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