

The Twenty-first 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, August 26

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am: Joe Grech

5:00pm: +Dooley Fava+

Sunday, August 27

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9:00am: Pro Populo

Monday, August 28

Memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor

8:00am: Luke Linhart

Tuesday, August 29:

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:00am: Robin Parker

Wednesday, August 30

Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: +Robert Vandeputte+

Thursday, August 31

Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: +Rose Marie Finnegan+

Friday, September 1

Weekday in Ordinary Time: First Friday

8:00am: +Thomas Newton+

Saturday, September 2

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am: +Jane Ward+

5:00pm: Carolyn Hall

+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	Val Preston
Keith Preston	Norma Nance
Richard Redican	Carter Naile
Diane P.	

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

Parish News

Parish Office Hours

For the summer, the Parish Office hours are

9am – 2pm, Monday – Friday.

Altar Flowers

Thank you to the Bennett family for their gift of altar flowers in loving memory of Mary Willis Bennett, at the one year anniversary of her passing. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

New Office Manager

We welcome Rosemarie Dykeman as our new Office Manager. Rosemarie and her husband, Christopher Birmingham, joined St. Mary of the Annunciation in 2021. Rosemarie worked for The Salvation Army and Social Services for many years in Nashua, NH. Rosemarie & Christopher have been actively presenting Retrouvaille, a Catholic program to help troubled marriages for over 20 years. She has two adult children and two grandchildren. Please join us in welcoming Rosemarie and Christopher.

Open Parish Position

Parish Secretary/Administrative Assistant

Part Time Position - 20 hours a week

Knowledge of Word, Excel, Publisher, Outlook, Zoom, TEAMS, Website Administration, Database Management and Administration. Google and Basic Bookkeeping Knowledge a plus.

Enjoy working with the public. Strong communication skills. Ability to multitask and problem solve. Ability to work with a team of the Office Manager and volunteers. Flexible work schedule.

If interested please send pay expectations and resume to Msgr. Droze at pastor@sma.office or 843-834-7050

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.

Spiritual Reflection

From the apostolic constitution "Divino Afflatu"
of Pope Saint Pius X

The collection of psalms found in Scripture, composed as it was under divine inspiration, has, from the very beginnings of the Church, shown a wonderful power of fostering devotion among Christians as they offer to God *a continuous sacrifice of praise, the harvest of lips blessing his name*. Following a custom already established in the Old Law, the psalms have played a conspicuous part in the sacred liturgy itself, and in the divine office. Thus was born what Basil calls the voice of the Church, that singing of psalms, which is the daughter of that hymn of praise (to use the words of our predecessor, Urban VIII) which goes up unceasingly before the throne of God and of the Lamb, and which teaches those especially charged with the duty of divine worship, as St. Athanasius says, the way to praise God, and the fitting words in which to bless him.

The psalms have also a wonderful power to awaken in our hearts the desire for every virtue. St. Athanasius says: *Though all Scripture, both old and new, is divinely inspired and has its use in teaching, as we read in Scripture itself, yet the Book of Psalms, like a garden enclosing the fruits of all the other books, produces its fruits in song, and in the process of singing brings forth its own special fruits to take their place beside them*.

Indeed, who could fail to be moved by those many passages in the psalms which set forth so profoundly the infinite majesty of God, his omnipotence, his justice and goodness and clemency, too deep for words, and all the other infinite qualities of his that deserve our praise? Who could fail to be roused to the same emotions by the prayers of thanksgiving to God for blessings received, by the petitions, so humble and confident, for blessings still awaited, by the cries of a soul in sorrow for sin committed? Who would not be fired with love as he looks on the likeness of Christ, the redeemer, here so lovingly foretold? His was the voice St. Augustine heard in every psalm, the voice of praise, of suffering, of joyful expectation, of present distress: *How I wept when I heard your hymns and canticles being deeply moved by the sweet singing of your Church. Tears ran down, and I was happy in my tears*.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8am Mass from 8:30am - 5:15pm, followed by the Rosary.

We will need two people per hour of Adoration. Sign up sheets are available in the back of the church to schedule each Tuesday from 8:30am - 5:15pm.

The Rosary

The Rosary is a Gospel prayer that helps us to pray with Mary so as to grow closer to her Son, Jesus. The heart of the Rosary is meditation on the mysteries of Jesus' life.

At St Mary's the Rosary is recited on Sundays at 8:30am and Tuesdays at 5:15pm. Please join us!

Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

High School Kickoff: Frankies Fun Park: Sunday, August 27th from 6:00pm - 8:00 p.m. Contact Molly Pereda for a permission slip!

Middle School Night: Thursday, September 7th from 6:00pm - 7:45pm in the new St Mary's Parish Hall

Family Bible Study for Middle/High School Families begins September 24th! Contact Molly Pereda to join us as we study the Gospel of Matthew!

Registration: All 6th - 12th graders are invited to Register for Youth Ministry! Use the QR Code here or go to www.sma.church and go to the Youth Ministry page.



Molly Pereda, Youth Minister

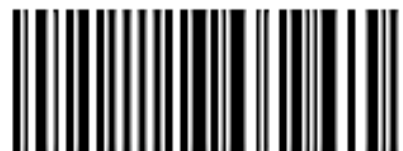
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Parking Code

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

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St. Mary's Church

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Catholic Student Association

St. Mary's welcomes back the students of The College of Charleston and other area schools for the new academic year! We also welcome Father Paul Lacombe, our new campus ministry Chaplain. Fr. Lacombe is also the Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral.

Mass will be at 5:00 p.m. every Sunday at St. Mary's when school is in session. On the 1st and 3rd Sundays, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession at 4:00 p.m. On the 2nd and 4th Sundays there will be Holy Rosary at 4:30 p.m.

A free dinner for the students will follow Sunday Mass at the CSA Student Center (Drexel House) 34 Wentworth St. If you would be interested in providing a meal for students one Sunday evening this semester, or have any questions about Campus Ministry, please contact the campus minister, Tom Gregory, at 843-697-0854.

Sidewalk Advocates for Life

Come learn the peaceful, prayerful method of sidewalk advocacy and help women entering an abortion facility to choose life! We offer a peaceful, prayerful, law-abiding method that is very compassionate and woman-oriented and credited with saving thousands of lives at abortion facilities across the United States and beyond! More information at sidewalkadvocates.org.

Our next training in Charleston will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 5th from 6-9 pm and Saturday, September 9th, from 9am to 1pm at Christ Our King Grace Hall, 1149 Russell Drive, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. If you would like to learn more, please contact Stasi at 843-580-6516 or SAFLCharleston@gmail.com.

The Charleston Catholic School

Our school's theme for the year is "Find JOY in the Journey". We want our teachers, students, and school community to actively seek out the positive aspects of our surroundings and circumstances. No matter where our journey leads us, whether things are good or not, the joy of the Lord is our strength.

Ministry Schedule – Please Note

The Ministry Schedule for the Fall will be prepared the week of Monday August 28th for the period September 9th I – November 30th. If you have not done so, please use the Ministry Scheduler app or website to update your service preferences. You may also contact the Parish Office to make the updates.

The schedule for September 2 – September 3 as shown here is not on-line, so there will be no reminders. All are asked to fill any open positions on that weekend.

	Greeters	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Safety	Usher
August 26 – August 27: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Mary Catherine Gill Mike Savinda	Betsy Cahill-1 st Pete Ward-2 nd	John Cahill Betsy Cahill	Open Open Open Open	Glenn Hammerbacher Travis Hipp	Billy Condon
Sunday 9:00 AM	Mary Gastley Lee Gastley	Jimmy McAlister-1 st Robert Hagood-2 nd	Brandon Hoffman Roy Howell	Open Open Open Open	Marc Oberdorff John Pauldine	Ryan Loughran
Sunday Hospitality: C. Rosenblum, P. Bachofner, D. Hoppe, S. Leadem, E. Marshall, M. Savinda, J. Nuss, A. Zdanewicz, M. Zdanewicz						
September 2 – September 3: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Joseph Koval Susan Koval	Anne Francis Bleeker-1 st Bill Booth-2 nd	Pete Ward Roy Howell	Open Open Open Open	John Gill Denny O'Brien	Open
Sunday 9:00 AM	James Godefroy Kara Beth Godefroy	Cherie Aimar-1 st Tommy Hartnett-2 nd	Mary Elizabeth Sease Jimmy McAlister	Open Open Open Open	Carl Wohlfell Open	Mark Zdanewicz
Sunday Hospitality: No Coffee, Labor Day Weekend						

Offertory Report

August 19 - August 20		Budget	Variance
Offertory			
In Pew	\$ 3,151.00		
Online	\$ 2,868.05		
C of C Campus Ministry	\$ 174.00		
This Week's Total	\$ 6,193.05	\$ 8,443.00	\$ (2,249.95)
Total Fiscal YTD	\$ 47,970.16	\$ 59,101.00	\$ (11,130.84)
Building & Renovation			
In Pew	\$ 650.00		
Online	\$ 156.84		
Total	\$ 806.84	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (3,193.16)
Total Fiscal YTD	\$ 23,437.85	\$ 28,000.00	\$ (4,562.15)
Bicentennial Campaign			
		Goal	Raised
In Pew	\$ 20.00		
Online	\$ 30.00		
Total	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,100,000.00	\$ 3,113,786.30
Catholic Appeal of SC	\$ 100.00	Goal	Raised
		\$ 28,600.00	\$ 39,371.55

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 our Building & Renovation Fund. Next week the second collection will be for the Catholic University of America. Many thanks for your continued support!

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,113,786.30
 Current Amount Collected: \$2,444,278.52
 Fulfillment Rate: 78%
 Still To Be Collected: \$669,507.78
 Number of Donors: 160

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.

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

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