

# The Twenty-third 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](mailto:office@sma.church).

### Saturday, September 9

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am: Suzanne Reed

5:00pm: +Dooley Fava+

### Sunday, September 10

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am: Pro Populo

### Monday, September 11

Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: +Inga McAlister+

### Tuesday, September 12

Optional Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00am: +Judith McDowell+

### Wednesday, September 13

Memorial of St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor

8:00am: Priest's Intention

### Thursday, September 14

Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross

8:00am: Priest's Intention

### Friday, September 15

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00am: Priest's Intention

### Saturday, September 16

Memorial of Sts. Cornelius, Pope and  
Cyprian, Bishop, Martyr

8:00am: Denny O'Brien

5:00pm: +Dooley Fava+

+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.	Laura Fontaine

To add someone to the prayer list, email the person's name to [office@sma.church](mailto:office@sma.church).

## Parish News

### Parish Volunteers Needed - Counters

We need additional "Counters" to have three teams of Counters to help with counting the weekly collection on Mondays from 9am to 11:30am.

Please reach out to Rosemarie Dykeman at the Parish Office at [rdykeman@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:rdykeman@charlestdiocese.org) to begin the background check and credit check.

### 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.

Strong communication skills. Ability to multitask and problem solve. Ability to work with a team of the Office Manager and volunteers, and with the public. Flexible work schedule. If interested please send pay expectations and resume to Msgr. Droze at [pastor@sma.office](mailto:pastor@sma.office) or 843-834-7050

### Faith Formation Classes

Faith Formation classes for K5 - 8th grades start Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Life Center.

- K5 – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor

Registration can be on-line or with a registration form from the Parish Office. For more information, please call Peggy Bachofner at 843.270.5080 or [formation@sma.church](mailto:formation@sma.church).

### Altar Society Meeting

Women of the Parish are encouraged to attend this regular meeting of the Ladies Altar Society, Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Parish Life Center. Dinner will be served

### Holy Name Society Meeting

The Holy Name Society will be having its first meeting of the fall on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Parish Life Center, dinner and drinks will be provided. All men of the parish are considered members and welcome to attend.

### 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 Interior Castle' by St Teresa of Jesus

What I mean by meditation is to busy one's understanding in the following way. We begin to think about God's goodness to us in giving us his only Son, but we don't stop there: we go on to all the other mysteries of his glorious life. Or we begin with his prayer in the garden, and our understanding doesn't stop until we picture him nailed to the cross. Or we take a single scene from the passion, and go on thinking about that one mystery, working out in detail everything that can be thought or felt about it. It is a very admirable and meritorious kind of prayer.

No soul that has received so much from God, such precious proofs of his love, can forget them. They are live sparks that can only intensify what we feel for our Lord. Anyone who says he can't dwell on these mysteries is quite mistaken. He will often have them in mind, especially when they are being celebrated by the Catholic Church.

The company of our beloved Jesus, and his blessed Mother, is far too good to be given up. For my own part I could not wish for any blessing that had not been won for us by him, through whom every good thing comes to us.

Our Lord said himself, No one can come to the Father except through me, and Whoever sees me, sees my Father. So if we never look at him, or think about what we owe him and the death he underwent for our sake, I don't see how we can hope to know him or do anything to serve him. (Without such good works, what good is faith? And what good are works unless they are joined to the merits of Jesus Christ, our only good, which alone have any worth?) And how can anyone persuade us to love our Lord?

## *Priests for Life 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rosary*

Please join the Very Rev. Gregory B. Wilson, V.G., Rector of Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, who will lead the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pro-Life Rosary at 8am - 9am on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility, 1312 Ashley River Road.

Remember, our prayerful, peaceful witness alone saves lives! For more information, please contact Stephen Boyle at 843-323-8216.

## *A Prayer for September 11, 2001*

Giver of Life, on this day, we remember and pray for those who died from the shocking acts of violence committed on September 11th, 2001: the innocents on the planes and at work in the Twin Towers and Pentagon, the heroic passengers onboard Flight 93, and the selfless first responders who, while trying to save lives, lost their own, either on that day or in the ensuing years from 9/11-related illnesses.

-- Offered by The Charleston Catholic School

## *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.

## *Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events*

Next Middle School Youth Night: Thursday, September 21st from 6:00-7:45pm in the Parish Life Center with dinner and games! Invite friends and join us!

High School Youth Night: This Sunday, September 10th, from 6:00-8:00pm at Saint Joseph's in the Family Life Center-"Eucharistic Revival" with dinner and games!

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

Molly Pereda, Youth Minister

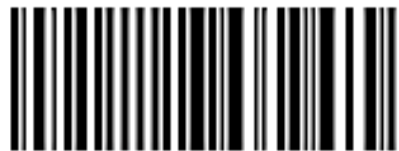
806.341.7127 [mandorfer@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:mandorfer@charlestondiocese.org)

Instagram: @saintmarychasyim

## *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. Mary's Church

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Each year, as the sun sets on Holy Saturday evening, tens of thousands of people around the world receive their Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation – and join the Catholic church. The process is called RCIA – the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – and it mimics the process in the early church where people who witnessed the difference in the way the early Christians lived their lives would enter into a lengthy process of discernment, learn about the faith and decide if they wanted to join the Christ-followers.

Perhaps you, or someone you know, is non-Catholic but married to a Catholic, and would like to worship and serve with your spouse. Perhaps you were baptized as a child, but were never confirmed. Perhaps your formal study of your faith ended when you left Catholic grade school, and you would now like to delve into it in an adult way. If so, then you may want to join the RCIA as a catechumen, someone who needs to be baptized, a candidate, someone who needs to complete their sacraments of initiation, or a sponsor, a confirmed Catholic who wants to grow in faith by accompanying a catechumen or candidate on their faith journey.

If you are interested, please contact Deacon Dave and Bobbi Wagner at (847) 902-6258 or [davew@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:davew@charlestdiocese.org).

### *St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Report*

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners, the St. Vincent de Paul Peninsula Conference was able to help the following families during the month of August. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our ministry this month. Without your support, we would not be able to help the number of families who call our help line. Please keep our ministry in your prayers.

Housing	\$ 7,398.91	18 families
Electricity	4,398.94	13 families
Water	208.31	1 family
Food Deliveries	\$12,206.16	<u>10 families</u>
		42 families

### *Ministry Schedule*

	Greeters	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Safety	Usher
September 9 – September 10: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Linda Jones Larry Jones	Anne Francis Bleeker-1 <sup>st</sup> Adelaida Bennett-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cathy Rosenblum Pete Ward	Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Jack Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Denny O'Brien John Gill	Therese Smythe
Sunday 9:00 AM	Lenore Hammerbacher Glenn Hammerbacher	Betsy Cahill-1 <sup>st</sup> Jimmy McAlister-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cathy Rosenblum Mary Elizabeth Sease Jimmy McAlister Tommy Hartnett	Matthew Teegardin Jane Teegardin Pippa Taylor Liam Teegardin	Travis Hipp Glenn Hammerbacher	John Cahill
Sunday Hospitality: J. Newton, A. Burris, K. Hodapp, K. Love, J. Lyden, R. Parker, T. Smythe, K. Thom						
September 16 – September 17: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Mary Francis Kastner Mary Catherine Gill	Adelaida Bennett-1 <sup>st</sup> Al Stiles-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pete Ward John Cahill or Betsy Cahill	Conrad Linhart Mary Margaret Hagood Virginia Hagood Bennett Sease	Carl Wohlfeil Open	Billy Condon
Sunday 9:00 AM	Beatty Martin James Martin	Anne Francis Bleeker-1 <sup>st</sup> Robert Hagood-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Elizabeth Sease Tommy Hartnett Roy Howell Jimmy McAlister	Sarah Gill Max Barreira Molly Gill Open	Marc Oberdorff John Pauldine	Theresa Smythe
Sunday Hospitality: J. McDowell B. Ankersen C. Daniel D. Darling M. Gatley F. Killian S. Koval W. Koval						

# Offertory Report

September 2 - September 3	Budget	Variance
<b>Offertory</b>		
In Pew \$	3,296.00	
Online \$	3,082.44	
C of C Campus Ministry		
<b>This Week's Total \$</b>	<b>6,378.44</b>	<b>\$ 8,443.00 \$ (2,064.56)</b>
<b>Total Fiscal YTD \$</b>	<b>60,711.86</b>	<b>\$ 75,987.00 \$ (15,275.14)</b>
<b>Building &amp; Renovation</b>		
In Pew \$	200.00	
Online \$	126.01	
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>326.01</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00 \$ (3,673.99)</b>
<b>Total Fiscal YTD \$</b>	<b>24,491.28</b>	<b>\$ 36,000.00 \$ (11,508.72)</b>
<b>Bicentennial Campaign</b>		
	Goal	Raised
In Pew \$	205.00	
Online		
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>205.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,100,000.00 \$ 3,113,786.30</b>
<b>Catholic Appeal of SC</b>		
	Goal	Raised
	\$ 28,600.00	\$ 40,526.55

## 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](http://sma.church/online-giving.html).

## Second Collection

This week and next week the second collection will be for our Building & Renovation Fund. Many thanks for your continued support!

## Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,138,786.30  
Current Amount Collected: \$2,490,928.52  
Fulfillment Rate: 79%  
Still To Be Collected: \$647,857.78  
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](http://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](http://sma.church/wedding-policy). Contact the Parish Office for more information, [office@sma.church](mailto: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](http://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.

## Contact Information

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**After Hours Emergency Number:**

843.834.7050

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

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

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