

The Twenty-second 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, September 2

Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am: +Jane Ward+

5:00pm: Carolyn Hall

Sunday, September 3

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9:00am: Pro Populo

Monday, September 4

Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: +Inga McAlister+

Tuesday, September 5

Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: George Bullwinkler

Wednesday, September 6

Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: Laura Fontaine

Thursday, September 7

Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Friday, September 8

Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Saturday, September 9

Memorial of St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00am: Suzanne Reed

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.

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 Dykema at the Parish Office at rdykeman@charlestondiocese.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.

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

Faith Formation Classes

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

- K5 – 2nd grade classes on the 2nd floor
- 3rd – 8th grade classes on the 3rd 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

St. Mary's 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

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 a discourse on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
by St. Andrew of Crete

'The fulfilment of the law is Christ himself, who does not so much lead us away from the letter as lift us up to its spirit. For the law's consummation was this, that the very lawgiver accomplished his work and changed letter into spirit, summing everything up in himself and, though subject to the law, living by grace. He subordinated the law, yet harmoniously united grace with it, not confusing the distinctive characteristics of the one with the other, but effecting the transition in a way most fitting for God. He changed whatever was burdensome, servile and oppressive not what is light and liberating, so that we should be enslaved no longer *under the elemental spirits of the world*, as the Apostle says, nor held fast as bondservants under the letter of the law.

This is the highest, all-embracing benefit that Christ has bestowed on us. This is the revelation of the mystery, this is the emptying out of the divine nature, the union of God and man, and the deification of the manhood that was assumed. This radiant and manifest coming of God to men most certainly needed a joyful prelude to introduce the great gift of salvation to us. The present festival, the birth of the Mother of God, is the prelude, while the final act is the fore-ordained union of the Word with flesh. Today the Virgin is born, tended and formed and prepared for her role as Mother of God, who is the universal King of the ages.

Justly, then, do we celebrate this mystery since it signifies for us a double grace. We are led towards the truth, and we are led away from our condition of slavery to the letter of the law. How can this be? Darkness yields before the coming of the light, and grace exchanges legalism for freedom. But midway between the two stands today's mystery, at the frontier where types and symbols give way to reality, and the old is replaced by the new. Therefore, let all creation sing and dance and unite to make worthy contribution to the celebration of this day. Let there be one common festival for saints in heaven and men on earth. Let everything, mundane things and those above, join in festive celebration. Today this created world is raised to the dignity of a holy place for him who made all things. The creature is newly prepared to be a divine dwelling place for the Creator.'

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

Next Middle School Youth Night:

Thursday, September 7th from 6:00-7:45 p.m.

In the Parish Hall-"Eucharistic Revival" with dinner and games!

High School Youth Night:

Sunday, September 10th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

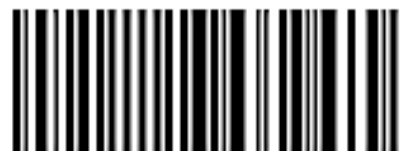
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Instagram: [@saintmarychasym](https://www.instagram.com/saintmarychasym)

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

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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.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

The Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry is in need of food donations to further support their growing community needs. Every donation helps, but our families most requested items are:

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| Mac & Cheese | Pancake Mix | Syrup | Cereal | Crackers |
| Peanut Butter | Jelly | Baked Beans | Canned Peas | Canned chicken |

For more information, please contact **Vincent E. Sciamanna** at vsciamanna@gmail.com

Ministry Schedule

	Greeters	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Safety	Usher
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 Wohlfeil Open	Mark Zdanewicz
Sunday Hospitality: No Coffee, Labor Day Weekend						
September 9 – September 10: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Linda Jones Larry Jones	Anne Francis Bleeker-1 st Adelaida Bennett-2 nd	Al Stiles 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 st Jimmy McAlister-2 nd	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						

Offertory Report

August 26 - August 27	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$ 3,988.00		
Online \$ 2,259.26		
C of C Campus Ministry \$ 116.00		
This Week's Total \$ 6,363.26	\$ 8,443.00	\$ (2,079.74)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 54,333.42	\$ 67,544.00	\$ (13,210.58)
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$ 556.00		
Online \$ 171.42		
Total \$ 727.42	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (3,272.58)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 24,165.27	\$ 32,000.00	\$ (7,834.73)
Bicentennial Campaign		
	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Raised</u>
In Pew \$ 10.00		
Online		
Total \$ 10.00	\$ 5,100,000.00	\$ 3,113,786.30
Catholic Appeal of SC \$ 50.00	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Raised</u>
	\$ 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.

Second Collection

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

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,113,786.30
 Current Amount Collected: \$2,465,578.52
 Fulfillment Rate: 79%
 Still To Be Collected: \$648,207.78
 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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After Hours Emergency Number:

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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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