

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, March 16

Lenten Saturday

8:00am: +Kathleen Blanchard+

5:00pm: The Hay Family

Sunday, March 17

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

9:00am: Pro Populo

Monday, March 18

Optional Memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor

8:00am: +Dooley Fava+

Tuesday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am: Elaine Fowler

Wednesday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Thursday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Friday, March 22

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Saturday, March 23

Optional Memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00am: +Kathleen Blanchard+

5:00pm: +Susan Pomaville+

+denotes the person is deceased+

Lenten Fish Fry

On Friday March 22 at 6:00 PM, Knights of Columbus Council #704 is sponsoring a Lenten Fish Fry in the Parish Hall immediately after Stations of the Cross. The Knights will provide fish, french fries, and hush puppies. Members of the Ladies Altar Society members will bring desserts, and the men of Holy Name Society will provide beverages. This will certainly be a great opportunity to gather for food and fellowship. There is no charge for the meal, but donations to St. Mary's will be greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you all there.

Parish News

Adoration –Reconciliation

Stations of the Cross

On Fridays in Lent please join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions from 4:30pm – 5:30pm, followed by Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm.

Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, March 23:	5pm: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass
Sunday, March 24:	9am: Palm Sunday Mass
	11am: Palm Sunday Mass - Ordinariate
	5pm: Palm Sunday Mass – Campus Ministry
Monday, March 25:	8am: Weekday Mass
Tuesday, March 26:	8am: Weekday Mass
	11am: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
Wednesday, March 27:	8am: Weekday Mass
Thursday, March 28:	7pm: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
	8pm – 10pm: Adoration and Night Prayer
Friday, March 29:	12 noon: Live Stations of the Cross - St. Mary's Youth
	3pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion - Ordinariate
Saturday, March 30:	10am: Blessing of Easter Baskets
	8pm: Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Mass - Ordinariate
Sunday, March 31:	9am: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection Mass
	10am: Blessing of Easter Baskets and Easter Egg Hunt
	11am: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection Mass - Ordinariate

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	Mark E.
Nicole Carey	Carson Parker
Maggie	Sister Sandra Makowski

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

Spiritual Reflection

- From a sermon on St. Joseph by St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

There is a general rule concerning all special graces granted to any human being. Whenever the divine favor chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a lofty vocation, God adorns the person chosen with all the gifts of the Spirit needed to fulfil the task at hand.

This general rule is especially verified in the case of Saint Joseph, the foster-father of our Lord and the husband of the Queen of our world, enthroned above the angels. He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: "Good and faithful servant enter into the joy of your Lord."

What then is Joseph's position in the whole Church of Christ? Is he not a man chosen and set apart? Through him and, yes, under him, Christ was fittingly and honorably introduced into the world. Holy Church in its entirety is indebted to the Virgin Mother because through her it was judged worthy to receive Christ. But after her we undoubtedly owe special gratitude and reverence to Saint Joseph.

In him the Old Testament finds its fitting close. He brought the noble line of patriarchs and prophets to its promised fulfilment. What the divine goodness had offered as a promise to them, he held in his arms.

Obviously, Christ does not now deny to Joseph that intimacy, reverence and very high honor which he gave him on earth, as a son to his father. Rather we must say that in heaven Christ completes and perfects all that he gave at Nazareth.

Now we can see how the last summoning words of the Lord appropriately apply to Saint Joseph: "Enter into the joy of your Lord." In fact, although the joy of eternal happiness enters into the soul of a man, the Lord preferred to say to Joseph: "Enter into joy." His intention was that the words should have a hidden spiritual meaning for us. They convey not only that this holy man possesses an inward joy, but also that it surrounds him and engulfs him like an infinite abyss.

Remember us, Saint Joseph, and plead for us to your foster-child. Ask your most holy bride, the Virgin Mary, to look kindly upon us, since she is the mother of him who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally. Amen.

Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

High School Youth Group will be meeting this Sunday, March 17th, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph's, where we will be doing a Life Skills Night on Relationships: The red flags and green flags. All 9th-12th grade are invited!

Middle School Youth are invited to St. Josephs for middle school youth nights every other Thursday at St. Joseph's! Our next meeting is this Thursday, March 21st from 6:00-8:15 p.m., where we will be watching the movie "Spiderman-Into the Spider Verse" (PG).

Volunteering Event: Middle and High School are invited to help with St. Vincent De Paul at St. Joseph's from 8:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 23rd! Please let Molly know if your teen is interested in volunteering!

Molly Pereda, Youth Minister

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Charleston Catholic School

We have openings for the 2024-2025 school year and are accepting applications until May 1st.

Call to schedule a tour or visit our school website.

Visit www.charlestoncatholic.com

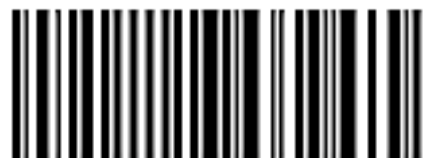
Housebound? Going into the Hospital?

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.

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. Marys Church

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St. Mary's Notes

St. Vincent de Paul: 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 February. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our ministry this past year. 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.

Electricity	\$8,286.63	29 families
Rent	5,509.00	12 families
Water	100.00	1 family
<u>Food deliveries</u>		<u>14 families</u>
TOTALS.	\$13,895.63	56 families

If you know of anyone who needs assistance from our ministry, please refer them to our help line 843-727-1577

St. Mary's Easter Egg Hunt will be held following Mass on Easter Sunday. After Mass, the children will process out with their Easter baskets and follow Monsignor to the statue of St. Joseph in the graveyard to have their Easter baskets blessed. We will then let the little ones under 5 have a five minute head start on the hunt, to be followed by older children.

Parents are asked to please bring some eggs filled with candy to hide before Mass. Please drop them off in the Sacristy anytime.

Please call Peggy, our Faith Formation Coordinator, with any questions at 843-270-5080.

Ministry Schedule

	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Safety</i>	<i>Usher</i>
March 16 – March 17: The Fifth Sunday of Lent						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Joseph Koval Susan Koval	Pete Ward-1 st Bill Booth-2 nd	Adelaida Bennett Pete Ward	Open Open Open Open	Jordan Rock Open	Glenn Hammerbacher
Sunday 9:00 AM	Beatty Martin James Martin	Tommy Hartnett-1 st Cherie Aimar-2 nd	April Cullen Cathy Rosenblum Mary Elizabeth Sease Karen Robinson	Sarah Gill Max Barreira Molly Gill Open	Jose Rodriguez Al Stiles	Lee Gastley
Sunday Hospitality: J. Hoffman A. A. Richter R. Bennett C. Deveaux B. Hoffman J. Taylor V. Weeks N Hoffman B Wagner. R Wahlin						
March 23 – March 24: Palm Sunday						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Open Open	Anne Frances Bleeker-1 st Pete Ward-2 nd	Pete Ward Open	Open Open Open Open	Open Open	Open
Sunday 9:00 AM	Open Open	Open-1 st Mark Zdanewicz-2 nd	Nicholas Lyden Open Open Open	Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil Jack Wohlfeil	Open Open	Therese Smythe
Sunday Hospitality: F. Bennett M. Abro M. Bullwinkel B. Burris C. Eiserhardt M. E. Lenhardt						

A Request for Ministry Volunteers

Greeters, Lectors, Altar Servers, Safety Teams and Ushers are asked, if you have not already done so, to please log into the scheduling software using this link (<https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/30/web-terminal/master-calendar?liveWebPostId=759654>) to volunteer to serve at the:

- Palm Sunday Vigil Mass at 5pm Saturday
- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm

- Palm Sunday Mass at 9am
- Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection at 9am

Thank you for serving St. Mary's Parish

Offertory Report

March 9 - March 10	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$	5,802.00	
Online \$	3,311.47	
C of C \$	63.00	
This Week's Total \$	9,176.47	\$ 8,443.00 \$ 733.47
Total Fiscal YTD \$	270,758.84	\$ 312,391.00 \$ (41,632.16)
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$	760.00	
Online \$	206.85	
Total \$	966.85	\$ 4,000.00 \$ (3,033.15)
Total Fiscal YTD \$	141,991.04	\$ 148,000.00 \$ (6,008.96)
Bicentennial Campaign		
	Goal	Raised
In Pew		
Online \$	30.00	
Total \$	30.00	\$ 5,100,000.00 \$ 3,154,996.68
Catholic Appeal of SC		
\$	50.00	Goal Raised
		\$ 25,789.00 \$ 3,940.00

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 and next week is for our Building and Renovation Fund. Many thanks for your continued support!

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$3,154,996.68
Current Amount Collected: \$2,738,107.13
Fulfillment Rate: 87%
Still To Be Collected: \$416,889.55
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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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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