

Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, March 23

Optional Memorial of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00am: +Kathleen Blanchard+

5:00pm: +Susan Pomaville+

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00am: Pro Populo

Monday, March 25

Monday of Holy Week

8:00am: +Dooley Fava+

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00am: +Kathleen Blanchard+

Wednesday, March 27

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00am: Priest's Intention

Thursday, March 28

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm: Priest's Intention

Friday, March 29

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

12 noon: Live Stations of the Cross

3:00pm: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (Ordinariate)

Saturday, March 30

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night Mass (Ordinariate)

8:00pm: Pro Populo

Parish News

Decorating the Church for Easter

Please join the Ladies Altar Society in decorating the church for Easter!. We will meet Saturday, March 30th 2024 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

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. |
| Keith Preston | Val Preston |
| Richard Redican | Norma Nance |
| Diane P. | Carter Naile |
| Janet Mogolnicki | Laura Fontaine |
| Joan Bowie | Nick Digangi |
| Eleanor Alter | James Darby Parker |
| Nicole Carey | Mark E. |
| Maggie | Carson Parker |
| Denise McNulty | Sister Sandra Makowski |
| John Thom | |

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

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

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Saturday, March 30th at 10am

The blessing of Easter baskets on Holy Saturday is a cherished practice, deeply rooted in Polish and Ukrainian culture, symbolizing the beginning of Easter. It is a time when families prepare and bless special food items that reflect the richness of our Christian faith and cultural heritage. On Holy Saturday, families gather to prepare their Easter baskets, each item carefully chosen to represent the promises of Easter. Beautifully decorated and covered with a white linen cloth, these baskets are brought to church to be blessed. The contents of the baskets carry symbolic meanings:

- Eggs (pisanki) symbolize new life and Christ's resurrection
- Bread, often a sweet bread called "paska" or "babka," represents Jesus, the Bread of Life
- Ham or Sausage, symbols of great joy and abundance in celebrating Christ's resurrection
- Salt, signifying purification and the necessity of life
- Horseradish, representing the bitter sacrifice of Christ
- Butter, often shaped into a lamb (Baranek Wielkanony), symbolizing the goodness of Christ that we should emulate.

The blessing of the Easter baskets is a poignant moment. It reflects our gratitude for all God's gifts and the sacrifice of His Son for our salvation. It is a communal celebration of thanksgiving and a reaffirmation of our faith.

St. Mary's Easter Egg Hunt

The 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 years 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

Saint Mary's Youth Ministry Events

High School Youth Group: We do not meet for the next few weekends, and will be back April 7th from 6:00pm -8:00pm at St. Joseph's to talk about Marian Apparitions! Have a wonderful Easter and Spring Break!

Middle School Youth: St. Mary's youth are invited to St. Josephs for middle school youth nights every other Thursday at St. Joseph's! Our next meeting is Thursday, April 11th from 6:00-7:45 p.m., where we will be having a Life Skills Night!

Upcoming Event in April: We will be volunteering at the Low Country Orphan Relief on Monday, April 8th! Please reach out to Molly for a permission slip!

Molly Pereda, Youth Minister

806.341.7127

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Instagram: @saintmarychasym

Ministry Volunteers Needed for Triduum

Ministry volunteers are still needed for the following Triduum Masses:

- Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm
 - 2 Lectors
 - 2 Altar Servers
 - 4 Extraordinary Ministers
 - 1 Usher
- Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection at 9am
 - 3 Extraordinary Ministers
 - 2 Altar Servers
 - 1 Usher

If you participate in one of these ministries, please call or email the office to volunteer. Thank you!

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.

City of Charleston



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St. Mary's Church

March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday



Easter Flower Remembrances

Mrs Arsenia Posada
*Valeriano Garcia Victoria Garcia
 Demetria Garcia Juama Garcia
 Cisny Posada*

Mrs Mary Frances Kastner
*Kastner & Inabnett
 Family Members*

Mr & Mrs Robert Novello
*John & Mary Novello
 John & Anna Shields
 Jackie Shields
 Eddy & Edward Novello*

Mr & Mrs Michael Robinson
 And Carolyn Epperly
*Dorothy Conlon Robinson
 Michael P. Conlon Family
 Carolyn M. Epperly*

Mr John Nuss
 Mrs J.J. Nuss
Captain J.J. Nuss (Ret.)

Mrs Amelia Ann Whisenhunt

LCDR Phillip A. Stiles, Jr.
*Philip Stiles
 Barbara Talley
 Members of the Stiles Family
 Members of the Hooks Family
 Members of Our Military*

Mr & Mrs James E. Lady
*Mr & Mrs Terry Lady
 Mr & Mrs James R. McAlister, Jr..*

Mr & Mrs Cory Linhart
Ethan T. Linhart

Mr & Mrs Stephen McKay

Mr & Mrs Peter Ward
*John & Lillian Semerano
 Parker and Mary Ward
 John Semerano, Jr.*

Mr & Mrs Paul Rosenblum
*Mr & Mrs Irving Rosenblum
 Mr & Mrs Lee
 Mary Frederick
 Phyllis Emerson
 Kate Wylly Stanton*

Mr & Mrs Daniel V. Close, Sr.
*Eugene F. Johnk
 George T. Close
 Beth Tompkins*

Mrs Therese Trouche Smythe
*Julianne & Eddie Trouche
 Tigger & Henry Smythe
 Peter Smythe
 Win John Holden*

Mr & Mrs Gregory Mazzaro

Mr & Mrs Charles E. Bennett, Jr.
*Mr & Mrs Charles Bennett, Sr.
 Mr & Mrs John Seabrook
 Mary Iona Willis*

Mr & Mrs Michael Savinda
*Gerry Savinda
 Michelle Savinda
 Mary Duncan*

Mr & Dr John Thom
*Nicholas Thom Stephen Thom
 Shannon Thom Malcolm Thom*

Chris Bermingham &
 Rosemarie Dykeman
*Rosemarie T. Dykeman
 Frances Abate
 Eileen Dykeman
 Theresa Bombardieri*

Mr & Mrs Dennis O'Brien
*Richard & Marjorie O'Brien
 John & Nancy Hawk
 Loy Belcher
 Paul Hadley
 Robby Sands*

Mr & Mrs James Martin
*Helen Sottile & Harry W. Hooker
 Carole H. Martin
 Elizabeth Beatty & Santo Sottile
 Lou & Franklin J. Martin*

Katherine Halligan-Gans
Elizabeth Lakin

The Special Collection on Good Friday

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including those in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. The pandemic and the war has hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education.

Offertory Report

March 16 - March 17	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$	4,893.00	
Online \$	2,563.55	
C of C \$	142.00	
This Week's Total \$	7,598.55	\$ 8,443.00
Total Fiscal YTD \$	278,357.39	\$ (844.45)
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$	275.00	
Online \$	1,128.51	
Total \$	1,403.51	\$ 4,000.00
Total Fiscal YTD \$	143,394.55	\$ (2,596.49)
Bicentennial Campaign		
	Goal	Raised
In Pew \$	107.00	
Online		
Total \$	107.00	\$ 5,100,000.00
Catholic Appeal of SC \$	55.00	\$ 3,154,996.68
	Goal	Raised
	\$ 25,789.00	\$ 4,055.00

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:
843.834.7050

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

St. Vincent de Paul Society
843.727.1577

March 24, 2024: Palm Sunday