

The Second Sunday in Lent

Mass Intentions

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

+Indicates Deceased+

Saturday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of Mercy

5:00pm: Rosemarie Dykeman

Sunday, March 16

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9:00am: Pro Populo

11:30am: Chris Bermingham

Monday, March 17

Optional Memorial of St. Patrick, Bishop, Missionary

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, March 18

Optional Memorial of St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, and Doctor of the Church

8:00am: Steve Darling

Wednesday, March 19

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

8:00am: Holy Name Society

Thursday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Catherine Gans

Friday, March 21

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Travis Hipp

Saturday, March 22

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Joan Smith

5:00pm: Mark & Rita O'Rourke

St. Mary's Men's Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is the men's organization of St. Mary of the Annunciation Church. All men of the Parish are members, and the men of St. Agatha Society at the College of Charleston are invited to attend.

The Society meets on the second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall. Thanks to all who attended the March 11th meeting. Mark your calendar for the April meeting on the 8th of April starting at 6pm.

As a Lenten activity if you have not attended in the past, please attend the April meeting. The reward is a good group of men whom you see at Mass, a crisp agenda along with fellowship and good food.

Thanks to the Ladies Altar Society for the meals they have made for the St. Agatha Society after the 5pm Sunday Mass.

Parking Code

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

Parish News

Reconciliation Schedule Change

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will no longer be available on Sundays before the 9:00am Mass. Historically, this was necessary when there was only one Sunday Mass, providing the only opportunity to celebrate the sacrament.

This change reflects our ongoing commitment to the significance of Sunday as the Lord's Day, a time when we gather to celebrate His resurrection, and the moments before Mass are dedicated to ensuring everything is ready for the Divine Liturgy.

We encourage you to take advantage of the various times available for confession: Tuesday through Saturday after the 8:00 am morning Mass, Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm before the Vigil Mass, and of course, by appointment.

We appreciate your understanding as we adapt to enhance our worship experience.

Friday Lenten Devotions

Parishioners and visitors are invited to St. Mary's every Friday during Lent at 5:00 pm to pray the Stations of the Cross, followed by Eucharistic Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction.

Please join us for these special Lenten devotions.

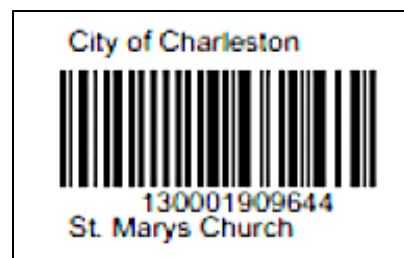
Songs for Lent:

Daily Reflections on the Psalms

Again, this year, St. Mary of the Annunciation parishioner and Yale-trained biblical scholar Betsy Cahill will be offering "Songs for Lent," daily reflections on a psalm verse or verses from the Lectionary, enhanced with images and music, a link to the readings, and a prayer. These are sent to participants every day via email. (There is no cost or obligation, and your email address is not shared).

If you wish to subscribe, or if you have friends who may be interested, the sign-up form may be accessed through this link: <http://eepurl.com/gj22CH>, or at betsycahill.com. If you are already on the distribution list, you do not need to do anything except check your inbox on March 5.

Reflections began on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and go through Holy Saturday, April 19. There will be no reflection offered on Sundays. If you have further questions, you may reach Betsy at betsy@betsycahill.com



Notes of Interest

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Peninsula Conference was able to help 50 families during the month of February. Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to help feed our neighbors and help many to stay safe in their homes. Our phone number is 843-727-1577 if you know someone who needs help from our ministry. Please continue to keep our ministry in your prayers.

Electricity	\$7,234.14	29 families
Rent	2,521.01	8 families
Food		13 families
TOTALS	\$9,755.15	50 families

Charleston Catholic School by the numbers:

- 34 years of Catholic education - 76% of Students above the National Reading Average
- 1 Class per Grade - 70% of Students above the National Math Average
- 20 Zip Codes Represented - 41% of Students Receiving Tuition Assistance
- 36 Masses per Year - 201 Point above the PSAT National Average
- 4 Music & Theatre Performances - 3 Sacraments Offered (First Penance and Communion, Confirmation)

Home Works invites parishioners on Saturday, March 29 to participate in a Home Works restoration project. Home Works is a Christ-nonprofit organization providing home repair services to low-income homeowners while mentoring and discipling youth in the process. This year's restoration project will take place on Folly Road. To register, please use the link below. All participants under 18 years of age will need a parent's approval and waiver for registration. Please consider joining us for this event! Online Waiver Link: <https://homeworksofamerica.org/volunteer/signup/225>. Required passcode (case-sensitive): CHS-YBQ.

Seven Sorrows Rosary for Infertility will be prayed on March 28, Friday at 7PM via Zoom or FB Live @NFPSC for those struggling with infertility. Did you know that one out five women struggle with this cross? Oftentimes, these women and couples are the silent sufferers of the church. This will also be a time to meditate on the sufferings of our Blessed Mother Mary and relating it to the trials that couples struggling with infertility go through. There will be an opportunity for group sharing and the *HOPE Infertility Ministry* will be introduced.

Ministry Schedule

	Greeters	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Safety	Usher
March 15 – March 16: The Second Sunday of Lent						
Saturday 5:00pm	Mary Frances Kastner Mike Savinda	Tommy Hartnett-1 st Anne Frances Bleecker-2 nd	Al Stiles Open	Jack Wohlfeil Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Marc Oberdorff John Pauldine	John Swanson
Sunday 9:00am	Chuck Bennett Fran Bennett	Randy Teegardin-1 st Lisa Castillo-2 nd	Nicholas Lyden Karen Robinson Mark Castillo Lisa Castillo	Liam Teegardin Bennett Sease Molly Gill Sarah Gill	Cliff Moore Ryan Altenbach	Ryan Loughran
Sunday 11:30am	Mary Gastley Lee Gastley	Nate Wofford-1 st Mary Helen Wofford-2 nd	Cathy Rosenblum Open	Max Barreira Pippa Taylor Clare Wofford Damian Wofford	Open Open	Ben Flessas
Sunday Hospitality: P. McAlister C. Aimar A. Finnegan J. Hill C. Gryniowski N. Scheurer M. Cleland R. Quagliardi						
March 22 – March 23: The Third Sunday of Lent						
Saturday 5:00pm	Michael Rowell Christine Rowell	Tommy Hartnett-1 st Bill Booth-2 nd	Betsy Cahill Pete Ward	Bennett Sease Jane Teegardin Liam Teegardin Jacob Wahlin	Jordan Rock Open	Ben Flessas
Sunday 9:00am	Anne Condon Billy Condon	Al Stiles-1 st Adelaida Bennett-2 nd	Jimmy McAlister Roy Howell Billy Condon Karen Robinson	Jack Wohlfeil Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Carl Wohlfeil Ryan Altenbach	Therese Smythe
Sunday 11:30am	Susan Koval Joseph Koval	Open-1 st Anne Frances Bleecker-2 nd	Cathy Rosenblum Open	Landon Coco Molly Gill Sarah Gill Open	Marc Oberdorff John Pauldine	Ryan Loughran
Sunday Hospitality: M. Gill C. Linhart C. Newton A. Derry L. Horne A. Stiles L. Castillo L. Willard,						

Offertory Report

March 8 - March 9	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$ 3,795.76		
Online \$ 4,048.39		
C of C \$ 110.00		
This Week's Total \$ 7,954.15	\$ 8,443.00	\$ (488.85)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 301,147.33	\$ 311,298.00	\$ (10,150.67)
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$ 515.00		
Online \$ 131.43		
Total \$ 646.43	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (3,353.57)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 46,243.60	\$ 144,000.00	\$ (97,756.40)
Bicentennial Campaign		
	Pledged	Amount Collected
In Pew		
Online		
Total \$ -	\$ 3,187,187.56	\$ 3,047,897.22
Catholic Appeal of SC		
	Goal	Amount Collected
2025	\$ 25,056.00	\$ 520.00

On-Line Giving

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.

Recently, we have received notices from Vanco, our online giving provider, detailing declined transactions because of card expiration, invalid card number or the card issuer declining the transaction. Please review your recent donations for accuracy. Thank you for your generosity in supporting our Church through on-line giving.

Bicentennial Campaign

Total Raised: \$ 3,187,187.56
 Current Amount Collected: \$ 3,047,897.22
 Fulfillment Rate: 96%
 Still To Be Collected: \$ 139,290.34
 Number of Donors: 176

We are continuing the next phase of restoring the church ceiling paintings. To learn more and to pledge or donate on-line, 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!



Second Collection

The Second Collection for this week and next week will be for our Building and Renovation Fund.

Thank you for your support of the Second Collection.

Catholic Appeal for South Carolina

By answering Christ's Call to carry forth His mission and be good stewards, supporters of the Catholic Appeal are lighting the way for our Church to remain ever-present across South Carolina. Let's go forward sharing the sweetness of the Gospel and ensuring hope and support for all who seek it.

The Diocesan goal for 2025 is \$5,000,000. The goal for St. Mary of the Annunciation for 2025 is \$25,056.

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. Your contact is the only way we will know you are in need.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society
 For help with food, electric & water bills, medical & prescription costs, rent, transportation, and clothing.
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