

# *The Presentation of the Lord*

## **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). +Indicates Deceased+

### **Saturday, February 1**

**Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00am: Brian Reed

5:00pm: Suzanne Reed

### **Sunday, February 2**

**The Feast of The Presentation of the Lord**

9:00am: +Deacon Dennis Jones+

11:30am: Pro Populo

### **Monday, February 3**

**Optional Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr;**

**St. Ansgar, Bishop**

8:00am: Steve Darling

### **Tuesday, February 4**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am: Jordan Rock

### **Wednesday, February 5**

**Memorial of St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

8:00am: Evelyn Sanchez

### **Thursday, February 6**

**Memorial of St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

8:00am: Danielle Scheurer

### **Friday, February 7**

**Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am: Kathy Thom

### **Saturday, February 8**

**Optional Memorial of St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00am: John Thom

5:00pm: Melinda Walters

## **Winter Care Box Drive**

From now through February 2, 2025, Catholic Charities is seeking donations of gloves/mittens, scarfs, blankets, socks, canned soup, cases of water, laundry detergent, and back packs / small duffel bags to help the neediest in the Charleston area. Please call 843.531.5570 or email at [lnovello@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:lnovello@charlestondiocese.org) for more information.

## **Parish News**

### **Blessing of the Throat**

The traditional Blessing of the Throat on the Feast of St. Blaise will take place during the 8:00am Mass on Monday, February 3., and after all Masses this weekend (February 1 – 2).

### **Visitors Corner**

Notes taken from our Visitor Book located in the Narthex of the Church:

- Pray for the students, parents and faculty of Charleston Catholic School

Please pray for all our Visitors and their intentions.

### **New Sunday Mass Schedule.**

A reminder that there is an additional Mass on Sunday at 11:30am. This will give our religious education program more breathing space so that some may attend the later Mass if needed.

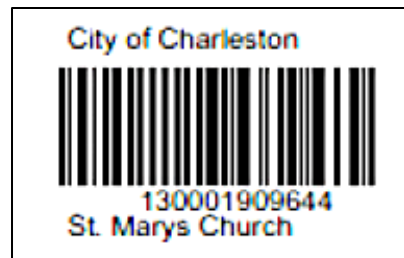
There are several 11:30am Sunday Masses between February 2 and April 27 that have open positions for Greeters, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers and Ushers. Volunteers in these Ministries that may happen to attend the 11:30am Mass are kindly asked to check with the clergy before Mass so that those positions can be filled.

### **Can You Count?**

The Parish Office is looking to add counters for the Offertory Collection. For more information, and to volunteer, please call the Parish Office at 843.722.7696 or via email at [office@sma.church](mailto:office@sma.church). Please also consult the new volunteer form enclosed in the Bulletin.

### **Parking Code**

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



## Notes of Interest

**St. Mary's High School Youth Ministry** on March 29, 2025, will partner with Nativity Catholic Church, Homeworks of America and Boy Scout Troop 44 to repair a local home. Anyone middle school age and up is welcome. No experience needed. Contact Ryan Altenbach for more details and to register. Please check out our full calendar at <https://www.sma.church/youth-ministry>.

**The Women's Emmaus Retreat** meets February 21-23, 2025, at Coastal Retreat Center on Isle of Palms. This retreat is based on the Scripture found in the Gospel of *Luke 24:13-35*. The main theme of the retreat is to discover or rediscover Jesus in our lives, and the importance of women ministering to women. It is a time to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus. The registration opened at 7 am on January 6, 2025; space is limited, please act quickly if it is in your heart to participate this year! Cost: \$200.00. No one should decide not to attend for lack of funds; reach out to make confidential financial arrangements. For more information go to at [lowcountryladiesemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:lowcountryladiesemmaus@gmail.com).



**"A Night at the Harbor"** is the Seafarers Ministry annual fundraising dinner at the Omar Shrine Temple on Thursday February 27 from 6:00-9:00 PM. Featuring a wonderful meal catered by Ristorante LIDI, live music provided by Bob Williams, and silent and live auctions. Tickets at \$60/person can be purchased online at [www.charlestonseafarers.org](http://www.charlestonseafarers.org)

## Ministry Schedule

	<i>Greeters</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Extraordinary Ministers</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>	<i>Safety</i>	<i>Usher</i>
<b>February 1 – February 2: The Presentation of the Lord</b>						
Saturday 5:00 PM	John Gill Mary Catherine Gill	Anne Frances Bleecker-1 <sup>st</sup> Betsy Cahill-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Betsy Cahill Pete Ward	Max Barreira Clare Wofford Damian Wofford Jacob Whalin	Patrick Dolan Open	John Cahill
Sunday 9:00 AM	Youth Ministry or Anne Condon Billy Condon	Youth Ministry or Jimmy McAlister-1 <sup>st</sup> Randy Teegardin-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mary Elizabeth Sease Billy Condon Brandon Hoffman April Cullen	Charles Gerken Tolly Gerken Bennett Sease Jane Teegardin Liam Teegardin	Marc Oberdorff John Pauldine	Youth Ministry or Roy Howell
Sunday 11:30 AM	Mary Gastley Lee Gastley	Al Stiles-1 <sup>st</sup> Open	Cathy Rosenblum Al Stiles	Jack Wohlfeil Joey Wohlfeil Luke Wohlfeil Paul Wohlfeil	Carl Wohlfeil Open	Ryan Loughran
Sunday Hospitality: J. Hoffman N. Hoffman B. Wagner V. Weeks J. Diange R. Wahlin						
<b>February 8 – February 9: The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>						
Saturday 5:00 PM	Mary Frances Kastner Mike Savinda	Al Stiles-1 <sup>st</sup> Bill Booth-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cathy Rosenblum Pete Ward	Benjamin Coco Landon Coco Molly Gill Sarah Gill	John Gill Jordan Rock	John Swanson
Sunday 9:00 AM	Beatty Martin James Martin	Tommy Hartnett-1 <sup>st</sup> Anne Frances Bleecker-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adelaida Bennett April Cullen Nicholas Lyden Karen Robinson	Max Barreira Pippa Taylor Clare Wofford Damian Wofford	Cliff Moore Carl Wohlfeil	Ben Flessas
Sunday 11:30 AM	Susan Koval Joseph Koval	Open-1 <sup>st</sup> Open-2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Open	Charles Gerken Tolly Gerken Bennett Sease Jacob Whalin	Ryan Altenbach Patrick Dolan	Lee Gastley
Sunday Hospitality: F. Bennett M. Sease M. Lenhardt C. Eiserhardt R. Eiserhardt K. Wall M. Williams M. Arbro						

## Offertory Report

January 25 - January 26	Budget	Variance
<b>Offertory</b>		
In Pew \$ 2,272.00		
Online \$ 2,921.89		
C of C \$ 191.00		
<b>This Week's Total \$ 5,384.89</b>	<b>\$ 8,443.00</b>	<b>\$ (3,058.11)</b>
<b>Total Fiscal YTD \$ 247,834.40</b>	<b>\$ 260,640.00</b>	<b>\$ (12,805.60)</b>
<b>Building &amp; Renovation</b>		
In Pew \$ 15.00		
Online \$ 1,009.81		
<b>Total \$ 1,024.81</b>	<b>\$ 4,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (2,975.19)</b>
<b>Total Fiscal YTD \$ 40,461.21</b>	<b>\$ 120,000.00</b>	<b>\$ (79,538.79)</b>
<b>Bicentennial Campaign</b>		
	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Raised</b>
In Pew \$ 5.00		
Online		
<b>Total \$ 5.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,100,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,187,057.56</b>
<b>Catholic Appeal of SC</b>		
	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Raised</b>
	<b>\$ 25,789.00</b>	<b>\$ 37,340.00</b>

## 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](http://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: \$ 3,187,057.56  
 Current Amount Collected: \$ 3,045,162.22  
 Fulfillment Rate: 96%  
 Still To Be Collected: \$ 141,895.34  
 Number of Donors: 174

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](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!*



## Second Collection

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

Thank you for your continued generosity for our Second Collections.

## Catholic Appeal for South Carolina

Thank you for your continued generosity to the Catholic Appeal for South Carolina (The Bishop's Appeal). Thanks to all who enabled St. Mary's to achieve 145% of our goal. Congratulations! May your generosity be returned to you tenfold!

## 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.

## Contact Information

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**After Hours Emergency Number:**

**843.834.7050**

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

**843.727.1577**