

The First Sunday in Lent

Parish News

Please Pray for:

Alice	Caleb Marshall	Marvin H.
Clayton	Steve McLaughlin	Val Preston
DBF	Robin Mahal	Norma Nance
Regina	Michael Moore	Carter Naile
D. Carter	Robin Ann Parker	Laura Fontaine
Robin Dagostino	Sydney Reddick	Nick Digangi
John Devane	John Rowland	James Darby Parker
Steve Donaldson	David Shah	Mark E.
C. Evans	Joe Ward	Carson Parker
Paul Madden	Carole White	Barbara Pelletier
Nancy S.	Chloe	

To add or delete someone in the Prayer List, email the person's name to office@sma.church.

From Father Miles

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with profound gratitude and great joy that I join this parish community as your pastor. In the rich tradition of our Catholic faith, the parish is more than a place of worship, it is a family, a school of discipleship, and a sanctuary where Christ meets us in the sacraments and in one another

As I begin this journey with you, I do so with a heart open to learning, serving, and growing alongside you. Together, let us deepen our love for the Eucharist, strengthen our commitment to the Gospel, and bear witness to the truth that sets us free.

May the intercession of Our Lady and the communion of saints guide us as we walk this path of faith, hope, and charity. Please pray for me, as I will pray for you.

In Christ,

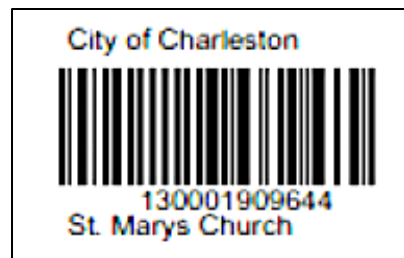
Reverend Thomas Miles

Daily Mass Schedule Change

A reminder that there no longer will be an 8:00am Mass on Mondays. There will continue to be Mass on Tuesday – Saturday at 8:00am .

Parking Code

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



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 8

Optional Memorial of St. John of God, Religious

8:00am: Bonnie Hartnett

5:00pm: Deacon Paul Rosenblum

Sunday, March 9

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9:00am: Pro Populo

11:30am: Cathy Rosenblum

Monday, March 10

Lenten Weekday

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, March 11

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Rodney & Erin Lynch

Wednesday, March 12

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Linda & Lesa Underwood

Thursday, March 13

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Al & Susan Stiles, Jr.

Friday, March 14

Lenten Weekday

8:00am: Lois & Jack Evans

Saturday, March 15

Lenten Weekday

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

5:00pm: Rosemarie Dykeman

St. Mary's Ladies Altar Society meets the 2nd Monday of the month. Please join us for the Ladies Altar Society's next meeting in the Parish Hall on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6 pm. Appetizers will be served.

St. Mary's Men's Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society is the men's group of St. Mary's. We meet the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is March 11th starting at 6pm. The meeting agenda includes our first meeting with Father Miles as our new pastor and an update on the Spaghetti/Pasta dinner planned for May 16th. Members of St. Agatha Society of the College of Charleston are welcome to join with us. We look forward to seeing you.

Notes of Interest

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 will begin 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

Lenten Observances (From the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops): Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast. On days of fast, one full meal is allowed. Two lesser meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. Catholics who have completed their 18th year are bound by this law until the beginning of their 60th year.

Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. On days of abstinence meats should not be taken at any meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics who have completed their 14th year.

The Obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is a serious obligation. The New Code of Canon Law states: “On these days (of Penance), the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the fast and abstinence...”

Theology on Tap for young adults takes place on Wednesday, March 12 at Tommy Condon’s from 7:00pm – 10:00pm. Our speaker is Fr. Gregory Wilson, and the topic is “Divine Providence and Suffering.” For more information, please contact Scott at shillbc93@gmail.com.

The Charleston Catholic School congratulates the CCS Senior Boys Basketball team on being the Diocese of Charleston Copper Division Champions! GO SAINTS!!

Ministry Schedule

	Greeters	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers	Safety	Usher
March 8 – March 9: The First Sunday of Lent						
Saturday 5:00pm	Mary Gastley Lee Gastley	Pete Ward-1 st Tommy Hartnett-2 nd	Pete Ward Open	Benjamin Coco Molly Gill Sarah Gill Open	Jordan Rock Patrick Dolan	John Swanson
Sunday 9:00am	Lenore Hammerbacher Mary Catherine Gill	Amelia Lyden-1 st Al Stiles-2 nd	Adelaida Bennett April Cullen Cathy Rosenblum Nicholas Lyden	Max Barreira Pippa Taylor Clare Wofford Damian Wofford	Carl Wohlfeil Cliff Moore	Glenn Hammerbacher
Sunday 11:30am	Larry Jone Linda Jones	Anne Frances Bleecker-1 st Open	Open Open	Bennett Sease Jacob Wahlin Open Open	Marc Oberdorff John Pauldine	Ben Flessas
Sunday Hospitality: J. McDowell B. Ankerson D. Darling S. Koval M. Gastley K. Bradley						
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	Patrick Dolan Open	Ben Flessas
Sunday Hospitality: P. McAlister C. Aimer A. Finnegan J. Hill C. Gryniowski N. Scheurer M. Cleland R. Quagliardi						

Offertory Report

March 1 - March 2	Budget	Variance
Offertory		
In Pew \$ 6,141.00		
Online \$ 3,153.30		
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This Week's Total \$ 9,294.30	\$ 8,443.00	\$ 851.30
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 293,193.18	\$ 302,855.00	\$ (9,661.82)
Building & Renovation		
In Pew \$ 790.00		
Online \$ 110.05		
Total \$ 900.05	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (3,099.95)
Total Fiscal YTD \$ 45,597.17	\$ 140,000.00	\$ (94,402.83)
Bicentennial Campaign		
	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
In Pew		
Online		
Total \$ -	\$ 3,187,187.56	\$ 3,047,597.22
Catholic Appeal of SC		
	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Amount Collected</u>
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: \$ 3,047,597.22
 Fulfillment Rate: 96%
 Still To Be Collected: \$ 139,590.34
 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 will be for grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs for our Black and Indian brothers and sisters.

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