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fig tree. When its branch
becomes tender and
sprouts leaves, you know
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Mark 13:28

TODAY!

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Mass Times

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:00 am, Church
Fridays: 9:30 am, Chapel
Holy Day Masses: To be announced

Holy Hour of Prayer

Wednesdays: 6:30-7:30 pm, Chapel

Sunday Rosary (Church)

7:30-7:45 am
9:30-9:45 am (led by the Legion of
Mary)

Reconciliation

Sundays: 9:15-9:45 am or by
appointment

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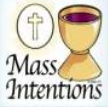
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All bulletin announcements must
be in the office by note or email by
Friday at 9:00 am for the following
week's Sunday (space permitting).

Diocesan Victim Assistance

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November 17, 2024 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



8 am: Pro Populo
10 am: Irene Sciulli, RIP

Please pray for our St. Mary Sick List: Pamela Arciniega, Debbie Caiola, Fulvio Cangiano, Michael Caracappa, John Carr, Eileen Cline, Charles (Chuck) Dilworth, Maryellen Dilworth, Irene Dionne, Joan Elizabeth Doherty, Cathy Doty, Delores Dubisz, Donna Dumont, Shirley Dye, John Ellis, Frantz Etienne, Donna Fitzwilliam, Grace Flenniken, MaryPat Harvey, Barbara Hollis, Walt Hollis, Rose Hunt Samuda, Arlene Iannone, Jackie Jones, Trent Juroscio, Annette Kaczanowski, Tony Keys, Misty Konow, Olive Kulesa, Frankie Mignano, Leigh Morin, Tony Motola, Kathy Murphy, Patty Placke, Bob Preusser, Walter Ratliff, Gary Redding, Dorothy Rumerich, Marie Ryan, Michael Sampere, Jeffrey Sligh, Murrie Smith, John Spencer-Coombs, Stacy Spinnato, Carla Thomason, Paul Wagner, Henry Walton.

Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Soldiers: Michael Abowd, Chris Colgrove, Caleb Cook, Dominic Cruz, Daniel Esposito, Jon Immel, Garrison Jackson, Jr., Christopher Laurencio, Sean Merrill, Erin Mугan, Scott Starr.

Please pray for our St. Mary's Military Families: Roy & Tommie Blake, Jonathan & Julie Cook, Nina Gibson, Chris & Diane Laurencio, Bruce & Mary Rose Randall, Vickie Starr, Krisanne Walker.

Collection for new baby toys - Dec 1

MiraVia is a Catholic maternity home and outreach facility in the Charlotte area that offers a way forward to pregnant college students and moms in the community through long-term material support. Each year, MiraVia continues its Christmas tradition of spreading love by providing toys for babies in need through a TOY DRIVE during Oct. and Nov.

St. Mary is supporting this effort by holding a TOY DRIVE that will run through the end of this month. The final collection date will be **Sunday, Dec. 1**, and the toys will be delivered to MiraVia's Outreach Center on Dec. 2. We are collecting preferably LEARNING TOYS for children ages 6-24 months (2 yrs). The unwrapped toys can be dropped off in the designated area in the Gathering space.

You may also choose to send gifts directly to MiraVia via their Amazon Wish List. Scan the QR code to view gifts they would love to have for moms and babies.

For more information, please contact **Katie Bessman**, St. Mary Pro-life Coordinator, at 360-449-2942 or katiebessman@gmail.com. Thank you for your generosity!



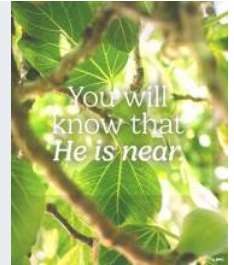
WEEKLY COLLECTION November 10, 2024

Offering	\$5,893.27
Online Giving	\$2,360.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
Parking Lot	\$200.00
St. Mary Outreach	\$425.00
Mass Offerings	\$5.00
Soup Kitchen	\$250.00
Food Pantry	\$25.00

Second Collection

November 24 - Guatemalan Mission

Today's Readings Year B: Sunday Cycle Cycle II: Weekday



First Reading — Dn 12:1-3
Psalms — Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11
Second Reading — Heb 10:11-14, 18
Gospel — Mk 13:24-32

Weekly Readings

Monday: Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A and 9B; Lk 19:41-44
Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Scout BBQ for sale!



Next Sunday, the Scouts of Troops 925 & 927 will be selling their famous BBQ pork, Brunswick Stew, and BBQ sauces in the gathering space after Mass. This fundraiser helps the scout troops with equipment, summer, and other awesome activities throughout the year. Prices are \$10 per pound of pork or quart of stew, and the yummy products freeze well. Please pay by cash or check. THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE LOCAL SCOUTS!

The annual Thanksgiving service between St. Mary's and Hermon Presbyterian Church will be held Monday, November 25 at Hermon Church located at 107 Heckle Blvd. Further details including the time of service will be announced soon.

Celebrating Black Catholic History Month

Part 2 of a 4-part series from the Social Justice Committee:

There are so many Black Catholics that we admire, but here is just a little bit about the stories of a couple of American Black Catholics who are on the road to sainthood.¹ You might want to know more about the process of becoming officially proclaimed a Saint in the Catholic Church; it is both a lengthy and expensive procedure.²



● **Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, (1937-1990)** is a Catholic convert from Mississippi. She was a teacher, public speaker, musician, and woman religious who founded the National Black Sisters' Conference. The Diocese of Jackson opened the cause for her canonization in 2018.

Mary Woodward, chancellor of the Diocese of Jackson, told the Register that Bowman was “a tower of strength and powerful witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. She continually labored to bring people to the table to learn more about the dynamic role of African American spirituality in the Church, especially liturgical spirituality. She was tireless in her efforts to raise awareness among African American Catholics of their inherent worth in the Church and their unique gifts to the Church.”

One of Sister Thea Bowman’s most famous speeches about her Black identity was given at a June 1989 address to the U.S. Bishops Conference³:

“What does it mean to be Black in the Church in society? I want to tell you about a Church. What does it mean to be Black and Catholic? It means that I come to my Church fully functioning. That doesn’t frighten you, does it? I bring myself; my black self, all that I am, all that I have, all that I hope to become. I bring my whole history, my

traditions, my experience, my culture, my African American song and dance, and gesture and movement, and teaching and preaching, and healing and responsibility, — as gifts to the Church.”



● **Servant of God Julia Greeley**, was a freed slave from Missouri who died in 1918. In 2016, Denver Archbishop Samuel Aquila opened the cause for canonization of Servant of God Julia Greeley. She moved to Denver, converted to the Catholic faith, and was known for pulling around a red wagon filled with items — such as food, clothing, and firewood — which she would give to the poor.

Father Blaine Burkey, Greeley’s biographer, told the Register: “She loved others, feeding the poor, clothing the naked, and providing fuel for their homes. If someone was sick, she’d come to their house and help take care of them.” The Jesuits who ran the parish considered her the most enthusiastic promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus they had ever seen.

Every month, she visited on foot every fire station in Denver and delivered literature of the Sacred Heart League to the firemen, Catholics and non-Catholics alike.⁴

¹ Catholic News Agency, Jim Graves, February 28, 2023, <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/253759/meet-the-6-american-black-catholics-who-are-on-the-road-to-sainthood>

² The basic steps to becoming a saint include: Servant of God, Venerable, Blessed and Saint. <https://wedaretosay.com/what-steps-are-in-the-beatification-and-canonization-process/>

³ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uOV0n-QkjuoA>

⁴ <https://www.usccb.org/committees/african-american-affairs/road-sainthood-leaders-african-descent>

Catholic Women’s Day 2025

February 26, 2025

10 am - 2pm
SC State House, 1100 Gervais St, Columbia



Join us at the State House!

- Learn about the legislative process
- Take a tour of the Capital
- Meet your state legislators
- Fellowship with Catholic women from around the state

Scan the QR code to RSVP by February 1, 2025



Contact skelley@charlestondiocese.org with questions
Learn more at sccatholicconference.org



11th Annual Benefit Dinner!

Mark your calendar for Fat Tuesday, **March 4, 4-10 pm** at Texas Roadhouse (2367 Dave Lyle Blvd)! **Gift cards are now on sale after Mass.** St. Mary receives 10% of all gift card sales and 10% of all St. Mary-mentioned dinners that are purchased that evening. Make plans to attend this annual tradition with your fellow parishioners!

St. Mary Ministries and Outreach

ALTAR SERVERS: Call the Parish Office at (803) 329-1008

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ROSARY & CONFRATERNITY SOCIETY: 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 am. Gwen D. Finley, (803) 322-3344, gwendfinley@yahoo.com

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SR. FRANCIS SARING SHAWL MINISTRY: 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm, Fellowship Hall, Nancy Scholl, (863) 287-1649, nscholl79@gmail.com

ST. MARY OUTREACH PROGRAM: Open Tuesday & Thursday 9-11:30 am, Bannon Hall. Deacon Walt Hollis, (843) 295-9192, walthollis67@yahoo.com

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ST. MARY'S PANTRY: Thursdays from 11:30 am-12:30 pm at Bannon Hall. Bettye Finley, (803) 329-1008, betfinley41@gmail.com

ST. MARY QUILTERS: Mondays 9:00 am - 1:00 pm, Fellowship Hall. Mary Bell, (803) 389-0912

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WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST: 2nd Saturday from 8-10 am in Fellowship Hall. Regeana Phillips, (803) 370-8999, regeanap@yahoo.com

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 **National Domestic Violence Hotline:** 800-799-7233

National Dating Abuse Hotline: 866-331-9474

Local Shelter: Pilgrims' Inn: 803-327-4227



Our Food Pantry is always in need of canned and packaged goods, cash, and plastic grocery bags. If you can help, it would be greatly appreciated.



Holy Hour of Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30-7:30 pm - Chapel



2024 LOCAL HEROES FOR JUSTICE & EQUALITY

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

6:00 PM

The Gathering Space

135 East Main Street

Rock Hill SC

Our very own Father Edward Wahl, C.O. will be recognized at this honored event. Please attend!

Wrapped in prayer

With the fall season officially underway and bringing along cooler temperatures, our thoughts turn to staying warm and cozy whether it be jackets, sweaters, blankets, or shawls. St. Mary is extremely blessed to have a prayer shawl ministry whose mission is to provide warmth, comfort, and healing through prayer. So how did this wonderful ministry get its start?



The Saring Prayer Shawl group began in July 2007 and was sponsored by a nun who served at St Mary's at the time, Sr Frances Saring. We still have one member who has been with the group since its inception. Since we began, the Prayer Shawl group has crocheted or knitted well over 300 shawls, and distributed over 200 of them, either individually or in groups (donating them to the Cancer Center, Piedmont Medical Center, and local nursing homes). On Sept 8, Father Agustin blessed 39 more shawls that had been created by our members. Thirteen shawls were chosen after the Mass to be provided to family/friends in need. We're so happy to be able to create these beautiful shawls, praying over them for the future recipients, having them blessed and distributing them. These shawls can provide comfort in times of health concerns, stress, or other reasons.

If you would like a shawl for yourself or for someone else, please contact **Nancy Scholl** at 863-287-1649. Or, you may stop in at the church office during business hours and the staff can get one for you. Our prayers and love go with each one.

Article courtesy of Nancy Scholl

Church repairs underway

Father would like parishioners to know about several upcoming maintenance and repairs to the church property:



- Fill in the ditch behind Bannon Hall and plant grass seed
- Clean gutters and make general repairs to the church building
- Mount a new St. Martin de Porres plaque at the chapel entrance
- Replace the fence around the dumpster with sturdier material
- Paint the baseboard in the sanctuary



Craft show is next Sunday!

Looking for some neat gift ideas for as we kick off the holiday season? Come to our **Holiday Craft Show next Sunday, Nov. 24**, after both Masses in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in being a vendor to sell your crafts, please contact **Tina Glapinski** at 803-417-7086 to reserve a table.

Calendar



Sunday, November 17

Newcomers Brunch, Fellowship Hall
8:30-9:45 am - Faith Formation, Cenacle
NO Youth Ministry

Monday, November 18

6:30 pm - Parish Pastoral Council
meeting, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 24 *Chat & Chew*

Holiday Craft Show, Fellowship Hall
NO Youth Ministry

Tuesday, November 26

6-7pm - Prayer Shawl ministry, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 27

NO Youth Ministry

Thursday, November 28 *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Parish office closed

Friday, November 29

9:30 am - Mass

Parish office closed

Sunday, December 1 *First Day of Advent*

MiraVia Toy Drive due

Weekly events:

Sundays (9-10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall

Mondays (9 am-1 pm) Quilters, Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays (6:30 -7:30 pm) Holy Hour of Prayer, Chapel;
(6:30 pm) Legion of Mary, RH Oratory-Faber Hall

Fridays (10 am) Bible study, Fellowship Hall; (1:30 pm) Dominoes,
Bakhita Room

Help requested for Deacon Walt & Barbara Hollis



St. Mary is unmatched when it comes to helping those in need and caring for each other. **Deacon Walt** has had cardiovascular surgery which has restricted him from driving or performing daily activities for one month. He and Barbara would be so very grateful if anyone would have time to run errands, pick up groceries, deliver a meal, or drive them to appointments during this time (Barbara is also recuperating at home and unable to drive). Walt's phone number and email address is on the bulletin cover if you would like to contact him to offer your assistance, or you can call the Parish Office for his information. Even if you are unable to help in this capacity, just keeping them in your prayers or sending a card would mean so much to them. Their address is 3534 Enterprise Drive, Rock Hill, SC 29730-9693. Thank you!

New Pro-Life Committee forming



A new Pro-life committee is organizing at St. Mary and is welcoming interested parishioners. Details are still in process and will be announced at a later date. If you would like to learn more or be a part of this wonderful ministry, please contact **Katie Bessman**, St. Mary Pro-life Coordinator, at 360-449-2942 or katiebessman@gmail.com.

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