



Saint Mary of the Annunciation

Roman Catholic Church

The First Catholic Church in the Carolinas and Georgia
Established August 24, 1789

Visitors Are Most Welcome

We all belong to the family of Christ. Please join us for hospitality in the Parish Hall after Mass.

Our Parish Office is located at 119 Broad St.

Celebration of Holy Mass

Sunday at 9:30AM

Free parking is available during Sunday Mass at the City Garage by Charleston Place Hotel. Show your Bulletin.

Holy Days of Obligation

See Bulletin

Sacrament of Penance

(at the Cathedral)

Saturday 4:00PM - 4:45PM

Wednesday 5:30PM - 6:30PM

Tues. - Fri. 11:15AM - 11:45AM

Rosary

Tuesdays at 5:30PM

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, 7 January

5:30PM, (Cathedral)
Susan Rowland

Sunday, 8 January

9:00AM, (Cathedral)
Intentions of the Kim Hae-Yong Family

9:30AM, (St. Mary)
Joan Hurlock

11:15AM, (Cathedral)
Pro Populo

6:00PM, (Cathedral)

Monday, 9 January
NO MASS

Tuesday, 10 January
NO MASS

Wednesday, 11 January
NO MASS

Thursday, 12 January
NO MASS

Friday, 13 January

12:05PM, (Cathedral)
Margaret Sheridan+

Saturday, 14 January
5:30PM, (Cathedral)
J.A. & E. A. DeCaradua+

Sunday, 15 January

9:00AM, (Cathedral)
Matthew Revel+

9:30AM, (St. Mary)
Michael Giuffreda+

11:15AM, (Cathedral)
Pro Populo

6:00PM, (Cathedral)
Robert Lagan



The Epiphany of the Lord

This feast celebrates the epiphany (manifestation) of Christ to the Gentiles, symbolized by Christ's manifestation to the Magi (Wise Men).

The gifts of the wise men are symbolic of who Jesus is, and what he did and taught. Gold symbolizes that Jesus is king. Myrrh is symbolic of the sacrificial death of Jesus, since it was one of the burial spices used on Jesus' body. As a medicinal agent, it also symbolizes that Jesus is a healer. Frankincense, i.e. incense, symbolizes Jesus' role as priest, since ancient Jews and Greeks believed that incense, used in worship, carried prayers to heaven.

Traditionally, Epiphany was observed on January 6th and marked the end of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Now some Catholic regions (ours included) translate it to a Sunday.

The Epiphany celebration remembers the three miracles that manifest the divinity of Christ. It began as a commemoration of the birth of Christ. Later, additional meanings were added - the visit of the three Magi, Christ's baptism in the Jordan River, and his first miracle at the wedding in Cana. These three events are central to the definition of Epiphany, and its meaning is drawn from these occurrences.

For the Church, Epiphany represents a responsibility to reveal Jesus as the Divine Son and Savior sent by God the Father to atone for the sins of mankind. It is a time of healing and fellowship, where the Church comes together in the covenant of brotherhood to love one another as Christ commanded.

See Page 3 for an Epiphany House Blessing

We welcome all visitors to St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church. St. Mary's is the oldest Catholic Church in the Carolinas and Georgia, and is the spiritual home of a vibrant parish community. As an historical church, we are grateful for any donation that you would be willing to give. Visitor envelopes may be found in the pews for your use. Thank you for visiting us and we hope you will come back again on your next trip to Charleston.

Priests' Convocation *January 9-12, 2017*

There will be No Cathedral 12:05PM daily Masses
or Confessions Monday thru Thursday,
9-12 January!

Please pray for our priests.

St. Mary's Parish News

Salamat, σας ευχαριστώ, podziękowanie, hvala, danke, Дякую, grazie, vā multumim, merci, Спасибо, terima kasih! On behalf of the Charleston Port and Seafarers' Society and all of the seafarers, I want to thank the St. Mary's community for their support of the Christmas-at-Sea program. This year we were able to give out 2,305 Christmas packages to the men and women we serve. This was the largest number ever. For the men and women who were far from their homes at Christmas this was a small, but greatly appreciated reminder that they are not forgotten, that the Lord cares for all of them. May God bless you always. Our Lady, Stella Maris, pray for us. Peace, Deacon Paul

The Holy Name Society will meet on Tuesday, 10 Jan, in the Parish Hall. Fellowship begins at 5:30PM with the meeting beginning at 6:00PM.

Healthy Eating Seminar

Do you want to feel better? Do you want to improve your health? If so, please join us as we begin a support group that emphasizes nutritious eating to nurture mind, body and spirit. Each week, we will focus on an area of nutrition and share recipes, tips, and support to help you incorporate healthful changes in diet.

This is the first step towards a healthier (and happier) you! We'll meet weekly for 4 weeks, and provide support as needed in between to help you navigate grocery stores and dietary trends.

The cost for the program is \$35. The dates of the meetings are being changed. Stay tuned for updates!

Please, contact Irene Lagan at laganirene@gmail.com for more information or to register.

Candlemas

2 February 2017, 12:05PM

Candlemas is a solemnity celebrating Jesus' presentation at the temple. It is one of the oldest feasts and has been celebrated since the fourth century.

This feast has for long been associated with many popular devotional exercises. Such as the blessing of candles which were carried in procession in honor of Christ, 'the light to enlighten the Gentiles' (Lk 2, 32).

The Presentation of the Lord concludes the celebration of the Nativity and with the offerings of the Virgin Mother and the prophecy of Simeon, the events now point toward Easter.

Candles to be blessed at Candlemas can be ordered in advance. Envelopes are located in the back of the church. For donation of \$5 you receive two candles. The deadline for orders is 13 January 2017. Envelopes may be placed in the collection or returned to the Parish Office at 119 Broad Street.

Blessed candles will be available for pickup after the 12:05pm Mass at the Cathedral on 2 February, or in the Parish Office after 2 February.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

8 January 2017

The Epiphany of the Lord

The Order of Mass may be found on page 253 in the Missal.
The Readings may be found on page 65 in the Missal.

Processional Hymn:	H. pg. 237
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise	vs. 1-3
Kyrie	H. pg. 408
	<i>Missa de Angelis</i>
Psalm	M. pg. 66
	Psalm 72
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia
Homily	
Offertory Motet	
There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob	Mendelssohn
Sanctus	H. pg. 410
	<i>Missa XVII</i>
Memorial Acclamation	Chant
We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord	
Great Amen	Haugen
	Amen
Agnus Dei	H. pg. 411
	<i>Missa Deus Genitor alme</i>
Communion Chant	M. pg. 68
	<i>Vidimus stellam eius</i>
Communion Motet	
Coventry Carol	15 th Century, trad.
We Have Seen His Star	Titcomb
Recessional Hymn:	H. pg. 236
As With Gladness Men of Old	Vs. 1-3

Respect Life News

January is Sanctity of Human Life Month: Sunday, January 15, 2017 is officially "Sanctity of Human Life Sunday," but the entire month is designated as a month to express your support for the cause of LIFE! This January, help preserve the Sanctity of Human Life and protect the lives of unborn babies. All around the nation, churches and organizations will celebrate LIFE and express their support of local pregnancy care centers.

9 Days for Life: January 21-29, 2017: A Novena for Life and other resources can be found on our web-site:

saintmaryhasellst.org

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It is customary to bless your house at Epiphany.

Be sure to pick up a piece of blessed chalk after Mass today and use the rite

Leader: Peace be to this house.

All: And to all who dwell herein.

Leader: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

During the Magnificat, the room is sprinkled with holy water

All: My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the humility of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done great things to me, and holy is His Name. And His Mercy is from generation unto generations upon them that fear Him. He hath shewed might in His arm, He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel, His servant, being mindful of His mercy. As He spoke to our Fathers, Abraham and His seed forever.

After this is completed:

All: From the east came the Magi to Bethlehem to adore the Lord; and opening their treasures they offered precious gifts: gold for the great King, incense for the true God, and myrrh in symbol of His burial.

Leader: Our Father ... And lead us not into temptation,

All: But deliver us from evil.

Leader: All they from Saba shall come

All: Bringing gold and frankincense.

Leader: O Lord, hear my prayer.

All: And let my cry come unto Thee.

Leader: Let us pray. O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: Be enlightened, be enlightened, O Jerusalem, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee-- Jesus Christ born of the Virgin Mary.

All: And the Gentiles shall walk in thy light and kings in the splendor of thy rising, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon thee.

Leader: Let us pray. Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

After the prayers of the blessing are recited, walk through the house and bless each room by sprinkling with holy water.

Take the blessed chalk and first write the initials of the three Wise Men, connected with Crosses, over the inside of your front door (on the lintel, if possible). Then write the year, breaking up the numbers and the year so that they fall on both sides of the initials. It should look like this, for ex.:

20 C+M+B 17

with the "20" being the millennium and century, the "C" standing for the first Wise Man, Caspar, the "M" standing for Melchior, the "B" standing for Balthasar, and the "17" standing for the decade and year. It is also popularly believed that the Kings' initials also stand for "Christus mansionem benedicat" ("Christ bless this house").



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Altar Flowers: Every member of the parish is invited to contribute to the beauty of our worship space by providing the altar flowers on a particular Sunday to the glory of God, in memory, thanksgiving, or celebration of people or events that are important to that donor. Please call the Parish Office for more information or to schedule a Sunday.



Baptisms are celebrated on the 4th Sunday of every month at 10:30AM. To have your child baptized, please call the Parish Office at 843-724-8395. Please call before the birth of your child.



The Sacrament of Matrimony: Either the bride or the groom must be a practicing Catholic and registered at St. Marys for at least twelve months before scheduling a wedding date and beginning the six months marriage preparation. The bride/groom must be an active parishioner, regularly attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and use the envelope system in regular support of the parish. The Wedding Policy Booklet may be found on our web-site: saintmaryhasellst.org. Contact Stephanie Stewart for more information, weddings@charlestoncathedral.com or 843-724-8395.



Are You an Active Member? Various facilities and services are available to our active members. This includes use of the Church for Baptisms, Weddings, and other sacramental events, and includes parishioner status in parochial schools.

Active Membership is determined by four things:

1. Being properly registered in the parish for a sufficient period of time.
2. Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Use of the envelope system in regular support of the parish.
4. Being active in at least one parish program, ministry, or organization.

Please notify the office of any changes in your address or contact information.



Offertory Reports 1 January 2017

Offertory 1941.00
Electronic Offertory: \$381.00
 Total Offertory: \$2,467.00



Offertory Option: You can now manage your giving online. Giving online is easy and allows you to schedule contributions and view your complete online giving history. Just follow these easy steps: Just visit our web site (saintmaryhasellst.org) and Click on the *Donate Now* button, Click on the *Create Profile* button, then Follow the instructions to create a profile and to schedule your contributions.

Don't forget: Update your account with current credit card expiration dates



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Greeters and Gift Bearers:

Jan. 8 Gene & Jerry Pastelak
 Jan. 15 Doris & Bill Booth
 Jan. 22 Jim & Beatty Martin
 Jan. 29 Jimmy & Philippa McAlister

Lectors:

Jan. 8 Tommy Hartnett
 Jan. 15 Stephanie McGuffin
 Jan. 22 Roy Howell
 Jan. 29 Bob Imbus

Extraordinary Ministers of the Distribution of Holy Communion:

TBA

Hospitality:

TBA



Please Pray for:

Anonymous	Goleta Kincer
Lilian Andrews	Johnny Marshall
Amanda Balcom	Anne Mosley
Jim Brady	Norma Nance
Margaret Mary Brandt	Heather Riley
Arlette Crane	Pauline Sottile
Lorraine Emanuel	Margaret Mary Sprague
Patty Emerick	Michael Sutton
Mary Forbes	Jeff Todd
Holly Gorman	Jessie W.
Sheila Grant	Betty H.
Richardine Grant	JC, LH & GP
Annabelle Heil	

