



ST. MARY MAGDALENE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FATHER THEO TRUJILLO, PASTOR

ADVENT MISSION

DECEMBER 4
AT 6:30 P.M.



GUEST SPEAKER:
FR. RHETT WILLIAMS
DIRECTOR OF VOCATIONS FOR
THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON
AND PASTOR OF
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

Eucharistic
Adoration

Why Adore?

How to Pray
a Holy Hour



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Esp - Misa en español
Pol - Polish Mass | Tgl - Filipino Mass

Saturday, December 2, Vigil

5:00 p.m. † Donald M. Rubin
7:00 p.m. (Esp) St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, December 3

7:30 a.m. † Russ Gallimore
9:00 a.m. † Cathy Shaw
11:00 a.m. † Joseph Noyes
1:00 p.m. (Esp) † Sebastian Penaloza
6:00 p.m. Mendoza Family

Monday, December 4

8:30 a.m. † Ana Maria Aceiton Arce
Noon † Leonor Parra

Tuesday, December 5

8:30 a.m. Ray Mager
Noon † Kevin O'Brien

Wednesday, December 6

8:30 a.m. Karin Eagles
Noon Mary Anne Scarponi

Thursday, December 7

8:30 a.m. The Staff of St. Mary Magdalene
Noon Deacon Roger Schonewald
5 p.m. † Onell Noguera

Friday, December 8

7 a.m. Michele and Maria Angela Mancusi
8:30 a.m. † Richard Grant Shumate
Noon † Sheila Martin and Michele Vigue
4 p.m. † Margaret Borzilleri
7 p.m. † Mafalda Gerdon

Saturday, December 9

8:30 a.m. † Cecile Alonge
5:00 p.m. Veronica Hubbard
7:00 p.m. (Esp) St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, December 10

7:30 a.m. † Timmy Downs
9:00 a.m. † William Standera
11:00 a.m. † Peter Pankiewicz
1:00 p.m. (Esp) † Ruben Dario Guerra
6:00 p.m. † Mike Miros

Mass Readings/Lecturas

www.usccb.org

Childcare During Mass

For the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses, childcare is available in the Conner Ministry Building for children 4 and under.

Livestreamed Mass

8:30 a.m. daily Mass

9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Spanish) Sunday Mass

Watch on Facebook at facebook.com/SMMsimpsonville
and on our website at www.smmcc.org/livestream

Reading a Printed Bulletin?

Visit our bulletin web page at www.smmcc.org/bulletin for live links or scan the QR codes.



Reconciliation

Saturdays after the 8:30 a.m. Mass,
and from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Other Masses

Polish: December 17 at 3 p.m.
Filipino: First Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.
Portuguese: Second and Fourth Friday of the month at 7 p.m.

Please Pray for...

Joan Galle, Paul Felton, Irene Johnson, Angela Ripandelli, Rick Agron, Leonard Byrne, Coleen McDonald, Philomena Reed, Gina and Dal Maness, Florence Jackson, Vincent Stankay, Brenda McCleary, Mary Radziewicz, Nancy Scala, Gustavo Valdez, Janice Reed, William and Marie Wilson, Ailani Urrego, Alejandro Leyton, Beatriz Rebolledo, Charlotte McGrath, Romeo Madeo, John Kelly, Patricia O'Brien, Beth Snyder, Jennifer Farrell, Olivia Fu, Herm Spitzer, Rosa Schaeuble, Ed Zaik, Lilly Shields, Bryan Aho, Weston Vigil, Tim Rankin, Judy Balk, Kathy Ervin, Kenneth Ortiz, Edna Maldonado, Robert Hoyt, Janice & Edward Reed, Linda Overcon, Elizabeth Cox, David Guzman, Voite Hurst, Connor Idi, Andrea Wiggins, Noraima Hernandez, Jazmin Castillo, Elizabeth Sima and all who are sick and suffering in our community.

*Names will remain on the **Please Pray for** list for one month. To request a name be added or kept for another month, please contact the parish office.*



SPIRITUAL LIFE



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mass Times

December 7
Vigil at 5 p.m.

December 8
7 a.m., 8:30 a.m., noon,
4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

En el Evangelio de hoy

El Adviento es la espera alegre y activa de la preparación a la Navidad; donde celebramos el nacimiento del Salvador. Nos preparamos para recibir al Señor en gozo y acción. El Señor que viene nos invita a salir a abrir la puerta para ver más allá de nuestra propia realidad. “Cada cristiano y cada comunidad discernirá cuál es el camino que Dios le pide, pero todos somos invitados a aceptar este llamado: salir de la propia comodidad y atreverse a llegar a todas las periferias que necesitan la luz del Evangelio. La alegría del Evangelio que llena la vida de la comunidad de discípulos es la alegría misionera” (Papa Francisco). Estas palabras del Papa Francisco no están pasadas de moda, son activas para todos nosotros especialmente en este primer Domingo de Adviento.

En medio de todo lo que vivimos en la sociedad en este tiempo, la invitación continua a seguir acogiendo y consolando, en lo que se puede, al inmigrante y al que sufre toda clase de violencia. Crear nuevas posibilidades para despertar alegría en los corazones dormidos. El Evangelio nos advierte: “Estén preparados y vigilando, porque no saben cuándo llegará ese momento...estén despiertos” (Marcos 13,33-37). Hay que abrir bien los ojos para descubrir dónde está el Señor, porque no es fácil verlo. ¿Cuáles actitudes debemos poner en práctica en este Adviento? La confianza, la vigilancia, la hospitalidad y la esperanza. ¿Y tú, cuál otra actitud agregarías?

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Interested in Sharing Your Faith through the Greeter Ministry?

The Greeter Ministry is having an orientation meeting for anyone interested in becoming a greeter at St. Mary Magdalene.

Please join us on Monday, December 11, from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Parish Life Building, room 107, when new and returning greeters will meet for fellowship, light snacks, and details on being a Greeter here at St. Mary Magdalene.

Have questions? Email greeters@smmcc.org for more information.

Intenciones de Misas

El regalo más hermoso que uno puede dar a otra persona es el regalo del Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, ya que ningún otro regalo puede compararse con su valor infinito.

Se puede solicitar una intención de Misa hasta con 6 meses de anticipación. Comuníquese con Linda Mancusi en la oficina parroquial al correo electrónico lindam@smmcc.org o por teléfono al 864-288-4884 x4221.



HOLY HOUR WITH SOLEMN VESPERS

DECEMBER 11
6:30 P.M.

Nuestra Señora de
GUADALUPE
PATRONA DE LAS AMÉRICAS
Ruega por nosotros
12 DE DICIEMBRE

11 de diciembre
10 p.m. Rosario
10:30 p.m. Misa y las Mañanitas

12 de diciembre
7 p.m. Misa de las Rosas

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Advent Resources

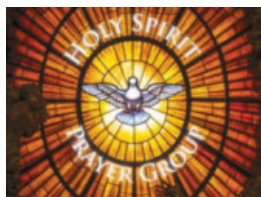


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HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

Holy Spirit Prayer Group

Come and worship with us at Holy Spirit Prayer Group as we praise the Lord in music and song, always asking the Holy Spirit to fill us anew with His power and grace.



Join us on Mondays
from 7 - 9 p.m. in the Parish Life
Building, Room 108

Contact: prayergroup@smmcc.org or call Penny at 803-739-8379.



Renovación Carismática Católica de Carolina del Sur
Viernes de 7:00 p.m. a 9:15 p.m.

El 1^{er} viernes del mes tenemos
una noche de adoración Eucarística.

Para más información comunícate con Alejandro Hinojoza al 864-551-5183 o por correo electrónico a oración@smmcc.org.

Pilgrim Queen of the Family

“Am I not here, your Mother?”

—Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Pilgrim Queen of the Family is a beautiful way to strengthen family praying of the Holy Rosary. You can do this by accepting a small traveling shrine of our Blessed Mother into your home for three days per month, while she travels between your home and other families.

Contact Diane Buser at pilgrimqueen@smmcc.org or 904-525-4964 for more information.



Virgen Peregrina de la Familia

“¿Acaso no estoy yo aquí, que soy tu Madre?”

—Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La Virgen Peregrina de la Familia es una hermosa devoción que fortalece el rezo familiar del Santo Rosario. Puede hacer esto aceptando un pequeño santuario de nuestra Santísima Madre en su hogar por tres días al mes, mientras ella viaja entre su hogar y otras familias.

Comuníquese con Diane Buser en pilgrimqueen@smmcc.org para obtener más información.

SACRAMENTS - FORMATION

The Youth of the Parish are Invited to
Join One of Our Youth Ministry Groups.
We Meet ...



High School
Life Teen meets
Sundays at 7:30 p.m.



Middle School
EDGE meets
Fridays at 7 p.m.



5th Grade Students
Journey meets on the
1st and 3rd Friday of the
month at 7 p.m.



Programa en español
Jóvenes sin Fronteras
se reúnen los viernes
a las 7 p.m.

If you would like to learn more about Youth Ministry, please contact joem@smmcc.org or visit our web page at www.smmcc.org/youth-ministry.

Want to serve the youth of our Parish?

Our youth need role models of all ages and backgrounds. You can work with our youth directly or behind the scenes. Volunteer by contacting Joe Maggio, Youth Minister, at joem@smmcc.org.

Baptisms

For more information regarding Baptisms, contact the Sacraments Office at 864-288-4884 ext. 4224.

Bautismos

Para obtener más detalles con respecto a Bautismos, llame la Oficina de Sacramentos al 864-288-4884 ext. 4224.

Weddings

Please contact Maira Agrón at 864-288-4884 ext. 4224 or mairaa@smmcc.org at least six months prior to the wedding date.

Matrimonios

Para definir los detalles de la boda, por favor, comuníquese con Maira Agrón al 864-288-4884 ext. 4224 o mairaa@smmcc.org con seis meses de anticipación.

Engage Encounter 2024 Schedule

Registration for the 2024 Engaged Encounter Weekends is now open. All of the weekends are at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. The cost is \$160 per couple. Couples are responsible for their own lodging. The dates are February 17-18, April 27-28, August 17-18 and November 16-17. You do not need to be a member of the parish to attend.

Register at southcarolina.engagedencounter.com

For additional information, contact Bob and Mary Reimer at southcarolinaregistration@engagedencounter.com or call 864-420-2633.

Young Adult Ministry



Are you between 18 and 39 and looking to grow in faith, build fellowship and find ways to serve? Then join us!

The Young Adult Ministry meets for Mass at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, except the first Tuesday of the month, in the parent's room on the tabernacle side.

Sign up to receive communications from us at smmcc.flocknote.com/YoungAdults or contact us at youngadult@smmcc.org. Follow us on Instagram at [smmccyoungadult](https://www.instagram.com/smmccyoungadult).

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
in the Parish Life Building and via Zoom

Come join us for an interactive study of Scripture and meet other men seeking the wisdom and knowledge of God.

Just bring your Bible, catechism and a desire to learn and discuss the Word of God.

No registration is necessary.

Have questions? Email mensbiblestudy@smmcc.org.



MINISTRIES IN ACTION

Respect Life Advent Calendar

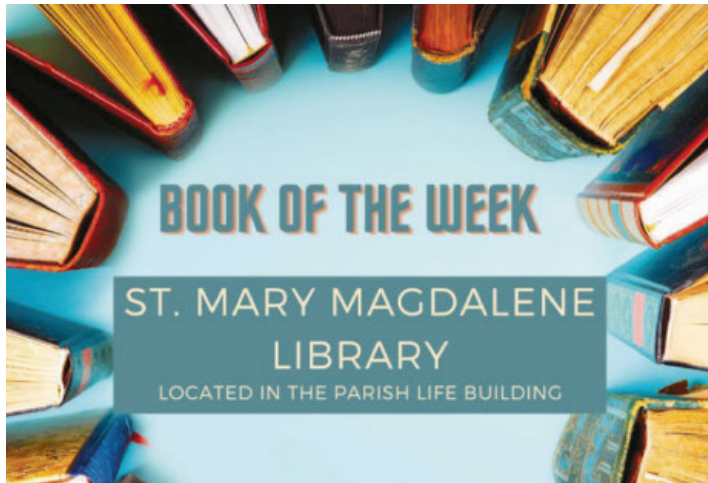
The Season of Advent is Here!

Find or make your Advent wreath, refresh your candles, find your prayers, and let's celebrate Advent as a season to prepare for the Great Birthday of our Lord by doing actions that show your respect for life.

First Week of Advent

Light the 1st purple candle which represents Hope for the coming Messiah.

- *Make and have dinner together*
- *Go to Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception*
- *Pray Psalm 139 / Jeremiah 1:5*
- *Donate a toy for Toys for Tots*
- *Plant a seed to see life growing*



This week's recommended book title is "Joy to the World" by Dr. Scott Hahn. Just in time for Advent, this book takes you into the Church of the Nativity with Dr. Hahn and his family and offers a series of beautiful reflections and insights. It's a perfect read as we prepare for the birth of our Savior!

Find this title in the church library or request it online at stmarymagdalene.library.site

Contact us at library@smmcc.org

Thank You from Respect Life Ministry

Thank you for the awesome acts of charity:

- To our parishioners for donating \$22,000, and counting, to the Birthright Baby Bottle collection - Birthright is immensely grateful!
- To parishioners who prayed to end abortion during the 40 Days for Life Campaign.
- To the Fall Confirmation students for their help with the Birthright Baby Bottles, for Spiritually Adopting 29 unborn babies, and for helping us host the November Fellowship Sunday.
- To all who helped with hosting November Fellowship Sunday.

Thank you for helping us support mothers and babies and other pro-life causes.

For questions, please email respectlife@smmcc.org.

Stand up and March for Life

Pro-Life events in January 2024

Proudly Pro-Life Rally

January 5 and 6, 2024 in Columbia, SC

Contact Respectlife@smmcc.org for more information and if you would like to carpool.

March for Life in DC

January 18 - 20 2024

Chartered Bus Trip – 2 nights in DC

Contact Valerie at valeriebaronkin@hotmail.com or 865-275-5505 for registration form and more information.

Form and payment due December 15.

A banner for the 'Proudly Pro-Life Weekend 50th Jubilee' in Columbia, S.C. The banner features the text 'PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND' and '50th Jubilee' in large, stylized fonts. It also includes the dates 'JAN 5th & 6th 2024' and the website 'SCLIFE.ORG/EVENTS'. A circular portrait of Seth Dillon, CEO of The Babylon Bee, is featured, with the text 'SETH DILLON CEO OF THE BABYLON BEE FEATURED DINNER SPEAKER'. The background shows a building at night.

MINISTRIES IN ACTION



 Now thru December 7, 2023

St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Divine Mercy Scholars homeschooling group are joining together to provide Christmas Dinner boxes to the Giving Tree families. We are planning on distributing 55 dinner boxes and we are asking for help in reaching this goal.

Below is a list of food items that will be included in each box:

- Box of instant mashed potatoes
- 1-2 packets of gravy (jars not preferred)
- Stuffing (boxes or bags)
- Boxes of cornbread, Jiffy brand is easy
- Can of cranberry sauce
- Box of pumpkin quick bread (dessert)
- Cans of green beans
- Cans of yams
- Cans of peas



Please drop off your food donations in the SVdP basket in the Narthex.



Jóvenes de corazón

Únete a nuestro grupo todos los miércoles de 10 a.m. a 12.30 p.m. en el edificio Parish Life. El propósito es activar la mente, fortalecer la memoria, crear relaciones sociales y compartir un pequeño desayuno con otras personas. Tenemos diversas actividades como juegos de mesa, manualidades, crochet, bordado, pintura, bisutería, ejercicios, etc...

¡No faltes! Recuerda que estaremos esperándote.

Para más información escríbenos al correo electrónico jovenesdecorazon@smmcc.org o llama a Cecilia Elguera al número 864-423-3264.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



If you love to knit or crochet, we invite you to join our Prayer Shawl Ministry.

**We meet on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
in the Parish Center**

Please consider being part of this wonderful and fun ministry that brings comfort to those who receive these gifts. Our hats and shawls are currently being donated to the cancer center. If you can't join us in person but still want to be part of this ministry, we can arrange to pick up your knitted/crocheted items.

Please check your yarn stash and donate what you can.

Contact us at prayershawl@smmcc.org

PARISH LIFE

Congratulations

We congratulate three men from our parish who are studying for the Diaconate.

On Saturday, October 28, Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune conferred the ministry of acolyte upon Mr. Juan Londoño and Mr. Jovan Simo. On the same day, the Bishop conferred the ministry of lector to Mr. Scott Schweitzer.

Please keep these men in your prayers as they continue their studies and discernment. God willing, ordination to the Diaconate for Mr. Londoño and Mr. Simo will be in February of 2025, and for Mr. Schweitzer, in February 2026.



If you are considering the St. Mary Magdalene Columbarium Garden as your final resting place, please schedule an appointment with our columbarium representative who can help you with this process and answer any questions you may have.



Email columbarium@smmcc.org, call (864) 537-4232 or visit our web page at www.smmcc.org/columbarium.

Cambio en datos

¿Ha habido algún cambio en sus datos?

Por favor, póngase en contacto con Beth al correo electrónico bsnyder@smmcc.org si usted tiene una nueva dirección, número de teléfono o correo electrónico.

Contact Information

Has your contact information changed?

Please contact Beth at bsnyder@smmcc.org if you have a new address, phone number or email address.

WE ARE
HIRING

Director of Business Administration

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church is looking to hire for the position of Director of Business Administration. This individual will be responsible for the full range of business administrative functions, including accounting, finance, payroll, and human resources.

The Director performs these functions in such a manner to enable the Pastor to concentrate on the spiritual needs of the Parish. The Director also serves as the Business Manager for the Parish's Catholic Preschool and supports all the staff. Additionally, he/she supervises volunteer staff and staff positions in the Director's areas of responsibility.

If you are interested in applying, please submit a cover letter, resume, three letters of reference and your salary expectations to office@smmcc.org.

A complete job description is available on our website at www.smmcc.org/info.

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Visite nuestra página web [Online Giving](http://www.smmcc.org/online-giving) para obtener más información.

Did You Know that with Online Giving You can ...?

- Create an account and manage all your donations.
- Quick Give - choose the fund you wish to contribute to and enter your payment information. You do not need to have an account.
- Text to Give your Sunday Offertory - text your offering (dollar amount) to 864-263-1038.

Visit our [Online Giving](http://www.smmcc.org/online-giving) web page for more information.

PARISH LIFE

Your Offertory

We thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to give back a portion of your goodness to us.



Make your Sunday offertory at www.smmcc.org/online-giving

If you are an Online Giving user and want to cancel receipt of all envelopes, please email bsnyder@smmcc.org.

Offertory for Fiscal Year

July 2023 - June 2024
as of November 19, 2023

Mass attendance for November 18/19: 4,914

| | Actual | Budget | Actual/ Budget |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Current Week Sunday | \$73,202 | \$73,906 | 99% |
| Year-to-Date Sunday | \$1,445,554 | \$1,552,033 | 93% |
| Year-to-Date Christmas | \$225 | \$0 | — |
| Year-to-Date Holy Days | \$13,693 | \$12,638 | 108% |
| Year-to-Date Total | \$1,459,472 | \$1,564,671 | 93% |



Debt to Pay Down: \$ 900,000
Collected to Date: \$ 121,351
Remaining Debt: \$ 778,649
Progress 13.5% **Remaining** 86.5%

Contributions may be made via the special debt reduction envelope available in the Narthex and in your envelope packet, online on the parish website or by scanning the QR code.



*We are thankful for the gifts
and for the givers!*

Pastoral Staff

PASTOR

Fr. Theo Trujillo

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Robert Falabella

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Fr. Ray Nacino

Fr. Stephen Dyas, RC

DEACONS

Dcn. Bert Chavez Dcn. Joe Ciavardini

Dcn. Roger Schonewald

Parish Offices

Regular Office Hours
Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Note: The Parish Offices will be closed
on Friday, December 8**

You can reach us by phone and by email. Please visit our Parish staff directory at www.smmcc.org/staff.

It is always helpful if you make an appointment with us. As a large parish serving our parishioners, ministries and community, please note that while the main parish office may be open, other departments keep different hours.

We Are a Tithing Parish

Fostering Great Ideas

Thanks to your generosity ...

we're giving back to the community.

The Outreach Tithe Committee is able to donate \$2,000 to Fostering Great Ideas, Greenville – improving the lives of children as they struggle in foster care.

Two examples of their many services:

They provide luggage to children moving from one foster placement to another, allowing the children to maintain dignity rather than moving with trash bags. Also, they focus on connecting siblings who live in different foster placements, for a higher chance of forming life-long bonds.

If you would like us to consider a charity, you can email us at outreachtithe@smmcc.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Young Moms "REPLENISH"
Advent '23 Retreat
 Friday Evening, December 8-
 Saturday Evening, December 9

www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MomsAdvent



In Sunset, SC at Heart Ridge Retreat Center.
 Check out our other events:
 www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Events



Join us for our 3rd Annual
pink & blue gala
FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Discounted Early Bird Ticket Sales start Nov 1

Our gala will be held at the beautiful, lakeside **Fluor Enterprises dining venue** in Greenville starting at **6:30pm**. Our cocktail attire will be fit for Mardi Gras with dinner, an open bar, and live auction!

We can't host a successful event without your help!

If you are interested in sponsoring our event or have auction items to donate, scan QR code below or visit stclareshome.org/pink-blue-gala.



find out more here!

Contact **Colleen Chmiel** for Questions
stclareshome@charlestandiocese.org
 843-259-1108



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1.27.2024 | 11:00 AM
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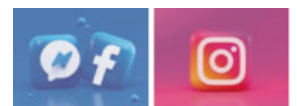
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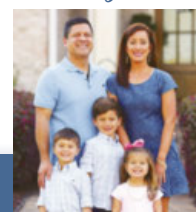
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