



**ST. MARY MAGDALENE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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DECEMBER 10, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FATHER THEO TRUJILLO, PASTOR

*Leading
Others to
Jesus*

**Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.**

Mark 1:2

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

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

Saturday, December 9, Vigil

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

Monday, December 11

8:30 a.m. Judith Anne Moore
Noon Donald J. Trump
10:30 p.m. (Esp) † Michele Mancusi

Tuesday, December 12

8:30 a.m. † Mary Catherine Bezek
Noon † Flaviano Liaz Sr.
7:00 p.m. † Thomas Garner Smith

Wednesday, December 13

8:30 a.m. † Jerry Minor
Noon † Mary Pittner

Thursday, December 14

8:30 a.m. † Nina Marie Ziegenfus
Noon † Willard Leeman

Friday, December 15

8:30 a.m. † Paul Sinh Vu
Noon † Charles Pittner

Saturday, December 16

8:30 a.m. † Lorraine Rey
5:00 p.m. Mom, Dad and Brothers
7:00 p.m. (Esp) St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, December 17

7:30 a.m. Kathy Kramer
9:00 a.m. RaLinda Ginocchio
11:00 a.m. † Deacon Richard C Warner Sr.
1:00 p.m. (Esp) Gilma Pareja
3:00 p.m. (Pol) † Victorio Salomone
6:00 p.m. † Mary Bezek

Mass Readings/Lecturas

www.usccb.org

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.

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.

NOTE: There will be no childcare on Sunday, December 24 and Sunday, December 31.

Reading a Printed Bulletin?

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

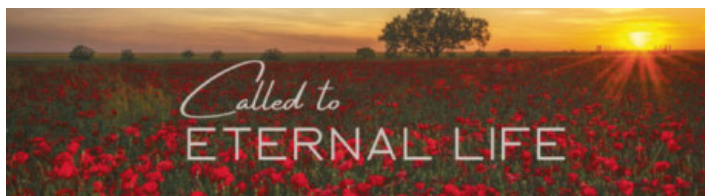


Reconciliation

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

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.



Michele Mancusi
Francis "Frank" Swietlicki
Richard Brevetta

May they rest in the arms of the Lord and rejoice in the glory of heaven, and may their families find comfort in their faith.



SPIRITUAL LIFE



**HOLY HOUR WITH
SOLEMN VESPERS**

**DECEMBER 11
6:30 P.M.**



El Ministerio Guadalupano les hace una cordial invitación a participar en las Mañanitas a la Virgen de Guadalupe el lunes, 11 de diciembre. El rosario empezará a las 10 p.m. y la misa a las 10:30 p.m. Después de la misa habrá un compartir en el gimnasio. La misa de rosas será a las 7 p.m. el 12 de diciembre.



En el Evangelio de hoy

El evangelista Marcos inicia su Evangelio con una exigencia de preparación, del cumplimiento de la Sagrada Escritura en Jesús y la invitación de Juan Bautista a la conversión: “Mira, te voy a enviar a mi mensajero delante de ti para que te prepare el camino. Escuchen ese grito en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos” (Marcos 1,2-3). Sin embargo, esa llegada suya requiere de nosotros una conversión verdadera desde el fondo del corazón. Salir en busca de lo novedoso, como el pueblo que seguía a Juan Bautista, implica movimiento y apertura. ¿Qué pide este pasaje del Evangelio de nuestra parte? ¿Qué cambios haré en este Adviento que ayude a mejorar mi relación con los que me rodean?

Otro elemento importante, en este segundo Domingo de Adviento, es lo que el Profeta Isaías nos indica con referencia a consolar a los que sufren. El deber de consolar lo experimentamos muy fuerte en el tiempo de la pandemia. ¿Lo recuerdas? El sufrimiento obliga a estar cerca del otro y anima a tener esperanza y a vivir más conscientes de las necesidades de nuestro prójimo. “Consuelen, dice Yavé, tu Dios, consuelen a mi pueblo” (Isaías 40,1). Entonces, comencemos, no esperemos sentados, llevemos consuelo y esperanza a nuestro alrededor. Enderecemos los caminos, las curvas que evitan llegar al Señor, para que su ternura baje del cielo y se pose en cada persona y así germine la justicia y la fidelidad. ¡Ven Señor!

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Advent and Christmas Mass Schedule

The following Masses fulfill the Fourth Sunday of Advent obligation:

Saturday, December 23, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday, December 24, at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Spanish)

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24
4 p.m. (church and PLB), 6 p.m. (church and PLB),
8 p.m. (Spanish), 11:15 p.m. Lessons and Carols,
Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25
9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (Spanish), 6 p.m.

The following Masses fulfill the Sunday obligation for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

Saturday, December 30, at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish)
Sunday, December 31, 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (Spanish)

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

Sunday, December 31, Vigil at 6 p.m.
Monday, January 1, 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (Spanish) and 6 p.m.

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Advent Resources



smmcc.org/advent

HOPE PEACE JOY LOVE

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.



Nocturnal Adoration

Join us on the 3rd Saturday of every month for Nocturnal Adoration, from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. in the church parent's room.

December 16

Adoración nocturna

Acompáñanos cada tercer sábado del mes a la vigilia de Adoración Nocturna de 9 p.m. a 6 a.m. en el salón de niños en la iglesia.

16 de diciembre

For more information | Para más información:
Paula Juárez (864) 906-5793.

Adoration Chapel

Please consider taking a weekly hour to be with Jesus. It will be the best hour of your week.

If you cannot commit to the same hour each week, consider becoming a substitute.

Click/scan the QR code to sign up for a weekly hour.

Visitors will need an access card to enter the chapel. If you do not have one, please come to the parish office.

Contact adoration@smmcc.org if you have any questions.



SPIRITUAL LIFE - FORMATION

Pray the Rosary with Us!

Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. on [Facebook live](#)

After the daily noon Mass and after the 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass.

For Respect Life on the first Thursday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. and noon Masses.

On the second Wednesday of the month at 9:15 a.m. in PLB room 107 with The Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King.

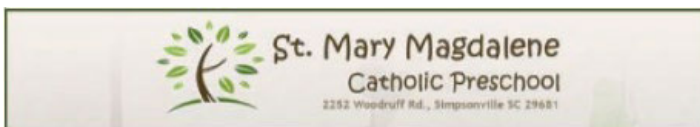
All are invited to join us!



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.



Preschool Registration for the 2024-25 school year is quickly approaching.

If you would like more information about the preschool and the classes it offers (K2 through Transitional K5), please come to our Coffee and Questions meeting on Wednesday, January 17, at 10 a.m. During this information session with the director, you will hear an overview of the preschool program, take a tour of the building, and receive information about the online registration process.

All preschool registrations will be online. The preschool will begin accepting online registrations for new students from registered parish families on Monday, January 22, at 8 a.m.

For more information or to RSVP for Coffee and Questions, please contact the preschool director, Katie Jupena, at preschool@smmcc.org or call (864) 288-4884 ext. 4250.

Check us out at www.smmcc.org

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.



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



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

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).

We hope you will join us and grow together in faith.

MINISTRIES IN ACTION

Respect Life Advent Calendar

Second Week of Advent:

Light the 2nd purple candle which represents Preparation

- Pray to Our Lady of Guadalupe – the Patroness of the Americas and the Unborn – on her Feast Day – December 12
- Visit, call or send a card to someone who is sick, lonely, sad, disabled, elderly or alone
- Donate diapers, wipes and/or formula to Birthright or a family with a new baby
- Be someone's Guardian Angel – secretly do kind acts for someone you know
- Read a pro-life book or watch a pro-Life movie



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 a registration form and more information.
Form and payment due December 15.

PROUDLY PRO-LIFE WEEKEND
50th Jubilee
JAN 5th & 6th 2024
COLUMBIA, S.C.
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Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
1101 Lincoln Street
Columbia, S.C. 29201
SETH DILLON
CEO OF THE BABYLON BEE
FEATURED DINNER SPEAKER

PARKING VOLUNTEERS



It's that time of the year when we need help with parking the more than 7,000 people who will come to our church on Christmas Eve.

We need at least 17 people covering each of the 3 shifts on Christmas Eve.

This is a very important ministry and service offered to help everyone have a safe and orderly experience coming to and going from the celebration of the birth of our Lord.

Please sign up for a shift and join us for an organizational meeting Tuesday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Building, room 106.



BOOK OF THE WEEK



ST. MARY MAGDALENE LIBRARY
LOCATED IN THE PARISH LIFE BUILDING

This week's recommended library title is "Something Other than God" by Jennifer Fulwiler.

How did a tech-savvy young atheist married to an ivy league lawyer switch gears completely to become a Catholic comedian, writer, and talk show host? This delightfully funny conversion story is a peek behind the scenes at how God is always at work in our lives.

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

Contact us at library@smmcc.org

MINISTRIES IN ACTION

Spread the Joy of Christmas in Our Community

- Who:** Our entire Parish is welcome! Invite your family and friends to come too!
- What:** Christmas Caroling! We will sing familiar carols with lyrics sheets provided. Wear festive Christmas attire, or just come as you are. Very informal and laid-back -- no need to be a great singer -- just come and have fun!
- When:** Wednesday, December 20 @ 6:30 p.m.
- Where:** Harmony at Five Forks -- 345 Five Forks Rd, Simpsonville, SC 29681. Enter through the main entrance and check in at the reception desk.
- Why:** To spread the joy of Christmas in our community!
- How:** SIGN UP so we know how many people to expect. Click or scan the QR code
- Cost:** FREE! Just bring yourself and a love of Christmas carols!
- Questions?** Contact Sarah @ SarahC@smmcc.org



Healing Hearts

The Healing Hearts group invites all widows and widowers of our parish to join us for a meal with others who are also walking the grief journey after losing a spouse. This is a safe environment for those with recent losses as well as those with more distant losses. We can all learn from one another and draw strength.

We meet for dinner on the third Wednesday of every month and for lunch on the last Wednesday.

You don't have to come every month - only when you desire to join us. Contact Diane Lippert at 864-346-2541 or healinghearts@smmcc.org if you have any questions or would like to join us.

St. Vincent de Paul



The food pantry is open on Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Brown Road House.

Food or financial assistance is available to Greenville County residents and all registered St. Mary Magdalene parishioners.

To schedule an appointment for financial assistance, call 864-537-4268 for English or 864-537-4274 for Spanish.

FOR I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME FOOD

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul and YOU ...

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The pantry needs cereal, pasta, jelly, and canned meat, tuna, and chili.

Get Involved!

Whether you want to share your time in prayer or formation, or share your God-given talents with your parish, we have a ministry for you!

Visit our [ministry locator page](#).

PARISH LIFE

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.



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.

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](#) web page for more information.

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.

Parish Bookkeeper - Part-Time

The Parish Bookkeeper is responsible for the bookkeeping activities for St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. This person will report directly to the Director of Business Administrator and will provide hands-on support for all accounting activities using QuickBooks, ADP Payroll, Parish Database and OSV Online Giving systems.

To apply, email your resume to office@smmcc.org.

Complete job descriptions for both positions are available at www.smmcc.org/info.

¿Sabía que con el sistema de donaciones en línea puede...?

- Crear una cuenta y administrar todas sus donaciones.
- Hacer una donación rápida: elija el fondo al que desea contribuir e ingrese su información de pago. No es necesario tener una cuenta.
- Enviar un mensaje de texto para dar su ofrenda dominical - envíe un mensaje de texto con su ofrenda (cantidad en dólares) al 864-263-1038.

Visite nuestra página web [Online Giving](#) para obtener más información.

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 26, 2023

Mass attendance for November 25/26: 4,648

| | Actual | Budget | Actual/ Budget |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Current Week Sunday | \$63,098 | \$73,906 | 85% |
| Year-to-Date Sunday | \$1,508,652 | \$1,625,939 | 93% |
| Year-to-Date Christmas | \$275 | \$0 | — |
| Year-to-Date Holy Days | \$14,051 | \$13,240 | 106% |
| Year-to-Date Total | \$1,522,978 | \$1,639,179 | 93% |



Debt to Pay Down: \$ 900,000
Collected to Date: \$ 125,593
Remaining Debt: \$ 774,407
Progress 14% **Remaining** 86%

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

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Fr. Robert Falabella

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Fr. Ray Nacino

Fr. Stephen Dyas, RC

DEACONS

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Dcn. Roger Schonewald

Parish Offices

Regular Office Hours

Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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

CNEWA

Thanks to your generosity ...

we're giving back to the community.

The Outreach Tithing Committee is able to help where it's most needed. We're sending \$5,000 to CNEWA to support emergency relief in the Holy Land.

The Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) has a regional office in Jerusalem and partners with services in Gaza to provide the essentials of water, food and emergency assistance.

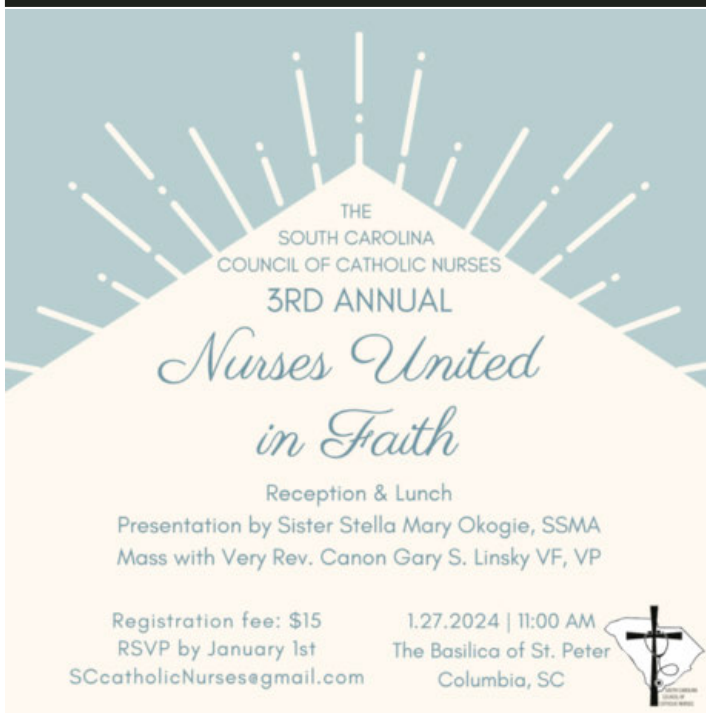
If you would like us to consider a charity, you can email us at outreachtithe@smmcc.org.

Advertise in Our Bulletin

St. Mary Magdalene receives the bulletin on a weekly basis, at no cost, thanks to the generosity of those willing to support the parish by sponsoring an ad on the weekly full-color bulletin.

You can contact Stephen Conn at 843-819-7906 if you have interest in information about advertising in our bulletin.

IN THE COMMUNITY



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Victim Assistance

The Catholic Church is committed to respect the dignity of each human person. Acts of sexual exploitation or abuse, particularly against children or the vulnerable, will not be tolerated by the Diocese of Charleston.

If you have been abused by a member of the clergy or any other representative of the church, we encourage you to call the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Kristin Eyre, at 800-921-8122 or 843-856-0748.

Additionally, if you are reporting abuse by a sitting bishop, you can make a report online at reportbishopabuse.org or at 800-276-1562 after contacting law enforcement.

Asistencia a las víctimas

La Iglesia Católica está comprometida a respetar la dignidad de cada persona humana. La Diócesis de Charleston no tolerará los actos de explotación o abuso sexual, en particular contra los niños o las personas vulnerables.

Si usted ha sido abusado por un miembro del clero o cualquier otro representante de la Iglesia, le animamos a llamar a la Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas, Kristin Eyre, al 800-921-8122 o 843-856-0748.

Además, si está denunciando un abuso por parte de un obispo en funciones, puede hacer una denuncia en línea en reportbishopabuse.org o llame al 800-276-1562 después de ponerse en contacto con las autoridades.

Marriage Encounter

Sign up for the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on January 26-28, 2024, in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803-810-9602.

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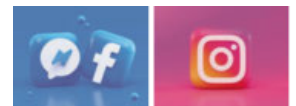
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