



ST. MARY MAGDALENE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH

FATHER THEO TRUJILLO, PASTOR

**The child grew and became strong,
filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.**

Luke 2:40

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mass Readings/Lecturas

www.usccb.org

Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Esp - Misa en español

Pol - Polish Mass | Tgl - Filipino Mass

Saturday December 30

5:00 p.m. † William Finell
7:00 p.m. (Esp) St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday December 31

7:30 a.m. † Philip F. Sullivan
9:00 a.m. † Robert Hyslop
11:00 a.m. † Gina Maness, Anthony Schuler and Mary Lou Stephan
1:00 p.m. (Esp) The Trejo Mancusi Family
6:00 p.m. Matthew and Denise Mannino

Monday, January 1

9:00 a.m. Veronica and Steve Hubbard
1:00 p.m. (Esp) German E. Trejo-Reyes
6:00 p.m. The Jordan Family

Tuesday, January 2

8:30 a.m. † Herbert Brent
Noon † Charles "Chip" Bisbano

Wednesday, January 3

8:30 a.m. Steve Baronkin
Noon Marc and Mackenzie Connolly

Thursday, January 4

8:30 a.m. The Staff of St. Mary Magdalene
Noon † Elkin Berrio

Friday, January 5

8:30 a.m. † Joseph Hryniewicz
Noon Todd & Linda Niepke

Saturday January 6

8:30 a.m. † Jay Fagan III
10:00 a.m. (Tgl) † Deceased Members of the O'Hare Family

5:00 p.m. † James Shaleuly
7:00 p.m. (Esp) St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, January 7

7:30 a.m. † David Berube
9:00 a.m. † Rosemarie Pinelli-Murphy, Mary Lou Schuler-Stephan and Anthony Schuler
11:00 a.m. † Peter Pankiewicz
1:00 p.m. (Esp) † Maria and Francisco Depina
6:00 p.m. † Andy Hryniewicz

Other Masses

Polish: January 28 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.

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.

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

Childcare During Mass

Childcare is available for children 4 and under in the Conner Ministry Building on Sundays for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses.

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

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, 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, Dennis & Rita Walsh, Carolyn Anderson, Mary Hennenhoefer, Jim McKenna, Cheryl Smyth, Sam Grasso and all who are sick and suffering in our community.

Pray the Rosary with Us!

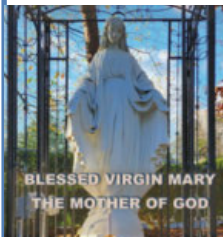
Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. on [Facebook live](#)

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.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God



Mass Times:
Monday, January 1
11 a.m., 1 p.m. (español)
and 6 p.m.



En el Evangelio de hoy

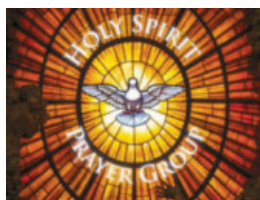
Como familias de fe, siempre debemos de estar abriendo caminos de esperanza, amor y paz entre nuestros miembros de la familia. Vivimos nuestra realidad con gran confianza en Dios. Luchamos cada día por ser mejores, por mantener viva la fe que nuestros padres nos han heredado. La liturgia de hoy nos dice que la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret vivió de manera sencilla, cumpliendo con sus deberes religiosos y civiles, pero siempre confiando en Dios. “Una vez que cumplieron todo lo que ordenaba la Ley del Señor, volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño crecía y se desarrollaba lleno de sabiduría, y la gracia de Dios permanecía con él (Lucas 2,39-40). Si el amor, el respeto y la comprensión están presente en la familia, los niños crecen en sabiduría y gracia. ¿Cómo está mi familia en términos de escucha y acompañamiento?

“En cada familia hay problemas, y a veces también se discute. Padre me he peleado...; somos humanos, somos débiles, y todos tenemos a veces este hecho de que peleamos en la familia. Os diré una cosa: si nos peleamos en familia, que no termine el día sin hacer las paces. Sí, he discutido, pero antes que termine el día, haz las paces. Y sabes ¿por qué? Porque la guerra fría del día siguiente es muy peligrosa. No ayuda. Y luego, en la familia hay tres palabras, tres palabras que hay que custodiar siempre: Permiso, gracias, perdón (Papa Francisco 12/27/2020). ¿Qué debo trabajar en mi familia para vivir en armonía?

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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.

Fill your new year with
The Holy Spirit
Adoration, Worship and Healing

First Sunday of every month beginning
January 7
after the 6:00 p.m. Mass

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.



ASAMBLEA CARISMÁTICA DE
ORACIÓN Y SANACIÓN

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 comuníquese con Alejandro Hinojoza al 864-551-5183 o por correo electrónico a oración@smmcc.org.

SPIRITUAL LIFE - FORMATION

Regnum Christi

Online Encounter with Christ

If you are looking to grow closer to Christ, consider joining us for an 8-week online program offered by our local Regnum Christi Spiritual Family. The program will consist of: spiritual life, formation, apostolate, team life and accompaniment. You will walk with others and experience Regnum Christi's way of growing with Christ.

If you have questions about Regnum Christi at St. Mary Magdalene, please contact Tom or Diane at regnumchristi@smmcc.org.



Regnum Christi
Sojourner's Group

Join us for an 8-week online program, walking with others & experiencing Regnum Christi's way of growing with Christ.

JOIN US!
January 8, 2024 (Monday) @7:30 PM
or
January 9, 2024 (Tuesday) @9:30 AM

Questions?
Contact Joan Patrick
joan.patrick@me.com
404.277.9112

Register:
bit.ly/rc-women-sojourner-form

HOW IS GOD CALLING YOU TO FOLLOW HIM?

REGNUM CHRISTI

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.



Lectio: Mark: Faith Not Fear

Join Dr. Tim Gray in this powerful 14-part series to discover the Gospel of Mark like never before.

Immerse yourself in this action-packed Gospel that offers Saint Peter's account of Christ's life and teaching. Combining the insights of Dr. Tim Gray with the masterful artistry of the Augustine Institute, this Lectio series uses the Church's rich tradition of Lectio Divina to help you better understand and pray with the Gospel of Mark.

This Bible Study is for the Everyone!

You can do the study independently or with your family and friends in a small-group setting.

The workbook is \$10 and the videos are available on FORMED.

Ladies can join the Women's Bible Study starting January 9 at 9:30 a.m. or January 11 at 7 p.m. They meet in the Parish Life Building.

Scan the QR code to purchase your workbook.



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You can also find more information and Pick of the Week on our web page at:

www.smmcc.org/online-formation

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New Year's Life Teen Lock-in

WHAT

- CELEBRATE NEW YEAR'S ALL NIGHT, IN A FUN SAFE ENVIRONMENT WITH ALL THE FRIENDS YOU INVITE!

WHERE

- ST. MARY MAGDALENE CAMPUS

WHO

- 8TH-12TH GRADE
- 1ST & 2ND YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS

HOW

- SCAN TO REGISTER



HOW MUCH

- \$10.00 INCLUDES FOOD YOU BRING THE ENTERTAINMENT

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.

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 on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. in the church (parent's room).

1st Tuesday: Adoration - 2nd-4th Tuesday: Mass
Please note that we will not meet this coming Tuesday, January 2.

After Mass, we may have a book or Bible study, lively discussion and fellowship. We also have monthly social events.

In January we will have a book study on *Seven Deadly Sins. Seven Lively Virtues.*
No cost, no registration needed.

Come and get to know us! Let us be part of your faith journey.

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).

FORMATION

Feel Like Something's Missing?

Come experience the Good News that over 1,000 parishioners here at St. Mary Magdalene have had with Alpha.

- Made me realize what was missing in my life and I never felt judged, which was awesome!
- A great booster shot to my faith and spiritual journey.
- I feel a stronger desire of learning more about my Catholic religion.
- I was renewed and encouraged spiritually; I now look forward to coming to church.



Alpha is for everyone, from questioning skeptics to those looking to reinvigorate their faith, Catholic or not. Come and See!

Morning and evening Alpha sessions are available. Evenings start Wednesday, January 17, at 6:30 p.m. Mornings start Thursday, January 18 at 9:15 a.m. All Sessions are held in the Parish Life Building.

Dropping kids off for Christian Formation or preschool is also a perfect opportunity to Join us for Spring Alpha 2024.

Scan the QR code to register or learn more at smmcc.org/alpha

**Unplug.
Connect.
Try Alpha.**



Alpha Español

Les deseamos invitar a que nos acompañen a vivir la experiencia de Alpha Español. Alpha nos ofrece una manera de explorar nuestra fe cristiana de una forma abierta y amena.

Alpha consiste en una serie de nueve sesiones que comenzaremos el viernes 12 de enero a las 7:30 de la tarde.

Comenzamos con una cena juntos, luego veremos un vídeo corto de un aspecto del cristianismo y de seguido nos sentamos en grupos pequeños para dar nuestras opiniones y conversar sobre el tema de la noche en un ambiente sencillo, acogedor y divertido.

Tendremos cuidado para los niños disponible para quienes lo necesiten; solo necesitan reservar el cuidado durante la registraci3n.

Así que anímense y por favor consideren esta invitaci3n que les extendemos de todo coraz3n.

Pueden obtener más informaci3n y registrarse en www.smmcc.org/alpha.



Escuela de la Fe “Cristo Maestro”



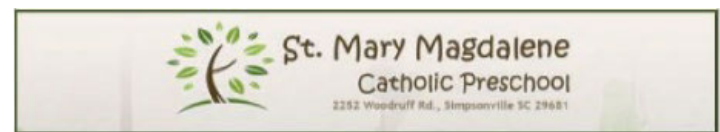
Las Oficina del Ministerio Hispano de la Di3cesis de Charleston invita a todos los hispanos mayores de 18 a3os a conocer y fortalecer su fe cristiana-cat3lica a trav3s de estudios teol3gicos ofrecidos por instructores con conocimiento teol3gico.

Las clases se llevar3n a cabo los lunes, dos veces por mes, de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m. en el edificio *Parish Life*.

**La matricula para el 8º curso:
Liturgia y Sacramentos II,
est3 abierta. El costo es \$20**

Horario de clases: Enero 8 y 22 y febrero 5 y 19

Para m3s informaci3n, comuníquese con la coordinadora, Nancy Naranjo, por mensaje de texto al 864-907-7727.



Preschool Information Session

Coffee and Questions, an information session about our preschool program is coming up on Wednesday, January 17, at 10 a.m. in the Parish Life Building. During this meeting with the director, you will hear an overview of our preschool program, receive information about the online registration process, and take a tour of the preschool. Please RSVP for Coffee and Questions by emailing the preschool, preschool@smmcc.org.

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 about registration, please visit the preschool website, www.smmcp.org or contact Katie Jupena at 864-288-4884 ext. 4250.

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New Year's Resolution

As we make plans to better ourselves in the new year, the area often lost or forgotten is our faith life. The best way to start the year right is to make the commitment to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow those truths to shape our lives, day by day.

Beginning on January 1st, we can join hundreds of thousands of Catholics in listening to *The Bible in a Year* or *The Catechism in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz.

Both podcasts are completely free! Each of the daily episodes are about 20 minutes long, making it easy to listen to them while going on a daily walk, drinking your morning coffee, driving to work, or however you like. Just click "play" and allow God to transform your life day by day.

Read and Understand the Bible with *The Bible in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

"As cradle Catholics, we hear Scripture at Mass and occasionally in self study but never like this. *The Bible in a Year* brings it all together."
—Ignacio G.

Join over 1 million Catholics listening to this podcast!

Listen free on the Ascension App!

Scan this QR code with your phone to download the Ascension App — the best place to listen to *The Bible in a Year*.



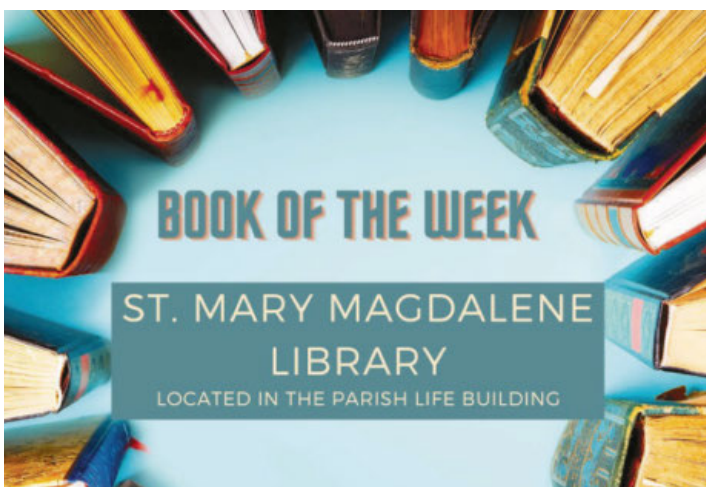
Understand Your Catholic Faith with *The Catechism in a Year* Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

By listening to this podcast, Catholics will:

- Read the entire *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in 365 days
- Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they matter
- Transform their relationship with the Church that Christ founded

Listen free on the Ascension App!

Scan this QR code with your phone to download the Ascension App — the best place to listen to *The Catechism in a Year*.



This week's recommended library title is "Mystery of the Magi" by Fr. Dwight Longenecker.

Exactly who were the Three Wise Men and where were they from? Local author Fr. Longenecker takes you on an epic quest in this book to uncover their true identity and purpose. His careful detective work makes for a captivating tale!

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

Contact us at library@smmcc.org

MINISTRIES IN ACTION - PARISH LIFE

Volleyball Signups Open!



Registration for the 2024 volleyball season is now open. The league offers coed adult teams, which is considered high school to adults (15 years old and older). Practice begins in late February/early March.

Please visit SMMCCsports.org to register and for more information. The deadline for registration is February 11. Don't wait until the last minute. Once a team is full, players are placed on a waiting list until a new team is formed or space on an existing team becomes available.

Respect Life Ministry

Happy New Year!

January is the month to renew our efforts to respect life at the March for Life in DC and the March and Rally for Life in our state's capital.

We invite all to join us at our next meeting on January 10 at 7 p.m. in room 108 in the Parish Life Building.

Help us protect mothers and babies from abortion, and efforts to respect the sacredness of human life from conception to natural death.

For questions or more information about joining the marches, please email respectlife@smmcc.org.

Men's Emmaus Weekend Retreat



ATTENTION MEN... Are you restless in your faith? Feel like you need to do "something"? Tired of the hustle and bustle and endless negativity from today's culture? Not sure where to turn or what to do?

Perhaps you need to retreat and spend some AUTHENTIC, personal time with GOD. The 22nd Carolina Men's Emmaus Retreat may be the opportunity you are looking for. The weekend retreat is an exceptional event and will occur on the weekend of February 16-18, 2024.

Men who have attended have experienced a closeness to God, deeper relation with their families, and fellowship with other men of faith, among other amazing results. If you desire more from your relationships with God, your family, and your fellow man, then fill out an application and come and join us!

For more information, visit www.emmausofthecarolinas.org or contact Craig Hudak, at 864-238-6743. You will not regret it!



Hockey Night with Your Parish Family



You're invited to the St. Mary Magdalene Parish Hockey Night!

Friday, January 12, at 7 p.m.

Take advantage of this great family event and bring your friends! Come out and watch the Greenville Swamp Rabbits play against the Orlando Solar Bears.

Tickets are only \$17 per person.
Jazz is the night's theme.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.swamprabbits.com/smmcc

For more information contact Joe Maggio JoeM@smmcc.org or text 864-361-0338.



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.

San Vicente de Paúl

La despensa de alimentos está abierta los lunes de 9:30 a 11:30 a.m. en la casa ubicada en Brown Road.

Brindamos ayuda alimentaria y/o financiera para residentes del condado de Greenville y para feligreses registrados en Santa María Magdalena.

Para pedir una cita para ayuda financiera, llame al 864-537-4274 en español o 864-537-4268 en inglés.

PARISH LIFE



Farewell,

Fr. Ray

You will be missed!

We are thankful for the six years Fr. Ray has served our parish community as Parochial Vicar of St. Mary Magdalene; he will be missed.

Fr. Ray has been assigned to St. Francis by the Sea Church in Hilton Head effective January 10.

While we are sad to see him leave, we are excited for him and wish him well in his new assignment.

Please join us in the Parish Center
Saturday, January 6, after 5 p.m. Mass
or Sunday, January 7, after any of the morning Masses
for a farewell social for Fr. Ray.

Columbarium Garden

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.



WE ARE
HIRING

Facilities Engineer

We are looking for an experienced facilities management professional who will assist the Director of Facilities to plan and oversee the maintenance of the facilities of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. The Facilities Engineer will oversee, review, and implement processes and/or improvements in the operations, maintenance and care of the Parish's facilities. This person will ensure the efficient operation of the building and mechanical systems including the HVAC, electrical and plumbing systems. He/she will assist with building an effective and cohesive facilities team that works together to achieve the vision and mission of the Church.

To apply, email resume with cover letter, salary requirements and three letters of reference to jobs@smmcc.org. No phone calls, please.

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 Administration 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 these positions are available at www.smmcc.org/info.

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 December 17, 2023

Mass attendance for December 16/17: 4,246

	Actual	Budget	Actual/ Budget
Current Week Sunday	\$86,837	\$73,906	117%
Year-to-Date Sunday	\$1,718,802	\$1,847,658	93%
Year-to-Date Christmas	\$2,465	\$0	—
Year-to-Date Holy Days	\$20,962	\$15,046	139%
Year-to-Date Total	\$1,742,228	\$1,862,704	94%



Debt to Pay Down: \$ 900,000
Collected to Date: \$ 130,275
Remaining Debt: \$ 769,725
Progress 14.5% **Remaining** 85.5%

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

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Fr. Ray Nacino

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Robert Falabella

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.

The Parish Offices will be closed on
Monday, January 1, 2024

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

We Are a Tithing Parish

Overture International

Thanks to your generosity ...

we're giving back to the community.

We're donating \$2,500 to Overture International, a faith based charity located in High Point, NC. They empower Haitian families and their communities in all facets of life: housing, education, medical and disaster relief.

They fed 80,000 during the 2021 hurricane.

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

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?

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