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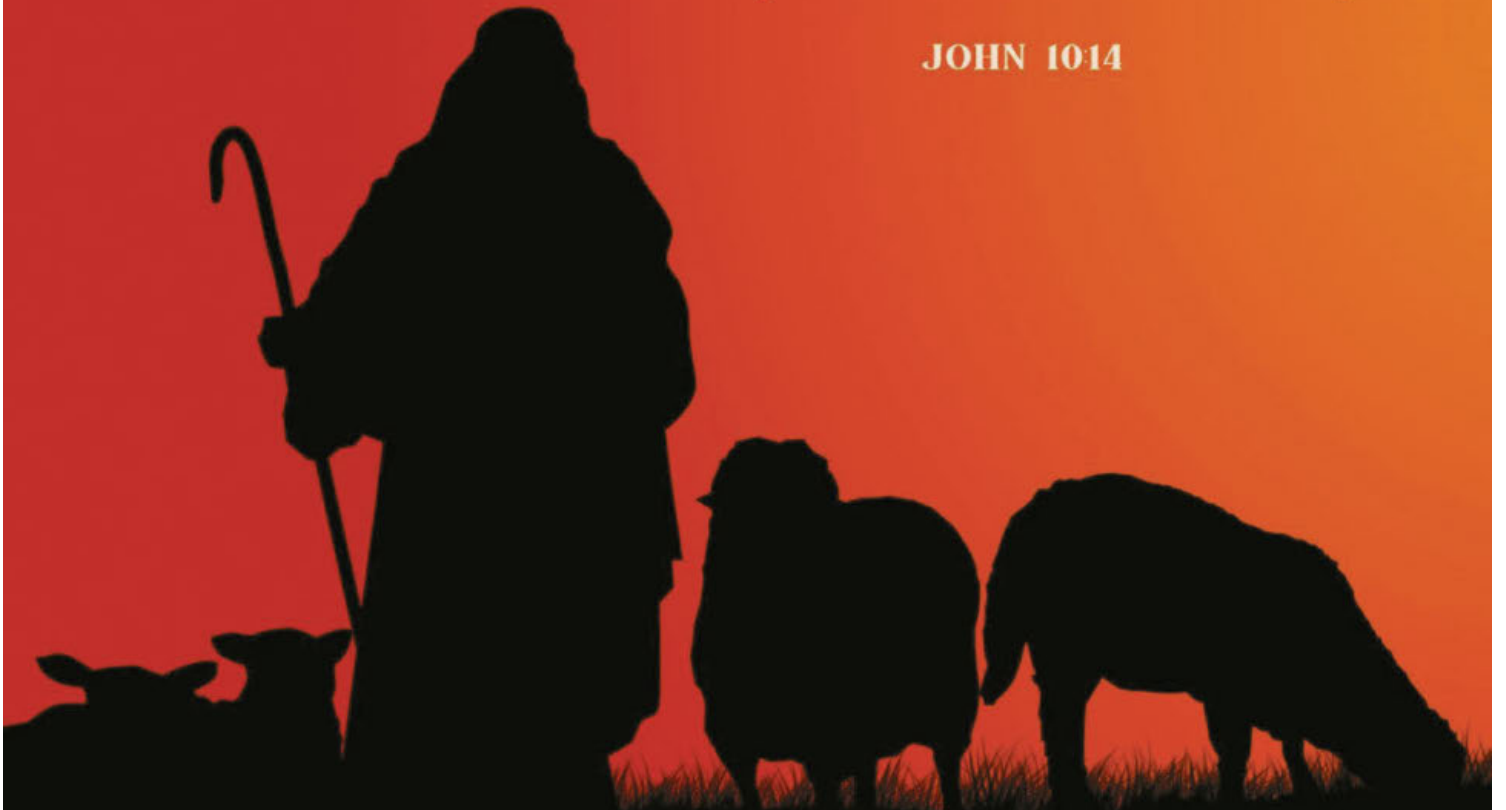
APRIL 21, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FATHER THEO TRUJILLO, PASTOR

I know Mine
AND
Mine Know Me

JOHN 10:14



SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mass Readings/Lecturas

www.usccb.org

Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Esp - Misa en español
Pol - Polish Mass | Tgl - Filipino Mass
PLB - Parish Life Building

Saturday, April 20, Vigil

5:00 p.m. † Dottie Hotchkiss
7:00 p.m. (Esp) St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, April 21

7:30 a.m. † James Brancato
9:00 a.m. † Mary Anne McClintock
11:00 a.m. † William "Willie" Kemper Welsh Jr.
1:00 p.m. (Esp) Joyce Walsh
6:00 p.m. † Charles Shaw

Monday, April 22

8:30 a.m. † Felma Brown Edwards
Noon † John B. Hentschel

Tuesday, April 23

8:30 a.m. † Venancio R Laguitan
Noon † Hilda and David Clark
7:00 p.m. † Anton Zic

Wednesday, April 24

8:30 a.m. Thomas Blake
Noon † Mafalda Gerdon

Thursday, April 25

8:30 a.m. † Joseph Edwards
Noon † Cecile Robichaud

Friday, April 26

8:30 a.m. Dcn. Roger Schonewald
Noon † John Bradley Hentschel

Saturday, April 27

8:30 a.m. † Amada Campillo
5:00 p.m. † Bruce Oakley
7:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, April 28

7:30 a.m. † Frank and Betty Calton
9:00 a.m. † Mike Repshas
11:00 a.m. For the victims of the ongoing
Christian - Armenian genocide
1:00 p.m. † Ester Hobbs
3:00 p.m. † Jadwiga Zeglen
6:00 p.m. † Joseph Michael Pereira

Other Masses

Polish: Last Sunday of the month 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

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

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.

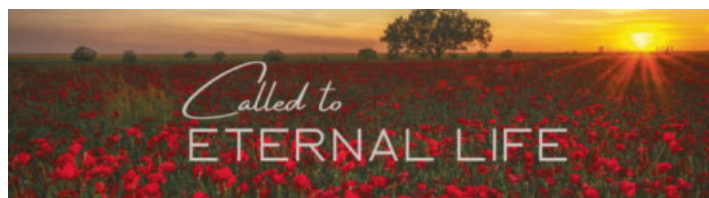
Livestreamed Mass

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

Please Pray for...

Joan Galle, Paul Felton, 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, Charlotte McGrath, Romeo
Madeo, Connor Idi, Lauer Jansen, Cathy Brownell, Harry
Helvik, Tim Millhiser, Sharon Harris, Becky Tooley, David
Wettlin, Jeanette Polt, Irene Stanco, Kevin and Pat
Burke, Nancy Mathison, Michelle Marckini, John Kelly,
Lily Shields and Olivia Fu, Bob Cardone, Patricia O'Brien,
Donald & Jan Brandt, Carol Barnes, Vanessa Arias,
Jennifer Farrell, Leo & Katie Primeau, Sherry Scotti,
Licia Austin Kepper, Lorraine Mancusi, Pam Loburk, Tim
Rankin, Adrienne Garrett, Magda Kinnon, John
Cocciolone, James Meca, Thomas E. Provencher, Tony
Doerk, Leanne Huminski-Hill, Catherine C. Con 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.*



Theo Austin Kepper
Barbara Methenitis
Armando Romero
Audrey Beil

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

En el Evangelio de hoy

¿Quiénes son nuestros pastores hoy en día? ¿Qué voces escuchamos? ¿A quién seguimos o hacemos caso? En una parte de la sociedad tan materializada, que busca el poder personal olvidándose de los que lo rodean y envuelta en la tecnología tan avanzada, es casi imposible distinguir al buen Pastor. Ensimismada en sí misma y en sus caprichos egoístas se aleja fácilmente de la verdad y la justicia tan necesarias para el acercamiento al pastoreo de Jesús por medio de su Palabra. Sin embargo, si ponemos atención en medio de la vida cotidiana, nos daremos cuenta que sí existen pastores que arriesgan la vida por sus ovejas. Como ejemplo vivo, tenemos al Obispo de la Diócesis de Matagalpa, Nicaragua, Monseñor Rolando Álvarez condenado a 26 años de cárcel por decir la verdad y buscar la justicia para su comunidad.

El Papa Francisco como nuestro máximo Pastor nos invita a ir hacia nosotros mismos y reflexionar en lo siguiente: “Queridos hermanos y hermanas: en este tiempo, muchos pensamientos y preocupaciones nos llevan a volver y a adentrarnos en nosotros mismos. Prestemos atención a las voces que llegan a nuestros corazones. Preguntémonos de dónde vienen. Pidamos la gracia de reconocer y seguir la voz del buen Pastor, que nos saca del redil del egoísmo y nos guía hacia los pastos de la verdadera libertad (05-03-2020). En este domingo hagamos nuestras las palabras de Jesús y sigamos su ejemplo de guiar a los que amamos por el buen camino. “El buen Pastor da su vida por las ovejas” (Juan 10:11).

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Adoration Chapel

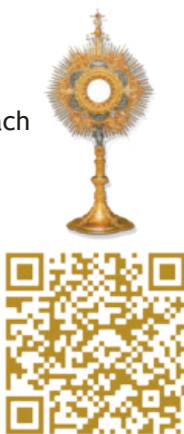
Please consider taking a weekly hour
to be with Jesus.
It will be the best hour of your week.

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

Adorers needed for:

Mondays - 1 a.m. and 2 a.m.
Tuesdays - 1 a.m., 2 a.m. and 4 a.m.
Wednesdays - 3 a.m.
Fridays - 1 a.m. and 2 a.m.
Sundays - 11 a.m.

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



Baccalaureate Mass

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church would like to congratulate and honor our High School and College Graduates at a special Baccalaureate Liturgy to be celebrated Sunday, May 19, at 6:00 p.m.

A reception in your honor will immediately follow Mass.

Please scan the QR code to complete an online form to let us know if you will attend and be recognized on our website. The deadline is May 15.

Not planning to attend?

We still want to recognize you for your accomplishment. Please complete the form.

Misa de bachillerato

La Iglesia Católica Santa María Magdalena desea felicitar y expresar nuestros mejores deseos a los graduados de secundaria y universidad con una liturgia especial que se celebrará el domingo 19 de mayo a las 6:00 p.m.

Habrà una recepción en su honor inmediatamente después de misa.

Por favor, escanee el código QR y llene el formulario en línea antes del 15 de mayo para dejarnos saber si asistirá y para darle reconocimiento en la página web de la parroquia.

¿No podrá asistir?

Aun así, nos gustaría reconocerlo por su logro académico. Por favor, llene el formulario en línea.



SPIRITUAL LIFE

The Good Shepherd and the Wolf

I remember very clearly the first movie I watched during my pregnancy with my eldest child. In this film, there is a scene where a young boy is kidnapped and shoved into the back of a van guarded by vicious dogs. His mother persists in trying to free him, even as the dogs snap at her. Their bared teeth and full-throated snarls don't slow her efforts in the slightest.

It wasn't a great movie or even a particularly great scene, but I'll never forget this scene. I'll never forget those dogs.

I had just learned that I was a mother a few days ago. The life growing deep within seemed to me as frail as a whispered secret, but I loved it powerfully. I worried constantly if the baby was safe and healthy. I agonized over signs – real or imagined – that could tell me if the poppyseed-sized child was thriving or failing.

I understood, for the first time in my life, why a woman would charge a pack of attack dogs without hesitation – not because she should, but because she has to.

She could choose not to fight, certainly. She could walk away. But why would she? A future without her son is so much more painful than any physical wound. She may fear for her life, but she fears a life without her child so much more.

The Good Shepherd discourse reveals to us the motivation behind God's actions throughout all of salvation history. From Adam to Noah to Abraham, all the way down to the time of the Messiah and beyond, He keeps trying to get us back. He keeps braving the attack dogs, time after time. He never stops. He never grows weary. And it baffles us: what's in it for Him? we wonder, because we are quicker to give up on ourselves than He is. Why does He keep trying?

He could choose not to fight, sure. But why would He? He doesn't want a future without us.

"I will lay down my life for the sheep." – John 10:11

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Dear Lord

You are my Shepherd, a Good Shepherd, who leads in ways beyond my understanding. Guide me in the paths You would have me go. Amen.



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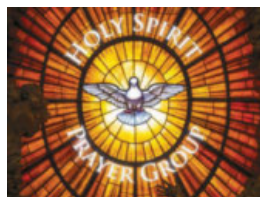
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Holy Spirit Prayer Group

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.

Pray the Rosary with Us!

Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. live on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SMMSimpsonville)
www.facebook.com/SMMSimpsonville

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.

FORMATION



Science: The Creator's Emerging Great Witness

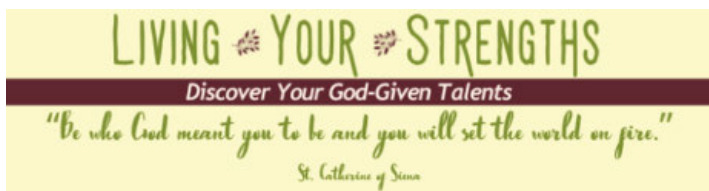
For two generations, growing “belief in science” has been a leading cause of Christianity’s decline in Western culture. Nothing that would blunt the trend seems to be at hand. But one is emerging - science itself.

Remarkably coincident with this proliferating materialist worldview, evidence refuting it began inconspicuously appearing in Cosmology, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. The evidence quietly continued to accumulate. Today its breadth and depth are astounding.

Learn why the belief in a conflict between science and faith is, in Bishop Robert Barron’s words, “tragic nonsense.”

Join us for a four-week program presented by
Bob Kanto on Wednesdays 7 - 8:15 p.m.
starting May 8 in the Gathering Hall.

Prepare to be amazed!



Join us on May 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center, where we will host a “Strengths Discovery and Development” half-day interactive retreat.

The cost is \$20 which includes the book and the code to take the assessment.

The deadline to register is April 20.
Questions? lys@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.

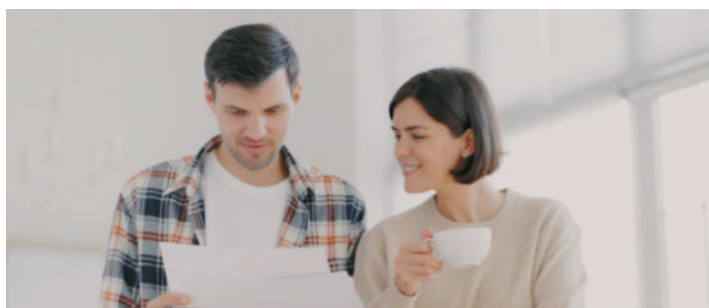


Programa en español
Jóvenes sin Fronteras
se reúnen los viernes
a las 7 p.m.



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.



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para más información y agendar una
sesión introductoria gratuita.



Escanea para
conocer más

FORMATION - MINISTRIES IN ACTION

Vacation Bible School



June 10 - 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Cost: \$30 per child

Registration for a 3rd child or more is \$25 per child.

We have many volunteer opportunities for teens and adults.

Registration closes on May 1!

Visit www.smmcc.org/vbs

Young Adult Ministry



Are you between 18 and 35 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

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

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).



Week of April 21, 2024



Genesis Part 2 | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project
Watch our overview video on Genesis 12-50, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Genesis, God promises to bless rebellious humanity through the family of Abraham, despite their constant failure and folly.



Lectio: Mark
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 better pray with the Gospel of Mark.



Beloved - Session 1: Does Marriage Matter?
Happy Feast of St. Valentine! This Valentine's Day, remind yourself of the beauty of the Sacrament of Marriage with the Beloved series, presented by the Augustine Institute.

Spiritual Adoption

DAY 1 - Developing Baby -- "I'm here!"

At the moment the father's sperm and mother's egg unite a new and unrepeatable human being comes into existence, complete with his own unique set of DNA. Although she is only one cell, everything about this little person is already present: color of eyes, blood type, the



height she will grow to be, color of hair - everything! She will play a role in her family and her community - a role only she can play! Nothing is added after conception to make her a complete human being. She already exists; all she needs is nourishment, a safe, warm environment, and most of all - love. Her parents don't even know she exists yet. Pray for them to safely bring their baby to birth so she can fulfill the mission God has for her.

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Would you be willing to commit to praying for 9 months for an unborn baby?

Contact respectlife@smmcc.org to learn more about Spiritual Adoption.

Don't forget to email us the name of the baby you are praying for.

FORMED is free for all parishioners!

To set up your free account, visit formed.org/signup and select our Parish.

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

www.smmcc.org/online-formation

MINISTRIES IN ACTION



Drive-through Baby Shower

Gift ideas (greatest needs):

Diapers (size 1), baby wipes, baby wash/shampoo, diaper rash cream, new baby bottles, receiving blankets, sleepers and outfits (3-6 months), onesies (3-6 months).

Please drop off your donation in the front parking lot off Woodruff Rd. on Saturday, April 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Your continued support is appreciated.

For questions, please email respectlife@smmcc.org.



The week's recommended library title is "Bible in a Year Companion Vols 1-3" by Fr. Mike Schmitz and Ascension Press. Dig deeper into holy scripture with Fr. Mike's wise and insightful commentary. This series is a wonderful resource for Bible in a Year fans!

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

Contact us at library@smmcc.org



April 27 and 28

The Columbiettes Auxiliary #10819 will be selling a variety of delicious, homemade baked goods in the courtyard during the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses on April 27 and 28. Proceeds from the sale will go toward local charities, as chosen by the Columbiettes. Please be sure to stop by before or after Mass to pick up some yummy items! Our selection will include Gluten-Free and Nut-Free options.

Cash, Check, and Credit Cards accepted.

Venta de repostería - 27 Y 28 de abril

Las Columbiettes Auxiliary #10819 tendrán una venta de repostería casera el fin de semana del 27 y 28 de abril. Ofreceremos opciones sin gluten y sin nueces.

Las ganancias se destinarán a organizaciones caritativas locales.

Aceptamos efectivo, cheques y tarjetas de crédito.



Our food pantry is in need of...

- 1 lb. bags of rice and dry beans
- "Helper" meals (hamburger, chicken, tuna)
- Spaghetti
- Rice-a-Roni
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Stuffing mix

Thank you for your continued support!

PARISH LIFE

Let's End World Hunger

ONE BOX OF FOOD
AT A TIME

in partnership with
Servants with a Heart

Be Part of Something Big!

Our parish will sponsor a service day to pack 200,000 meals to feed the hungry.

Once again, we have partnered with Servants with a Heart, a non-profit organization in Waxhaw, NC. They will take care of ordering and delivering the goods, training our volunteers and shipping the completed pallets.

The cost for each meal is \$0.19. It will cost \$38,000 to provide 200,000 meals.

How will we do this?

We are appealing to the servant heart of our parishioners to offer monetary donations, knowing that our fruitful stewardship will let those who receive these meals be physically nourished and feel loved.

The meal packing event will be on Saturday, August 3. We will be asking you to volunteer to pack meals as we get close to the meal packing day, so save the date.

Each box of food is \$40 and brings the food items needed to assemble many meals. We need 950 food box donations.

Last year, your gift of time and financial support allowed us to provide 150,000 meal kits for the poor in Nicaragua.

Please scan the QR code to donate a food box.



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.

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.

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.

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



Offertory for Fiscal Year

July 2023 - June 2024
as of March 31, 2024

Mass attendance for March 30 & 31: 12,638

| | Actual | Budget | Actual/ Budget |
|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Current Week Sunday | \$112,361 | \$73,906 | 152% |
| Year-to-Date Sunday | \$3,015,947 | \$2,956,253 | 102% |
| Year-to-Date Christmas | \$81,730 | \$99,684 | 82% |
| Year-to-Date Holy Days | \$24,975 | \$24,073 | 104% |
| Year-to-Date Total | \$3,122,652 | \$3,080,010 | 101% |

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| | Debt to Pay Down: | \$ 900,000 |
| | Collected: | \$ 202,072 |
| | Remaining Debit: | \$ 697,928 |
| | Progress | Remaining |
| | 22.5% | 77.5% |

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. Stephen Dyas

Fr. Max Tria

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Robert Falabella

DEACONS

Dcn. Bert Chavez Dcn. Joe Ciavardini

Dcn. Roger Schonewald

Parish Offices

Regular Office Hours

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

You can also 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

CrossRoads Pregnancy Center

Thanks to your generosity ...

we're giving back to the community.

The Outreach Tithe Committee will help almost 50 charities this year. This includes a \$2,500 gift to the CrossRoads Pregnancy Center in Greenwood, SC. They support men and women who are dealing with unplanned pregnancy with love and hope, offering counseling, clothing, classes and other services. All support is free.

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

Overflow Parking

If you attend 11 a.m. Mass on Sundays ...

You may now park in the designated areas at Eastminster and Advent Methodist churches.

Para los que vienen a misa a la 1 p.m. los domingos ...

Pueden estacionarse en las áreas designadas en las iglesias Eastminster y Advent Methodist.

IN THE COMMUNITY

How to Live a Devout Life

(in a Crazy World)

April 26-28, 2024

A retreat into the practical lessons of Saint Francis De Sales.

Learn the timely lessons of Saint Francis De Sales on living a devout life even amidst the craziness of today's challenges. With a modern twist to the spiritual classic, "Introduction to the Devout Life," Deacon Matt Newsome, a published author and devotee of Saint Francis De Sales, will show you how living a devout life is not just for a few, but for all. Let Saint Francis De Sales show you the way.

"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience."

—St. Francis De Sales

To register, visit <https://catholicconference.org/devout-life-registration/>

Job Opening

Accounting Manager - FT - Charleston

Position Summary: Prepare and analyze the financial statements for the CFO and Diocesan Finance Council. Assist with analyzing the financial impacts of current and future activities. Assist with oversight and management for the annual budget process and annual audit for Chancery, Catholic Charities, and Foundation in conjunction with an external audit firm. Oversee Priest Pension Plan funding, attend priest pension plan meetings, and maintain meeting minutes. Oversee the day-to-day management of general ledger maintenance, accounts payable, and payroll.

To learn more about this and other employment opportunities, visit the www.charlestondiocese.org/jobs.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

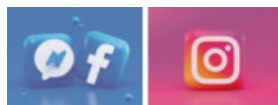
No matter how long you have been married, you can still have romance in your marriage. The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience gives you the tools to keep your marriage alive and vibrant.

Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on November 15-17, 2024 in North Myrtle Beach, SC and January 31-February 2, 2025 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.

We are on Social Media

Find us (SMMSimpsonville)
we are on Facebook and
Instagram



Grieving Parents

A Walk with Jesus for Grieving Parents is a one-day healing retreat for parents who have had child loss of any age. Saturday, May 4, from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Finbar Hall, 901 Orange Grove Road, Charleston, presented by Deacon Henry de Mena MA.

For more information and to register contact Christy Brown 803 554 6088 or cbrown@charlestondiocese.org.



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