



ST. MARY MAGDALENE  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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DECEMBER 15, 2024  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
FATHER THEO TRUJILLO, PASTOR

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# SPIRITUAL LIFE

## Mass Readings/Lecturas

[www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)

## Mass Schedule and Mass Intentions

Español (es) Polish (pl) Filipino (tl) Brazilian (pt)

PLB - Mass is celebrated in the Parish Life Building

### Daily Mass

**Monday - Friday**  
8:30 a.m. and noon  
Tuesday 7 p.m. Young  
Adults

Friday 7 p.m. (pt)

**Saturday** 8:30 a.m.

### Sunday Mass

**Saturday Vigil:** 5 p.m. and  
7 p.m. (es)

### Sunday

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.,  
10 a.m. (pt in PLB),  
11 a.m., 1 p.m. (es)  
6 p.m.

## Other Masses

**Polish:** December 15 at 3 p.m.  
**Filipino:** First Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.  
**Brazilian:** Fridays at 7 p.m. in the church and  
Sundays at 10 a.m. in the Parish Life  
Building.

## 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](https://facebook.com/SMMsimpsonville)  
and on our website at [www.smmcc.org/livestream](http://www.smmcc.org/livestream)

## Please Pray for...

Joan Galle, Paul Felton, Angela Ripandelli, Rick Agron, Leonard Byrne, Coleen McDonald, Philomena Reed, Florence Jackson, Brenda McCleary, Mary Radziewicz, Nancy Scala, Janice Reed, William and Marie Wilson, Ailani Urrego, Alejandro Leyton, Romeo Madeo, Connor Idi, Michelle Marckini, Bob Cardone, Thomas E. Provencher, Jim McKenna, Adrienne Garrett, William Finnell, Jr., Rocky A. Valez, Lori Brockman, Joe Mihalchick, Mike Becker, Bill DeRosa, Patricia Esparza, Onely Salas Cruz, Bessie J. Andersen, Polly Kanto, Jeffery Kipio Perez, Ruben and Rebeca Garcia, Donna Regan, Mary Ols, Ivonne Rivera, Ray Sleiman, Patricia O'Brien, Bill & Joanne Boozer, Maria Flores, Timothy Millhiser, Roger McClure, Sharon Harris, Harry Helvik, Carolyn Anderson, Paul Beaver, Timothy Rankin, Carol Barnes, Marty Howat, Michael Stankay, Marty Howat, Janet and Mike Canino, 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.*

## Reading a Printed Bulletin?

Visit our bulletin web page at  
[www.smmcc.org/bulletin](http://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.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, December 14, Vigil

5:00 p.m. † Frank P. and Mary Grella  
7:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish

### Sunday, December 15

7:30 a.m. † Herbert H. Landman  
9:00 a.m. † Nancy Mathison  
10:00 a.m. † Mark A. Colone  
11:00 a.m. † Mike Sardone  
1:00 p.m. Dale R. Albright, Jr.  
3:00 p.m. Joseph Merkel  
6:00 p.m. † George Christian Frank III

### Monday, December 16

8:30 a.m. † Anthony and Francisca Neglia  
Noon Linda and Joseph Sacca and Family

### Tuesday, December 17

8:30 a.m. † Donald Walwer  
Noon † Arthur Smith  
7:00 p.m. † Lily Woulfe

### Wednesday, December 18

8:30 a.m. † Enry and Sofia Shimow  
Noon † Darryl Davis

### Thursday, December 19

8:30 a.m. Faith Reinstein  
Noon † Anne Previdi

### Friday, December 20

8:30 a.m. † Anthony Cipriani  
Noon † Darryl Davis  
7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, December 21

8:30 a.m. † Jose and Helen Santiago  
5:00 p.m. † Theresa Weiner  
7:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish

### Sunday, December 22

7:30 a.m. † William R. Brooks  
9:00 a.m. We will welcome and celebrate all unborn  
babies as we welcomed baby Jesus

10:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. † Mary Bezek  
1:00 p.m. Stephanie Albright and Dave Johnson  
6:00 p.m. † Barbara Methenitis

# SPIRITUAL LIFE

## El Evangelio de hoy

El tercer domingo de Adviento es conocido como Gaudete, una palabra en latín que significa “gozo”, y se basa en la Carta de San Pablo a los Filipenses: “Estén siempre alegres en el Señor; se lo repito, estén alegres y tengan buen trato con todos” (Filipenses 4:4). Estas palabras resumen prácticamente lo que estamos viviendo cada día que pasa y nos acerca al nacimiento de nuestros Salvador. La alegría aumenta en nuestros corazones y nos impulsa a estar más preparados en dos aspectos importantes. Espiritualmente y en la preparación de la fiesta en casa para el día de Navidad. ¿Qué pensamos hacer? ¿A cuál Eucaristía asistiremos en familia para agradecer a Jesús su bondad y misericordia?

María y Juan Bautista nos muestran el camino. Nos indican que somos llamados a dar testimonio de la luz, a ser valientes, a sabernos retirar a tiempo para señalarle y otros lo vean y lo sigan. “Yo los bautizo con agua, pero está por llegar uno con más poder que yo, y yo no soy digno de desatar las correas de su sandalia. Él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y el fuego. Tiene la pala en sus manos para separar el trigo de la paja. Guardará el trigo en sus graneros, mientras que la paja la quemará en el fuego que no se apaga” (Lucas 3:16-17). Aquí está la clave de hoy, ¿somos trigo o somos paja? ¿Dónde nos colocará el Señor? Pues, la respuesta es solamente tuya. Aún estamos a tiempo de enderezar lo torcido de nuestra vida. Ven, Señor, ¡no tardes en llegar!

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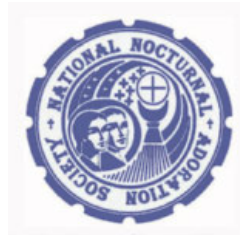


*Father Robert Falabella*

May he rest in the arms of the Lord and rejoice in the glory of heaven, and may his friends and parish family find comfort in their faith.

## 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.



## 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.

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



## Children’s Choir and Schola Cantorum

Both the Children’s Choir and Schola Cantorum have been working hard these past few months, and now are ready to lift their voices in praise.

We will hear their angelic voices as they sing to the Lord on Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve), at the 3 p.m. Mass.

## Pray the Rosary with Us!

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

*All are invited to join us!*



# SPIRITUAL LIFE



**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
3 p.m. | 5 p.m.  
7 p.m. (Spanish)  
8 p.m. (Portuguese)  
11:15 p.m. Lessons and Carols  
Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
\*9 a.m. | 11 a.m.  
11 a.m. (Portuguese)  
\*1 p.m. (Spanish) | 6 p.m.

\* Livestream



*This Advent, discover who God is, who we are, and how we are made worthy to stand in his presence.*

Visit our [Advent Resource page](#) to learn about the many opportunities available to grow in our faith as we wait for the coming of our Lord and Savior.

Visit: [www.smmcc.org/advent](http://www.smmcc.org/advent)

## 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.

Contact [adoration@smmcc.org](mailto:adoration@smmcc.org) if you have any questions.



## Asking the Question

I have found in my life that if I am certain of the answer to a big and complicated question – right away, no doubts or hesitations – there is a high likelihood that the answer is actually the wrong one.

Because most of the time the truth is buried beneath a thicket of pride, prejudice, and ignorance. To find our answers, we have to be ready to put the gardening gloves on and pick through the thorns. We have to pray. We have to reflect. We have to question ourselves and others. We have to examine our feelings. And then we have to pray some more.

See, I would be willing to bet that the tax collectors and soldiers knew. Deep in their hearts, they knew.

They knew when they approached John the Baptist and asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” that his reply was not going to be: “Keep doing exactly what you’re doing.”

They had heard this guy preach. They knew what he was about: repentance. They might not have known exactly what John the Baptist was going to tell them to do, but they knew whatever it was, it was going to be a challenge. It was going to turn their lives upside down.

I give them credit for asking the question. That’s a hard thing to do, and I don’t do it enough. Too often, I’m afraid to ask the question.

How do I love this person? How do I live out my baptismal call in this particular situation? How do I draw water from the fountain of salvation – and how do I do it with joy, as we are commanded by the Psalms?

Christmas is ten days away. Are we asking the question?

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# 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.



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](mailto:joem@smmcc.org) or visit our web page at [www.smmcc.org/youth-ministry](http://www.smmcc.org/youth-ministry).

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

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](http://smmcc.flocknote.com/YoungAdults) or contact us at [youngadult@smmcc.org](mailto:youngadult@smmcc.org). Follow us on Instagram at [smmccyoungadult](https://www.instagram.com/smmccyoungadult).



## Preschool Registration

Preschool Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is quickly approaching! If you would like more information about the preschool and the classes it offers (K2 through K4), please come to our Coffee and Questions meeting on Wednesday, January 22, at 10:00 a.m. During this information session with the director, you will hear an overview of the preschool program and receive information about the online registration process. To RSVP for Coffee and Questions, visit [www.smmcp.org](http://www.smmcp.org).

All new student registrations will be online. The preschool will begin accepting online registrations for new students from registered parish families on Monday, January 27, at 8:00 a.m. For more information, please contact the preschool director, Katie Jupena, at [preschool@smmcc.org](mailto:preschool@smmcc.org) or call 864-288-4884 ext. 4250.



El grupo de jóvenes adultos invita a todos los adultos solteros de 18 a 32 años a participar en sus reuniones los viernes de 7 a 9 p.m. en el

edificio de ministerios Conner, donde se dan las catequesis.

Si desean más información, envíen un correo electrónico a [jovenesadultos@smmcc.org](mailto:jovenesadultos@smmcc.org). ¡Los esperamos!

## Escuela de la Fe "Cristo Maestro"



Las Oficina del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Charleston invita a todos los hispanos mayores de 18 años a conocer y fortalecer su fe cristiana-católica a través de estudios teológicos ofrecidos por instructores con conocimiento teológico.

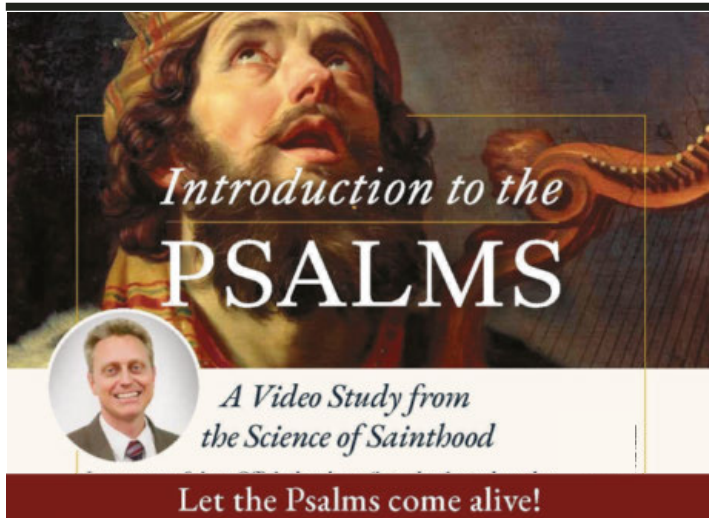
Las clases se llevarán a cabo los lunes, dos veces por mes, de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m. en el edificio *Parish Life*.

**La matricula para el 11° curso,  
La oración cristiana,  
está abierta. El costo es \$20**

Horario de clases: Enero 6 y 20 y febrero 3 y 17.

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

# FORMATION - MINISTRIES IN ACTION



*Introduction to the*  
**PSALMS**

*A Video Study from  
the Science of Sainthood*

**Let the Psalms come alive!**

This series unveils the beauty and mystery of one of the most beloved of all books in Sacred Scripture. And in the hands of a master teacher like Dr. John Bergsma - two-time winner of the "Best Teacher" award at Franciscan University of Steubenville - this amazing book of the Bible comes alive like never before.

You'll learn all the different kinds of Psalms, the authors, the incredible stories behind many Psalms, and see how the Psalms play a major role in salvation history...your salvation history!

## THIS STUDY IS FOR EVERYONE!

- Ladies can join our Women's Bible Study (WBS) on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. starting January 7 or Thursdays at 7 p.m. starting January 9.
- Another opportunity to attend is on Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m. starting January 7. This class is open to everyone and is a good option for those with children in Christian Formation classes.
- You can also do independent study.

The book is \$10 and access to the videos is \$6.

*The purchase of the 1-year video access is optional for those attending class, but required for independent study.*

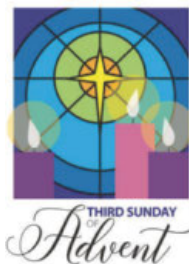
\*Free childcare is available for both Tuesday sessions.

Scan/click the QR code to register and purchase your study materials.



## Respect Life Ministry

On this third week of Advent: Light the 3rd candle - the pink/rose candle which represents Joy.



- Make Christmas cookies to bring to a nursing home or someone who is elderly or alone.
- Read Christmas books with a child.
- Send a Christmas card to your priests.
- Donate non-perishable food to St. Vincent de Paul.
- Pray for an end to abortion.

## Stand Up and March for Life in Columbia, SC

Pro-Life event in January 2025

Plan to attend the Proudly Pro-Life Weekend sponsored by SC Citizens for Life on January 10 and 11, 2025 in Columbia, SC.

Friday night features a dinner with speaker Seth Dillon, CEO of the Babylon Bee at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. Register for dinner and reserve a hotel room at <https://app.donorview.com/ZQkyj>.

The March for Life on Saturday starts at 11 a.m. and the rally at the State House steps at noon.

If you would like to attend the march and rally, contact [Respectlife@smmcc.org](mailto:Respectlife@smmcc.org) to get together for carpooling on Saturday. Saturday also includes a Youth Summit at 2 p.m., featuring Father Rhett Williams and Toni McFadden.

For tickets to the Youth Summit visit [studentlifesummit.com](http://studentlifesummit.com). The Youth Summit has been very inspiring for our teens and college students!

## Shining Light on the Darkness of Human Trafficking

February 8, 2025



In keeping with Pope Francis' call to become more aware of the evils of Human Trafficking, St. Mary Magdalene's Respect Life Ministry will present an evening program on sex and labor trafficking and give us ideas of what we can do about it.

Please save the date and look for more details after the Christmas Season. There will be both an adult track as well as high school breakouts.

Members of a local rehab facility will speak about their work and needs. We will also have a speaker from the Diocese.

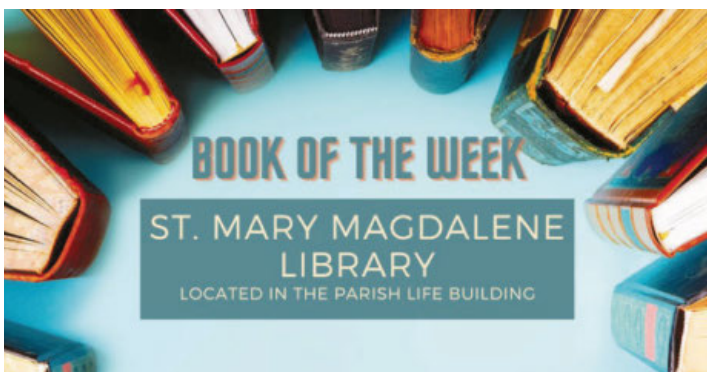
# MINISTRIES IN ACTION



Young at Heart Ministry provides fun and social connection for adults 55+.

Please join us at the January 16 meeting which will be a potluck meal with chicken provided by the ministry. The cost will be \$5 and a gift exchange will take place.

Please email [youngatheart@smmcc.org](mailto:youngatheart@smmcc.org) to receive additional information.



The week's recommended library title is a DVD: "The Fourth Wise Man," starring Martin Sheen. The fourth wise man, Artaban, is a wealthy physician searching for the newborn Messiah. This family-friendly movie tells the story of his intriguing journey to Jesus. Very good food for thought this season!

Find this title in the church library or request it online at [stmarymagdalene.library.site](http://stmarymagdalene.library.site)

Contact us at [library@smmcc.org](mailto:library@smmcc.org)



## 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](#).

## Prison Ministry

Imprisoned men and women are God's children and Jesus asks us to serve their needs, to bring God's word to them through example and deeds, and to be their Christian companions.

**There are many ways you can offer your time and volunteer:**

- Participate in Mass on Thursdays at the men's prison in support of Catholic inmates. Our parish priests celebrate Mass once a month.
- Help at the Kairos Weekend Retreat for Men in Pelzer, or the Women's Retreat in Greenwood.
- Offer prayers during the retreat.
- Prepare meals at a church for retreatants.
- Bake cookies at home for the Cookies for Kairos program (twice a year).
- Offer a financial contribution.
- Meet with groups of inmates face-to-face or lead Bible studies at the Greenville County Detention Center on Wednesdays from 6:45-8:45 p.m.

Please pray about how you can serve their needs. We are in need of both men and women, both English and Spanish speakers.

Please contact us at [prison@smmcc.org](mailto:prison@smmcc.org).



## 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](mailto:jovenesdecorazon@smmcc.org) o llama a Cecilia Elguera al número 864-423-3264.

# PARISH LIFE

## 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 Thursday, December 19, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Building, room 107.



## Are You Receiving Our Emails and Texts?



Are you signed up to receive email or text notifications from St. Mary Magdalene?

**Text smmcc to 84576 or go to [smmcc.flocknote.com](http://smmcc.flocknote.com) to JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST.**

## Contact Information

Has your contact information changed?

Please contact Beth at [bsnyder@smmcc.org](mailto: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](mailto:bsnyder@smmcc.org) si usted tiene una nueva dirección, número de teléfono o correo electrónico.



## Director of Christian Formation - FT

The Director of Christian Formation is instrumental in planning, organizing, and implementing religious education programs for children/teens in the parish, grades K5 through 8, including sacraments. This role involves collaborating with clergy, staff, volunteers, and parishioners to foster a vibrant faith community. The Director ensures that Christian Formation aligns with the teachings of the Catholic Church and meets the spiritual needs of the parish.

For job responsibilities and requirements, please visit [www.smmcc.org/info](http://www.smmcc.org/info).

To apply, email your resume, cover letter and references to Rhonda Stokes at [rhondas@smmcc.org](mailto:rhondas@smmcc.org).

## Overflow Parking

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

You may now park in the designated areas at Eastminster Presbyterian Church.

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

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



## 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](mailto:columbarium@smmcc.org), call (864) 537-4232 or visit our web page at [www.smmcc.org/columbarium](http://www.smmcc.org/columbarium).



# PARISH LIFE

Your generosity fuels our ministry!

Please prayerfully consider including St. Mary Magdalene Church in your year-end giving with a tax-deductible donation.

More Information:  
☎ 864 288 4884  
✉ [office@smmcc.org](mailto:office@smmcc.org)  
🌐 [www.smmcc.org](http://www.smmcc.org)



## Pastoral Staff

PASTOR

Fr. Theo Trujillo

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Fr. Max Tria

Fr. Ramyro Gomes Armond

DEACONS

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](http://www.smmcc.org/staff).

## 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](http://www.smmcc.org/online-giving)



**PARISH LIFE BUILDING  
DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN**



**OR USE THE ENVELOPES IN THE PEWS**

**TEXT TO GIVE  
TEXT YOUR OFFERING TO  
8642631038**

## Offertory

The offertory will be available in next week's bulletin.

**WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE GIFTS  
AND FOR THE GIVERS!**

## We are on Social Media

Find us (SMMSimpsonville)  
We are on Facebook and Instagram  
Follow us, like us!



And don't forget to share our posts.

## We Are a Tithing Parish

Safe Harbor

*Thanks to your generosity ...*

we're giving back to the community.

The Outreach Tithe Committee is donating \$2,500 to Safe Harbor. They help break the cycle of domestic violence for women and children in Greenville and three other counties. They offer 24/7 help lines, safe emergency shelters, counseling for adults, assistance with filing for order of protection, transitional housing and protection.

If you would like us to consider a charity, you can email us at [outreachtithe@smmcc.org](mailto:outreachtithe@smmcc.org).

# IN THE COMMUNITY

## The 2025 Calendars

Pick up your free calendar from the Narthex. They are available in English and Spanish.



## New Catholic Center located in downtown Greenville

Christ on Main (COM) is a Catholic community engagement center that provides a welcoming venue for conversation, study, prayer, and spiritual direction. We believe the truth, beauty, and goodness of our Catholic faith invites all, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, to grow in their moral and spiritual life. COM is a lay-led initiative and not affiliated with any particular parish. Scheduled events include lectures, concerts, book signings, and panel discussions on topics at the intersection of faith and culture.

The mission of Christ on Main is to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission to "go and make disciples of all nations." We accomplish this mission by proclaiming the truth and beauty of the gospel of Christ in the fullness of the Catholic faith.

Visit us at [www.catholic.center](http://www.catholic.center).

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Take time every day to recall something to be thankful for in your marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been teaching couples good communication skills for over 50 years.

Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in North Myrtle Beach, SC, on January 31-February 2, 2025 and November 14-16, 2025.

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

## New Year's Retreat

December 30-January 1

Jesus used questions to promote healing, forgive the past, repair brokenness, and instill hope. The retreat, "Questions Jesus Asks You for the New Year," will invite you to answer the same life-altering questions. There will be five engaging reflections, Mass, Confession, Matins, Vespers, and Adoration. Plus, plenty of time to reflect upon the New Year in our sacred spaces while enjoying the fireplace in our lounge or exploring the beautiful grounds of the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Two nights, December 30-January 1. As a special treat, there will be a New Year's Eve banquet with traditional festivities. The last two years have sold out, so register now at [www.catholicconference.org/new-years](http://www.catholicconference.org/new-years).

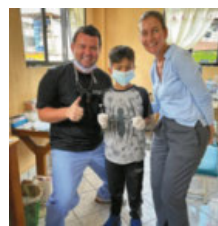
Email [info@catholicconference.org](mailto:info@catholicconference.org) or call 828-327-7441 for more information.

## You Can Help Your Marriage

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## Mission Trip - Will You Join Us?

The Diocese of Charleston invites us twice a year to participate in the International Outreach ministry program. These mission trips not only provide much needed health care for the San Pedro community, but participants find their own experience to be life changing and spiritually rewarding. Dr. Tormey has been traveling for many years to the clinic in San Pedro and can attest to the positive impact the ministry has on the community.



If you are interested in participating or finding out how you can help (medical and non-medical), please contact Rhina Medina at [rmedina@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:rmedina@charlestondiocese.org), Noeline at [noeline34@aol.com](mailto:noeline34@aol.com) or Dr. Keith Tormey at [keithdtormey@gmail.com](mailto:keithdtormey@gmail.com).

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