ST. MARY MAGDALENE Catholic Church

2252 Woodruff Road Simpsonville, SC 29681 PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION Father Theo Trujillo, Pastor

April 13, 2025

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ESUS WILLINGLY ENTERS INTO HIS PASSION, SURRENDERING EVERYTHING TO THE FATHER'S PLAN. EVEN IN SUFFERING, HE IS FULLY PRESENT, OFFERING HIS TIME, HIS BODY, AND HIS LOVE FOR OUR SALVATION.

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WHERE IS GOD CALLING ME TO SURRENDER MY TIME AND TRUST HIM MORE DEEPLY?

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Mass Readings/Lecturas

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
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Sunday Mass

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

7 p.m. (es) **Sunday** 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m.,

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m. and

Saturday 8:30 a.m.

10 a.m. (pt in PLB), 11 a.m., 1 p.m. (es) 6 p.m.

Other Masses

Polish:Sunday, April 13 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 <u>facebook.com/SMMsimpsonville</u> and on our website at <u>www.smmcc.org/livestream</u>

Childcare During Mass

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

Please Pray for...

Joan Galle, Paul Felton, Angela Ripandelli, Rick Agron, Leonard Byrne, Coleen McDonald, Philomena Reed, Florence Jackson, Romeo Madeo, Michelle Marckini, Bob Cardone, Joe Mihalchick, Polly Kanto, Mary Ols, Patricia O'Brien, Bill & Joanne Boozer, Maria Flores, Timothy Millhiser, Roger McClure, Sharon Harris, Harry Helvik, Carolyn Anderson, Paul Beaver, Carol Barnes, Michael Stankay, Marty Howat, Janet and Mike Canino, María del Carmen Copetillo, Clementina Argumedo, Shirley Walter, Donna Lee, Dee Helvik, Jimmy Martin, Scott Morris, Marco Rosato, Tim Farrell, Michael Adamczyk, Freya Moore, Mary Hennenhoefer, Maggie Scola, Jim McKenna, Mary Radziewicz, Lucas Grimes, Reynaldo Alonsagay, Madeline Pettersen, Paul DiMascio, Mary Ann Cesare, Rebecca Schaeuble, all who are sick and suffering in our community.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 12, Vigil 5:00 p.m. † Joyce and Robert Frank 7:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish Sunday, April 13 7:30 a.m. † Helen and Jose Santiago **Kimberly Milton** 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. † The deceased members of the Lauria family 1:00 p.m. † Fr. Robert Falabella 3 p.m. 6:00 p.m. † Dennis Thomas Walsh Monday, April 14 8:30 a.m. + Edward Weiss † Damian Garbacki Noon Tuesday, April 15 Communion Services at 8:30 a.m. and noon Wednesday, April 16 8:30 a.m. † Hilda and David Clark Noon **†** Frances and Clifford Beyerle Thursday, April 17 Marco Rosato 6:15 p.m. 8:30 p.m. Saturday, April 19 8:30 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Sunday, April 20 6:00 a.m. Living and deceased members of the Espindola and Jimenez families + Mildred Heslip 7:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. + Peter Pankiewicz 9:00 a.m. † Janusz Chmara - Mass in the PLB 11:00 a.m. † Mary Bezek 11:00 a.m. † M/M Dale Hager - Mass in the PLB 1:00 p.m. † Victoria Mauleon † James Link - Bilingual Mass in the PLB 1:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. † Donna Regan



Lina Maria Zapata Samantha Samarel Stefan Zeglen

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.

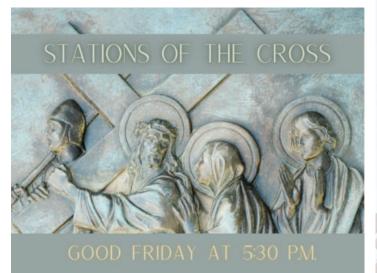
SPIRITUAL LIFE

El Evangelio de hoy

¡Hosanna al Hijo de David! ¡Bendito sea el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en lo más alto de los cielos! (Mateo 21:9). Preparados o no, llegamos a la Semana Santa, también llamada Semana Mayor. Conmemoramos la entrada triunfante del Señor a Jerusalén. ¿Has pensado de qué forma acompañaremos a Jesús durante la semana? ¿Cuáles son los planes en familia y en la comunidad parroquial? Muchas familias aprovechan este tiempo para salir de vacaciones, lo cual es muy bueno. Sin embargo, eso no es motivo para dejar a Jesús solo. Dondequiera que estemos, podemos tener momentos de oración y reflexión en el Misterio de la Pasión del Señor.

Se agitan las palmas benditas en nuestras manos y se escuchan los vivas del pueblo. Y en menos de una semana, daremos comienzo al Triduo Pascual. Judas lo traicionará a cambio de unas cuantas monedas; sus discípulos lo abandonarán y Pedro terminará negándolo. Todos le habían prometido fidelidad. Sin embargo, fallaron a la hora del arresto. Jesús es el amor que no se deja vencer y da muestras de ello aun en su tribulación. Cura al soldado que se acerca a arrestarlo, perdona a quienes lo crucifican y le da esperanza al ladrón arrepentido que muere con él. ¿Qué podemos aprender de todo esto? ¿A qué nos invita Jesús en este tiempo tan concreto? La respuesta es personal, pero démonos cuenta que, al final de todo el Vía Crucis, lo que vence es el amor.

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Day of Confessions on Holy Wednesday

Saint Rafka Maronite Catholic Church will host a Day of Confessions on Holy Wednesday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

Saint Rafka is located at 1215 S. Highway 14, Greer, SC. www.saintrafka.org.

Holy Week & Easter Sunday Schedule

> Holy Monday 8:30 a.m. & noon Mass

Holy Tuesday 8:30 a.m. & noon Communion Services 11 a.m. Chrism Mass in Charleston

> Holy Wednesday 8:30 a.m. & noon Mass

Holy Thursday NO 8:30 a.m. or noon Mass

Liturgy of the Lord's Supper 6:15 p.m. English 8:30 p.m. español

Good Friday NO 8:30 a.m. or noon Mass

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3 p.m. English 7 p.m. español 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday NO 8:30 a.m. Mass and *NO confessions* 11 a.m. Blessing of food baskets

> Easter Vigil 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday 6 a.m. | 7:30 a.m. | *9 a.m. *11 a.m. | 1 p.m. español 1 p.m. Bilingüe (español/português) PLB

6 p.m.

*in the church and the Parish Life Building

SPIRITUAL LIFE



Adoration and Visitation

Here at St. Mary Magdalene, as we wait and prepare for the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter, we have the opportunity to experience the Lenten traditions from different cultures.

On Holy Thursday, several ministries come together to prepare the Parish Center for Adoration. You are invited to come to the Parish Center after the liturgy and spend time with Jesus.

On Good Friday, the Polish community will prepare the Lord's tomb for visitation after the liturgy of the Lord's Passion. Come and wait at the tomb as you meditate on the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection. The doors will be open until midnight.

On Holy Saturday at 11 a.m., the Polish community will be hosting a blessing of the baskets. In this beautiful Polish tradition, parishioners bring a basket with food for their Easter breakfast to be blessed. The traditional Polish basket can include sausage, eggs, bread, salt/pepper, butter, and Babka (Polish cake), as well as anything that you may wish to share with others for Easter breakfast.

Good Friday is a Day of Fasting and Abstinence

FASTING is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 60th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

ABSTINENCE is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted.

El Viernes Santo es día de ayuno y abstinencia

EL AYUNO se debe observar por todos los católicos que son mayores de 18 años de edad pero aún no cumplen 60 años. Los obligados por esta regla pueden tomar solo una comida completa. Dos comidas pequeñas que no equivalen a una comida completa están permitidas como sea necesario para mantener la fuerza de acuerdo con las necesidades de cada uno. No se permite comer entre comidas, pero líquidos, incluyendo leche y jugos, se permiten.

LA ABSTINENCIA de carne se observa por todos los católicos mayores de 14 años. Tome en cuenta que cuando la salud o la capacidad para trabajar se ven seriamente afectadas, la ley no le obliga. En caso de duda sobre el ayuno y la abstinencia, se debe consultar con un sacerdote.

Children's Choir

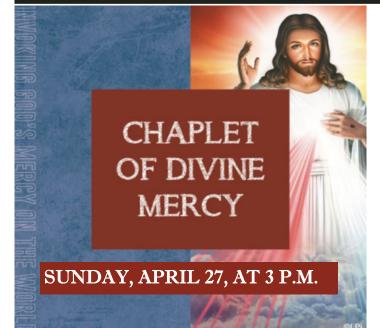


The Children's Choir will be offering the music for the 9 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

The children will be leading hymns, and offering sacred pieces from great composers such as Cherwien and Elgar.

Thank you to our accompanist, Chris Cole, to the amazing parents, and to our teen helpers who have all helped support and encourage the children as they grow in their love of God through music!

SPIRITUAL LIFE - FORMATION



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 <u>adoration@smmcc.org</u> if you have any questions.

Questions to Reflect On

Palm Sunday (April 13-April 19)



It can be hard to see someone we love suffer. Often there is not much we can say or do to take their suffering away, but our presence can be a great comfort. Mary knew that she could not prevent or lessen her son's pain, but she stayed with him throughout his suffering.

All but one of his disciples ran away, but she did not leave him. Can you think of someone who stayed with you during a particularly difficult time in your life? How did their presence and support help you?

A Quick Journey Through the Bible



Many Catholics want to read the Bible because they know it is God's Word, but they give up because it seems SO complicated. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible helps you get the "big picture" by showing how fourteen narrative books of the Bible tell the complete story from Adam and Eve to Christ and the Church.

Presenter Jeff Cavins shows you

how to read the Bible so that you can actually understand it. Aided by the unique color-coded Bible Timeline® Chart, which arranges the key people, places, and events of Scripture in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you discover the story of salvation history and understand how you fit into God's plan.

Join us on this 4-week study on Wednesday nights, starting April 30. We will meet from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Gathering Hall.

This study program includes video presentations that explore all twelve time periods of The Bible Timeline Chart. It's great for individuals, couples, and families (middle school students and up).

The study is free and the Bible Timeline Chart is available for \$5.

Scan the QR code to purchase the Bible Timeline Chart.





Vacation Bible School

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost: \$30 per child

Registration for a 3rd child or more is \$25 per child. After April 30, the cost is \$35 per child. Registration will close once we reach capacity.

We have volunteer opportunities for teens and adults. Visit <u>www.smmcc.org/vbs</u> to register.

FORMATION - MINISTRIES IN ACTION



Steubenville, OH

June 6-8 The Spirit and the Bride Say Come

Join women of all generations as we come together to seek God's presence. The conference will be held on the beautiful campus of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, and includes talks, worship, prayer experiences and breakout sessions.

Conference registration: \$259 - Meals: \$91 Housing: Different options for shared rooms with hall bath or private room bath in campus dorms (\$140 or \$160); extra for single room

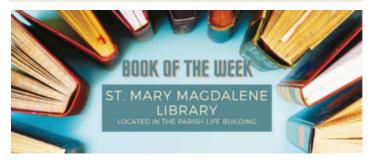
Travel expenses and other arrangements are not included in the above pricing.

We will coordinate transportation at an 🔳 extra cost.



When registering, use our parish code 25SMMCC.

Contact Kristin at kristinj@smmcc.org if



This week's recommended book title is "FACING, FIGHTING AND DEFEATING The Red Dragon of Pride." Book 1 in a brand new series for children focusing on how to overcome the 7 Deadly Sins. It is part of the The Seven Deadly Dragons Series: The Chronicles of Sir Rolland Paterlot.

Find this title in the church library or request it online at <u>stmarymagdalene.library.site</u>.

Contact us at library@smmcc.org



International Festival Town Hall Meeting

Help Us Kick Off the 2025 Festival!

We're beginning to plan our 2025 International Festival, and we want you to be part of it! We're forming a committee to help plan and implement this year's festival (and continuing to plan the annual international festival!) This beloved event celebrates the rich diversity of our parish—through food, music, dance, traditions, and community.

Join us at our Town Hall Meeting to learn more.

Details:

- \Rightarrow Date: Monday, April 28, 2025
- \Rightarrow Time: 6:30 8:00 p.m.
- \Rightarrow Location: Parish Center

Bring your ideas, energy, and cultural pride as we dream big and prepare for a festival that reflects the beautiful tapestry of our parish family. Whether you've been involved before or are brand new—we'd love to have you!

Everyone is welcome!

Let's make this year unforgettable.

Questions? Email us at: festival@smmcc.org

40 Days for Life

Closing Celebration: Sunday, April 13, 2 - 3:15 p.m. at Christ the King Church (formerly Grove Road Baptist Church) 1223 Grove Road. Join us for prayer, testimonies, words of encouragement, praise, door prizes and refreshments. Please join us and bring a chair! Please visit <u>www.40daysforlife.com/greenville</u> to sign-up for 40 Days 365.

40 Días por la Vida

Celebración de clausura: El domingo, 13 de abril de 2:00 a 3:15 p.m. en la Iglesia Christ the King (antes se llamada Grove Rd. Baptist Church) 1223 Grove Road. Habrá oración, testimonios, música de alabanzas, premios y una merienda. Por favor únase a nosotros y traiga una silla! Visite <u>www.40daysforlife.com/</u> <u>greenville</u> para apuntarse a los 40 Días 365.

MINISTRIES IN ACTION









Working Together to Beautify Our Campus

We are truly grateful and blessed to have had more than 150 volunteers come together for our Parish Service Day on March 30. With hearts full of service, they helped spread mulch and refresh our campus in preparation for Easter. A heartfelt thank you to Michael McGarry, Steve Jarisch and Olga Osorio for organizing this beautiful day and to Deacon Jovan for blessing both the volunteers and the work they accomplished.

We are deeply appreciative of all the volunteers and staff members who made the work light and joyful. Your generous gift of time and talent not only reflects your stewardship, but is also a powerful expression of your love for our church.

Our parish is truly blessed by the dedication of those who call St. Mary Magdalene home—always ready to roll up their sleeves and care for our campus, ensuring it remains beautiful and vibrant for all.







Items of greatest need are newborn-size diapers and sizes 3, 4, and 5.

Other gift ideas include baby wipes, baby wash/shampoo, diaper rash cream, new baby bottles, receiving blankets, sleepers, outfits, and onesies.

Please drop off your gifts at the Woodruff entrance parking lot on Saturday, April 26, 8:30 a.m. - noon.

Thank you! Your continued support is appreciated. For questions, please email respectlife@smmcc.org

Para el Baby Shower

Los artículos de mayor necesidad son pañales para recién nacidos y de tallas 3, 4 y 5.

Pueden regalar toallitas húmedas, jabón/champú para bebés, crema para la dermatitis del pañal, biberones nuevos, mantas para bebés, pijamas y ropa.

Pueden traer sus regalos al estacionamiento de la entrada de Woodruff el sábado 26 de abril, entre 8:30 a.m. y mediodía.

MINISTRIES IN ACTION - PARISH LIFE

Parking on Easter Sunday

Please follow the directions of the Parking Volunteers. They are here to serve you and make your entry and exit to the parking lot safe and efficient.

- There is a dedicated handicap/elderly area in the front row near the church. It will fill up. Please be patient.
- If you are able, back into your parking space. It will make for an easier exit.
- No Parking areas are for emergency vehicles. Please observe them!
- Don't arrive too early; we may not have parking space available until the prior Mass lets out.
- A designated area of the Eastminster Methodist Church is available to us for parking.
- Parking at Advent is NOT PERMITTED for any of the morning Masses. Those attending 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. Masses may use their parking lot.

Please be patient, and let us help each other have a wonderful Easter celebration from the moment you enter the parking lot until you leave to "Go, and proclaim the good news!" God Bless!

Parking Volunteers Needed for Easter Sunday



Easter Sunday is our busiest time when many come to give glory to the Risen Christ.

Volunteers are needed to maintain the flow of parking and ease the process in and out of campus. We need parishioners, 16 and older, to help us implement the St. Mary Magdalene Parking Plan over three different shifts.

Please come to an informational meeting on Monday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Life Building and scan the QR code to sign up for one of the shifts.

This is a very important ministry. Think of the impact you might have on those who are coming to the church for the first time or coming back after being away. Your welcoming smile and helpfulness could be part of the reason they keep coming back! What a fantastic way to live out our missionary spirit!



BECOME A PART OF OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE!



At St. Mary Magdalene, we are a parish that responds to God's abundant blessings with hearts of gratitude and generosity. Stewardship is at the heart of all we do, and we invite you to help us discern how we are called to share our time, talent, and treasure for the good of our community.

As a member of the Stewardship Committee, you will play a key role in guiding our efforts to reflect on how we ensure the blessings God has entrusted to us are used for the growth of the kingdom. Together, we will plan and organize efforts to invite all parishioners to reflect on their time, talent, and treasure—including planning a Ministry Fair to connect parishioners with opportunities to serve and share their gifts, helping to foster a culture of active participation and mission.

If you're passionate about stewardship and want to make a lasting impact, we invite you to join us!

Contact Mike Sylvester, Pastoral Associate, at <u>mikes@smmcc.org</u> for more information.



The Columbiettes Auxiliary #10819 will be selling a variety of delicious, homemade baked goods in the courtyard on Saturday, April 26, from 5 - 8 p.m., and on Sunday, April 27, from 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. 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 glutenfree and nut-free options.

Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted.

PARISH LIFE

Your Offertory

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



Offertory

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

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE GIFTS AND FOR THE GIVERS!

We Are a Tithing Parish

Thanks to your generosity ...

we're giving back to the community.

The Outreach Tithe Committee is donating \$2,000 to Dance Collaborative in Greenville.

Their mission is to make high quality dance education accessible regardless of location, ability, or resources.

This program is geared to serve those who might otherwise not be able to participate in a dance education and performance opportunity due to accessibility and affordability.

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

Contact Information

Has your contact information changed?

Please contact Beth at <u>bsnyder@smmcc.org</u> 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 <u>bsnyder@smmcc.org</u> si usted tiene una nueva dirección, número de teléfono o correo electrónico.

Pastoral Staff

PASTOR Fr. Theo Trujillo

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Fr. Max Tria Fr. Ramyro Gomes Armond

DEACONS

Dcn. Joe Ciavardini Dcn. Roger Schonewald Dcn. Juan Londoño Dcn. Jovan Simo

Parish Offices

The Parish Offices will close at noon on Holy Thursday and reopen on Tuesday, April 22, at 9 a.m.

> **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.



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

IN THE COMMUNITY

IVF and the Natural Law: Understanding Church Teaching

9:30 am Sunday April 27



St Paul Parish Gym

All are welcome St Paul the Apostle Catholic Church 161 N Dean St, Spartanburg SC

How should we understand recent news about IVF (in vitro fertilization)?

Why does the Church teach that IVF is "objectively disordered"?

Presentation by Dr. Murray Daw Dean's Distinguished Professor, Clemson University

All are welcome to join us for this free presentation.

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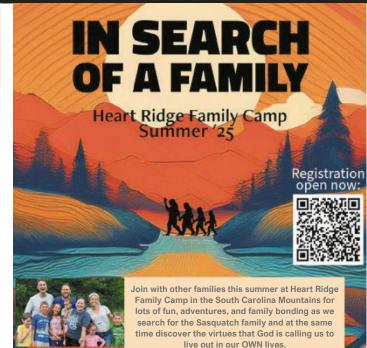
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We are on Social Media

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

And don't forget to share our posts.





Rediscover Your Marriage - Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means "rediscovery." The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering, but is anchored in Christian reconcilement, communication and healing. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on April 25-27 in the Charlotte area, contact Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701, email 3062ac@helpourmarriage.org or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.org.

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