

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 5, 2021 - Second Sunday of Advent Father Theo Trujillo, Pastor



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday *8:30 a.m. and noon

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Tuesday, December 7, vigil at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 8, 7 a.m., *8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Tuesdays (Young Adults) at 7 p.m. Except the 1st Tuesday of the month

Saturday *8:30 a.m. Vigil: 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (español)

Sunday 7:30 a.m., *9 a.m., 11 a.m., *1 p.m. (español) and 6 p.m.

Mass Readings/Lecturas

Polish Last Sunday of the month at 3 p.m.

Filipino First Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.

> *this Mass will also be Livestreamed

On the Parish Facebook page <u>facebook.com/SMMsimpsonville</u> and on our website at <u>smmcc.org/492</u>

Reconciliation

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

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

MASS TIMES:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7 VIGIL AT 5 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8 7 A.M., 8:30 A.M., 12:15 P.M., 4 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

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Holy Hour with Vespers

Mondays at 6:30 p.m. after the Live Rosary

December 6, December 13 (Vespers only) and December 20.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 4

	December 4
	† Tom Irving
10:00 a.m.	† Eduardo de Los Santos
5:00 p.m.	† Scola and Pszonek Families St. Mary Magdalene Parish
Sunday, De	ecember 5
7:30 a.m.	† Vittorio Salomone
9:00 a.m.	† Robert Hyslop
11:00 a.m.	† Vittorio Salomone
1:00 p.m.	† Elsa Balls
	† Roger Leo Schonewald
Monday, Do	
8:30 a.m.	† Francesca and Anthony Neglia
Noon	
Tuesday, D	ecember 7
8:30 a.m.	† Roger Leo Schonewald
Noon	Vincent and Allison Cunningham
5:00 p.m.	Kate Stec
	/, December 8
	† Lucy Harris
8:30 a.m.	
	† R.J. and Eva Connelly
	† Daisy Martinez Rivera
7:00 p.m.	† Bill Fedorka
	December 9
8:30 a.m.	† Nathan Blevins
Noon	† Ben Blevins
Friday, Dee	
8:30 a.m.	
Noon	† Pete Noriega
	December 11
	M. Evelyn Hartman and Necito Dela Cruz
5:00 p.m.	
7:00 p.m.	
10:30 p.m.	
	ecember 12
7:30 a.m.	
9:00 a.m.	
	† Concetta Carozza
1:00 p.m.	Alejandro and Ana Jimenez
6:00 p.m.	† James R. Fairless

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3rd Domingo de Adviento, 12 de diciembre Horario normal de misa: Sábado a las 7 p.m. y domingo a la 1 p.m.

edificio Parish Life.

Please Pray for...

Martha Wehrly, Joan Galle, Rosemary Buffardi, Kevin Burke, Paul Felton, Mary Jane Doster, Ben Coulter, Peter Doster, Dorie Ferrari, Irene Johnson, Angela Ripandelli, Robert Morris, Patricia Merretta, Annette Weber, Caryn Schook, Audrey Connell, Susan Allman D'Alessandro, Rick Agron, Sharon Rivaldo, Lin Fedorka, Stacy Fedorka, Leonard Byrne, Coleen McDonald, Philomena Reed, Liz List, Juliana Rincon, Gina and Dal Maness, Lila Childs, Kathy Litzinger, Daniel Harris, Mary Radziewicz, Charlie Morris, Jon Ebacher, all affected by the Coronavirus, and our community.

ADVENT MISSION

DECEMBER 13 AND 14

LOVE ALL THE WAY DOWN: THE STRANGE ROMANCE OF THE INCARNATION

GUEST SPEAKER: VERY REV. EUREL MANZANO



DAY 1: "HE EMPTIED HIMSELF...FOR YOU"

How did God prepare the human race for the coming of his Son? Our own history and the Fathers of the Church point to some practical ways the Lord continues to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. BRING THE INFANT JESUS FROM YOUR HOME NATIVITY SET FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING.

DAY 2: "OBEDIENTLY ACCEPTING EVEN DEATH...FOR YOU"

What did the suffering of Christ in the flesh communicate about his plan for us? Some of the Church's biggest struggles throughout the centuries have helped illuminate the mystery of Christ's awesome love for us (and your neighbor).

BRING A CRUCIFIX FOR ANOTHER SPECIAL BLESSING.

Very Rev. Eurel Manzano, MDiv, is Rector at St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, TX.



Check us out at www.smmcc.org

¿Cómo estás preparándote en este tiempo para recibir al Señor en tu hogar?

En este Segundo Domingo de Adviento, Juan Bautista prepara el camino del Señor. Juan empezó a recorrer toda la región del río Jordán, predicando un bautismo de conversión, para obtener el perdón de los pecados. Esto ya estaba escrito en el libro del profeta Isaías: "Oigan ese grito en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos. Las quebradas serán rellenadas y los montes y cerros allanados. Lo torcido será enderezado, y serán suavizadas las asperezas de los caminos. Todo mortal entonces verá la salvación de Dios" (Lucas 3:3-6). El mensaje esta hecho como anillo al dedo para nuestra época, no está pasado de moda. ¿Cómo estás preparándote en este tiempo para recibir al Señor en tu hogar?

De seguro hay mucho que enderezar después de esta pandemia que hemos vivido. Montañas existentes de incomprensión e inseguridad que hay que allanar y hacer planas. Enderezar el camino jorobado de nuestra vida que llevamos a cuestas. ¿Cómo hacerlo? ¿En qué estoy fallando en mi familia y en la sociedad? La figura del Bautista nos ayuda a recorrer dentro del corazón para llegar a una verdadera conversión. El Tiempo de Adviento nos ayuda para luchar contra nuestros vicios y falsos orgullos que cargamos durante años. La conversión completa y satisfactoria si humildemente es reconocemos nuestros errores y defectos. Ese es el grito del Bautista - conversión - girar la mirada hacia Jesús que ya viene a salvarnos. Juan cumplió muy bien su misión de preparar el camino para el encuentro de las gentes con Jesús. ¿Tú como preparas el camino para que tu familia se encuentre con Dios está Navidad? Oremos con el Salmo125: "El Señor ha estado grande con nosotros, y estamos alegres". ©LPi

Pray the Rosary with Us!

Monday - Friday at 6 p.m. on Facebook live



We pray the Rosary in person after the daily noon Mass and after the 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass.

The Respect Life Ministry prays a Pro-life Rosary on the first Thursday of the month after the 8:30 a.m. and noon Masses.

The Lay Apostolate of Jesus Christ the Returning King prays the Rosary on the second Thursday of the month at 10:30 a.m. in PLB room 107.

All are invited to join us!



Advent and Christmas Schedule

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Tuesday, December 7, vigil at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 8: 7 a.m., *8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Saturday evening, December 11 (Spanish) Rosary at 10 p.m., Mass at 10:30 p.m. followed by las Mañanitas December 12, Third Sunday of Advent Regular Sunday schedule: Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at *1 p.m.

> PARISH MISSION December 13 and 14

SIMBANG GABI December 15-23, 7 p.m. Mass in the Parish Center

> CHRISTMAS EVE MASS TIMES Friday, December 24 *8:30 a.m. daily Mass** - No noon Mass

3 p.m. in the church and the PLB 5 p.m. in the church and the PLB 7 p.m. in the church 9 p.m. (Spanish) in the church Lessons and Carols at *11:15 p.m. followed by Midnight Mass in the church

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25 *9 a.m., 11 a.m. and *1 p.m. (Spanish)

NO VIGIL MASSES AT 5 P.M. OR 7 P.M. ON DECEMBER 25 FOR THE FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY.

* This Mass will be livestreamed

** This Mass does not fulfill the holy day obligation.

Grupo de oración

Si deseas una vida íntima y profunda de oración con Dios, nuestro Padre Creador, te invitamos a participar en nuetro grupo de oración, Caminando con Jesús, todos los viernes de 7:00-9:00 p.m.

¡Jesús te llama y espera por ti!

Reception of Holy Communion

Reception of Holy Communion at Mass is available for Catholics who are in union with the Pope, not conscious of grave sin, and normally have fasted for one hour. Let us all pray for union with the Lord Jesus, that the Holy Spirit will dispel the sad divisions which separate Christians, and for the peace and unity of the whole human family.

Adoration Chapel

Adoring our Lord is a gift for everyone!



Please sign up to take a weekly hour to spend time with the Lord.

If your schedule does not permit you to commit to the same hour each week, you can join a Prayer Team.

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

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

CLICK HERE TO TAKE A WEEKLY HOUR

Homilies Podcast

Did you know you can listen to homilies on our website? <u>Click here!</u>

Mass Intentions

The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is the gift of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, for no other gift can ever compare to its infinite value.

Mass intentions may be requested up to 6 months in advance. Please contact Deborah Barber at the Parish Office by email at <u>dbarber@smmcc.org</u> or call 864-288-4884 x4222.

Intenciones de Misas

El regalo más hermoso que uno puede dar a otra persona es el regalo del Santo Sacrificio de la Misa, ya que ningún otro regalo puede compararse con su valor infinito.

Se puede solicitar una intención de Misa hasta con 6 meses de anticipación. Comuníquese con Deborah Barber en la oficina parroquial al correo electrónico <u>dbarber@smmcc.org</u> o por teléfono al 864-288-4884 x4222.

REBOOT!

Featuring Catholic Author and Speaker, Chris Stefanick Wednesday, February 23, 7 - 9:30 p.m.



REBOOT! is the fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health and more!

Rediscover the message of the Gospel as: Powerful for us all, Beautiful in its application to LIFE, Engaging for those searching, and Fun and Captivating for all ages, including our youth!

Do Not Miss this opportunity to hear one of the most sought-after voices of our time, offering

practical insight into living the life God has created for you!

Come! Be energized! Invite someone! Register at www.reallifecatholic.com/ events/rebootsimpsonville/



SACRAMENTS - FORMATION

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.

Para 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.



GOD WANTS YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY HE CREATED YOU FOR

It all starts by following 9 simple rules.



Every success in life is meaningless without joy. Joy is God's dream for you; heaven is called a "wedding banquet," and Jesus' whole mission was to share

that joy with you. He said it himself, "I've told you these things so my joy may be in you." Think about that. The joy of GOD in YOU. The experience of that joy eternal starts now, and it doesn't start with a change in your circumstances but a change in you.

We'll show you how to: Build new habits - Change your thinking - Live a more joyful life

GET ACCESS NOW

At no cost through 12/31/21

Young Adult Ministry



Are you between 18 and 39 and looking to grow in faith, build fellowship and find ways to serve? Then join us!

The Young Adult Ministry meets for Mass at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, except the first

Tuesday of the month. Confession is available on Tuesdays from 6–6:45 p.m., and Mass is held in the church sanctuary or in the parent's room on the tabernacle side.

First Tuesday — Adoration and Holy Hour Second Tuesday — Bible Study Other weeks — Varies from book studies, guest speakers and specific topics.

We hope to see you there! We invite all young adults to join us and grow together in faith.

Keep up with the latest by signing up to receive communications from us. Sign up at <u>Flocknote.com</u> or follow us on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/SMMCCYAM</u>. If you have any questions, email <u>youngadult@smmcc.org</u>.

FORMATION



Learn from the Saints' wisdom and experiences on how your family can thrive in a chaotic world.

Meet the men and women who faced persecution, experienced emotional and spiritual crisis and through it all found themselves called to rise, serve, and witness. The lives of the saints are the timeless examples we need today to remain hopeful, to have courage...and to never be afraid.

Meet Your Guides, Learn More and Register

Something for 2022 (or You Can Start Now!)

Interested in starting *The Bible in a Year* podcast? You'll need the free Reading Plan! Sign up below:



WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ, FEATURING JEFF CAVINS

Get the Reading Plan

Bible in a Year Testimonials

Women's Bible Study

Ladies! Join us for a study Introduction and Welcome Social on Tuesday or Thursday, January 4 or 6.

Our next 8-week study, presented by Andrew Swafford and Jeff Cavins, *Hebrews: The New and Eternal Covenant* draws out the riches of this sublime book in a way that makes them easier to understand. It draws connections between the Old and New Testaments, the Liturgy, the Eucharist, the priesthood, and so much more. Most importantly, Hebrews will help Catholics appreciate the astounding generosity of God as they see the wonders he has given us in the Church.



The workbook is \$28 and your purchase includes online video access from Ascension Press. <u>Order here!</u>

"Amazingly, the letter to the Hebrews offers an early summary of the entire Christian faith; it's like a little catechism, stemming from the earliest generation of Christians." - Quote from Andrew Swafford

Please contact womensbiblestudy@smmcc.org if you have any questions.

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday Mornings, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. in the Parish Life Building and via Zoom

Come join us for an interactive study of Scripture and meet other men seeking the wisdom and knowledge of God.

No registration is necessary. Just bring your Bible, catechism and a desire to learn and discuss the Word of God.

Have questions? Email mensbiblestudy@smmcc.org.

MINISTRIES IN ACTION - PARISH LIFE

Outreach Tithe Committee Report

New to our parish? You may not know we are a tithing parish.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners through our weekly collections the Outreach Tithe Committee (OTC) has continued to provide assistance to almost fifty charities during the past year and during the pandemic. The OTC is comprised of members of the parish with a liaison from the parish finance council. The finance council provides us an annual budget which we distribute quarterly.

We help organizations throughout the U.S. and internationally, but place special emphasis on helping the poor and those in need in our community. The 501c3 charities we support are researched and prayerfully evaluated by our team. We look for Catholic organizations but also help many local non-Catholic groups who abide by the social teachings of our faith.

As the holidays are approaching, some of the charities we are helping in the area to feed the needy include Meals on Wheels, Loaves & Fishes, Project Host Soup Kitchen, Daily Bread Ministries in Greer, the St. Anthony Catholic Church food pantry and The Lord's Table Feeds in Fountain Inn.

We are also helping organizations that offer a wide variety of assistance to those in need such as Triune Mercy Center, Greer Shelter to Empower People, Mother Teresa House (part of OLR), United Housing Connections, Catholic Charities of Greenville and the annual Christmas in the Park event in Simpsonville.

If you know of a charity you would like us to consider, fill out this brief form on the parish website.

God Bless, Steve Green, OTC Chair

Pancake Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will be serving their monthly Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Center on Sunday, December 12, after all morning Masses.

Come over and enjoy homemade pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, coffee and orange juice.

The cost is \$7/person, \$3/children 12 and under, \$20 family maximum.

Proceeds are donated to seminarians and Catholic Charities.

Stephen Ministry



Want to learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister?

St. Mary Magdalene will be training a new class of Stephen Ministers on January 6, 2022. For those who might be interested in being part of this class, we

will be holding a Stephen Ministry information session on December 9 at 7:30 p.m. in room 107 in the Parish Life Building. There will be a short video, an overview about Stephen Ministry, and time for you to ask questions. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Stephen Ministry as you prayerfully decide whether this is the right ministry for you.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister and can't attend the information session, speak with one of our Stephen Ministers. You can reach us at stephenministry@smmcc.org or call us at 864-537-4089.

Positive Impact

You can make a positive impact on people's lives by answering God's call to serve. Our Stephen Ministers walk with hurting people at times when they most need someone to care.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Support the Parish while You Shop!

If you are already shopping at Amazon.com, you can support the parish while you shop!

Through AmazonSmile, you can donate 0.5% of the cost of eligible products to St. Mary Magdalene. There is no cost to you, and you can use your existing Amazon account.

To add our parish as your charitable organization to your Amazon account on AmazonSmile, follow these simple steps:

- 1. Visit <u>smile.amazon.com</u>.
- 2. From the selection of charitable organizations, find Saint Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.
 - Do not abbreviate the word "Saint," otherwise, you won't find us.
 - Make sure the location states "Simpsonville, SC."
- 3. This is a one-time setup.

That's it. Thanks for your support!

[The parish does not endorse Amazon but wanted to alert parishioners about an opportunity to support the parish.]

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 <u>bsnyder@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.

Have You Signed Up for Online Giving?

Are you using Online Giving with our parish? Here are some ways Online Giving benefits our parish and you!

Benefits for You:

- Convenient Access your account via the internet anytime and anywhere
- Secure and Confidential Adheres to banking security standards
- Flexible Start, stop, or change your contributions at any time
- Simple No need to contact the church office or your bank
- Contributions via direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit card

Benefits for the Parish:

- Stable Contributions: Regularly scheduled gifts occur automatically, which allows the parish to effectively manage monthly expenses.
- Secure and Confidential: No need to store member account information.
- Efficient: Participation saves time and expenses in bookkeeping.
- Current: A tool for people who prefer using electronic services.

Pastoral Staff

DEACONS

PASTOR Fr. Theo Trujillo

PAROCHIAL VICARS Fr. Ray Nacino Fr. Michael Cellars

PRIEST IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Robert Falabella

Dcn. Bert Chavez Dcn. Joe Ciavardini Dcn. Ivan O. Hawk III Dcn. Roger Schonewald

Parish Offices

The Parish Offices are open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We are also available to help you by phone and by email. Please visit our Parish Office web page, <u>www.smmcc.org/67</u>, for contact information.

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.

Offertory for Fiscal Year

July 2021 - June 2022 as of November 21, 2021

Current Week	Current Week	Current Week
Actual	Budget	Actual/Budget
\$59,682	\$57,974	103%
Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date	Year-to-Date
Actual	Budget	Actual/Budget

Mass Attendance for November 20/21: 3,483

St. Vincent de Paul Outreach November Report

199 families, 752 people served 82 financial assistance interviews

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE GIFTS AND FOR THE GIVERS!

PARISH LIFE - IN THE COMMUNITY

STEWARDSHIP A WAY OF LIFE

prayer • participation • generosity

Stewardship A Way of Life

Some of the obstacles that keep us from "making a straight path" for the Lord are the same obstacles that keep us from embracing stewardship as a way of life. John the Baptist calls us to reform our lives and let go of the selfishness and greed that keep us from following God's will.

Corresponsabilidad Una manera de vivir

Algunos de los obstáculos que nos impiden "Hacer un camino recto" para el Señor son los mismos obstáculos que nos impiden abrazar la corresponsabilidad como una manera de vivir. Juan Bautista nos llama a reformar nuestras vidas y dejar ir el egoísmo y codicia que nos impiden siguir la voluntad de Dios.

Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)



Please consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. In doing so, you will touch the lives of many in a very positive way. Your gifts will provide critical funding to accomplish things such as: pay for the education and formation of seminarians and deacons, help our brothers and sisters in need

through Catholic Charities services, evangelize future generations through Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Click here to make a pledge.



Begin the New Year focusing on God's healing, hope, and promise. Join Retreat Master Fr. John Michalowski, SJ, in "Finding Our Everyday God" in a venue that provides space for both engaging discussion and private reflection. There will be time for Mass, Confession, and Adoration. There will also be time to reflect, explore our beautiful grounds, or sit in our lounge and enjoy the gas logs. The special price of \$260 per person (double occupancy) includes all meals including a New Year's Eve banquet, 2 night's lodging, retreat fees, and access to the beautiful grounds of our Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC. Last year sold out, so register now at www.catholicconference.org/new-years. For more information email info@catholicconference.org or call 828-327-7441.

Prayer Is a Surge of the Heart -St. Therese of Lisieux

Many people want a deeper life of prayer that truly connects them to Our Lord, but are not aware how this might be accomplished. The Carmelite Order's charism is prayer. Their spirituality is centered in this meaningful, deep and fruitful life of prayer. If this is something you've thought about or if it seems to be calling you, come and see what it is to be a Lay Carmelite. Monthly community meetings are held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Simpsonville.

For more information, contact Jacque Darveaux at 480-678-0993, or Karen Blackwell at 864-288-0076.

Catholic Charities Clothing Closet

The clothing closet provides clothes to those in need. It is open on the 1^{st} and 4^{th} Saturdays of the month during Mobile Clean of Heart (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.).

The closet is entirely donation-based. Therefore, to continue to provide clothes, your generosity is much appreciated.

The most pressing needs are:

- Pants, sweaters, long-sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, and jeans (M/L/XL+ preferred)
- Coats and jackets
- Comfortable shoes (like sneakers, no heels)
- New or gently used socks
- NEW underwear (M-L+ sizes preferred)
- Hats and gloves

Donations can be dropped off at:

Catholic Charities, 2300 Old Buncombe Rd., during pantry hours – Tuesdays and Thursdays, noon to 3 p.m.



