



ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 19, 2021 - Fourth Sunday of Advent
Father Theo Trujillo, Pastor



4th SUNDAY of Advent

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday–Thursday
*8:30 a.m. and noon

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

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE ON P.2

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
www.usccb.org

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
facebook.com/SMMsimpsonville
and on our website at smmcc.org/492

Childcare

For the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses,
childcare is available in the Conner Ministry
Building for children 4 and under.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SEE P.2

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 18

8:30 a.m. † Maureen "Mo" Goeddeke Dilly

5:00 p.m. † Phil Holliday

7:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, December 19

7:30 a.m. † Margherita Ruggiero

9:00 a.m. † James (Jimmy) LiGreci

11:00 a.m. Gary Harms

1:00 p.m. † Carlos Andres Castro Jimenez

3:00 p.m. † Maria Szulc

6:00 p.m. † John Anthony Warga, Jr.

Monday, December 20

8:30 a.m. † Anthony Cipriani

Noon Andrew Stec

Tuesday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Ed and Linda Walsh

Noon † Laura Hardy Pappas

7:00 p.m. † Kevin Staz

Wednesday, December 22

8:30 a.m. Sawyer MacLean

Noon † Joseph Furda

Thursday, December 23

8:30 a.m. Conner MacLean

Noon † Maria Magdalena Tinh Ha

Friday December 24

8:30 a.m. † Herbert H. Landmann

3:00 p.m. † Jerry Beck

3:00 p.m. Richard Rita

5:00 p.m. † Deacon Sam Dias

5:00 p.m. † Sylvia Rybak

7:00 p.m. † Alis Teresa and Latino Rodriguez and

† Maria Szulc

9:00 p.m. † Mark LaFollet

Midnight † Francesca Matthews

Saturday, December 25

9:00 a.m. Kevin Metzler

11:00 a.m. † Joseph Furda

1:00 p.m. † Emilia and Boleslaw Chmara

Sunday, December 26

7:30 a.m. † Earline Geier

9:00 a.m. Sarah Albright

11:00 a.m. † Narciso de Los Santos

1:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish

6:00 p.m. † Susan Franz



HOLY HOUR AND SOLEMN VESPERS

Monday, December 20, at 6:30 p.m. after the Rosary

Christmas Schedule

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 THIS DAY

MARY, THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, December 31

*8:30 a.m. Daily Mass

Vigil for the Solemnity at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Saturday, January 1

*11 a.m., *1 p.m. (Spanish)

Vigil Masses for Epiphany at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. (Spanish)

* This Mass will be livestreamed

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

Novena

Prepare your hearts to receive Jesus on Christmas Day by praying this Advent and Christmas Novena from December 16 - December 24. [Download the Novena Here](#)

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Camina presuroso al encuentro del Señor

Tomar decisiones siempre es difícil; por muy simples que sean, lleva su tiempo de discernimiento. Hoy, la Liturgia se centra en María, y el Evangelio nos dice que: “Por entonces María tomó su decisión y se fue, sin más demora, a una ciudad ubicada en los cerros de Judá” (Lucas 1:39). Hacer la voluntad de Dios, como lo hizo la Madre del Señor, no fue cosa fácil. Al pronunciar su “sí”, trajo consecuencias de fidelidad y servicio. “¿Cuáles eran sus pensamientos durante los meses de espera?” La respuesta proviene del pasaje de la visita de María a su pariente anciana, Isabel. “Entró en casa de Zacarías y saludó a Isabel”. María estaba feliz por su maternidad, y a su vez, Isabel saludó a María diciendo: “¿Cómo he merecido yo que venga a mí la madre de mi Señor?” (Papa Francisco 12-23-2018).

Un diálogo de amor, entre estas dos mujeres, estalla en las montañas de Judea por el Mesías esperado. María acudió con prontitud, no con ansiedad, sino actuando como una verdadera discípula a su corta edad. La visita de María a su pariente Isabel debe ser un ejemplo vivo para prepararnos a vivir una Navidad de dinamismo, fe y servicio hacia el más necesitado. Un encuentro de alegría auténtica, que manifieste la compasión y la ternura de Dios hacia los que nos rodean a través de nosotros. ¿Cuántos miembros de la familia sufren por falta de una visita, de un saludo? A tan solo unos días del nacimiento del Salvador, es el momento oportuno para las obras de caridad. ¡No pierdas la oportunidad! Camina presuroso al encuentro del Señor.

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Children's Choir

Parents of children in grades 3-8 are encouraged to sign their children up for singing in the Children's Choir in the upcoming Spring semester.

Spring Semester rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m., starting January 6.

You can print the registration form found [here](#), fill it out, and bring it to the office, or scan and email the completed form to SarahC@smmcc.org. Please write legibly.

Coro de niños

Padres de niños en los grados 3º-8º, inscriban a sus hijos para cantar en el Coro de Niños en el semestre de primavera. Los ensayos del semestre serán los jueves de 5:30-6:30 p.m., empezando el 6 de enero.

Puede imprimir el formulario de inscripción que se encuentra [aquí](#), llenarlo y traerlo a la oficina, o escanear y enviar por correo electrónico a SarahC@smmcc.org. Por favor, escriba claramente.



Is God calling you?

Men's Discernment Retreat
Ages 18-49
January 7-9, 2022
Cost: \$25
Heart Ridge Retreat Center, Sunset, SC

To register or for more information:
vocations@charlestdiocese.org



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, Florence Jackson, all affected by the Coronavirus, and our community.

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 dbarber@smmcc.org 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 dbarber@smmcc.org o por teléfono al 864-288-4884 x4222.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

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.

Adorer needed for the following open hours:

Wednesdays at 4 a.m., Thursdays at 2 a.m., 4 a.m. and 2 p.m., Fridays at 2 a.m., Saturdays at 4 a.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., Sundays at noon.

Prayer partners needed for:

Tuesdays at 9 a.m. and Sundays at 4 a.m. and noon.

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? [Click here!](#)

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!

Grupo de oración

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

¡Jesús te llama y espera por ti!

REBOOT!

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



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FORMATION



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New Year's Life Teen Lock-in

New Year's Life Teen Lock-in

WHAT

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WHERE

ST. MARY MAGDALENE CAMPUS

WHO

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

HOW MUCH

\$10.00

HOW

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Youth Ministry



Life Teen meets
Sundays at 7:30 p.m.



EDGE meets
Fridays at 7 p.m.



Jóvenes sin Fronteras
se reunen los viernes
a las 7 p.m

JOURNEY

5th Grade Youth Group

Journey meets
every other Friday
at 7 p.m.

Are you called to serve
the youth of our Parish?

Contact Joe Maggio at joem@smmcc.org

Our youth need role models of all ages and backgrounds. There is no such thing as too old or too young.

Diocesan Youth Conference



Friday, Feb. 25 -
Sunday, Feb. 27

Columbia SC
Cost: \$275
Your Cost: 150
Deadline: Jan. 11



With
Fr. Agustino
Torres, CFR



And
Chika
Anyanwu

Scan, Click here, or Register at www.smmcc.org



Contact Joe Maggio for more
information @ 8645374255 Office
or joem@smmcc.org.

Come and stay Friday night where we will kick off the Conference St. Mary Magdalene style. Then we will travel to Columbia Saturday morning to join the other parishes.

Your reduced cost of \$150 will include the Conference, transportation, lodging, and all meals. The registration deadline is January 11.

FORMATION

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 Flocknote.com or follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/SMMCCYAM. If you have any questions, email youngadult@smmcc.org.

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



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in 2022
(or You Can Start
Now!)**

[Bible in a Year
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Women's Bible Study

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. [Order here!](#)

“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.” - Andrew Swafford

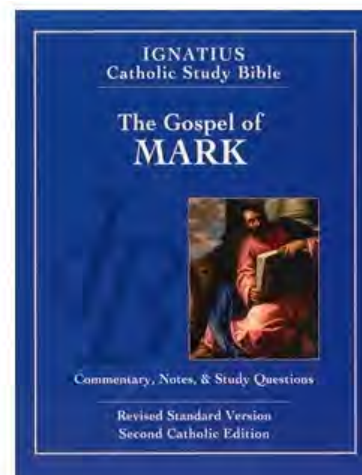
Please contact womensbiblestudy@smmcc.org if you have any questions.

St. Mary Magdalene Men's Bible Study
Tuesday mornings, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.
Parish Life Building Gathering Hall

Starting January 11, 2022
The Gospel of Mark

An Ignatius Press study guide with commentary and study material from Scott Hahn.

Order your guide through www.ignatius.com or other book retailers. Come out and enjoy coffee, bagels and good fellowship!



For more information, contact us at mensbiblestudy@smmcc.org

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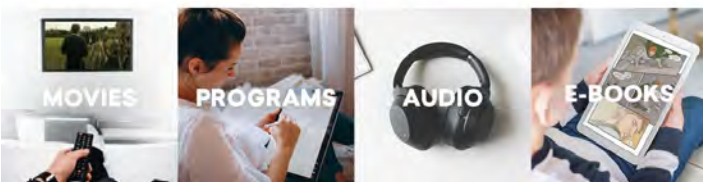
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GRATIS



St. Vincent de Paul



The food pantry is open on Mondays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Brown Road House.

Food or financial assistance is available to Greenville County residents and all registered St. Mary Magdalene parishioners.

To schedule an appointment for financial assistance, call 864-537-4268 for English or 864-537-4274 for Spanish.

San Vicente de Paúl

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

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

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

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 page](#).

PARISH LIFE

YOU'RE INVITED TO A PARISHWIDE POT-BLESSING SUPPER EVENT

*Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 6 p.m.
to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany!*

*Bring your favorite dish to share, whether an
appetizer, salad, or an entrée.
The church will provide drinks, bread & dessert.*



PLEASE RSVP HERE BY TUESDAY, JANUARY 4

BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE DISH YOU WILL BE BRINGING AND THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING.
YOU CAN ALSO RSVP BY CONTACTING CINDY ROTH AT CINDYR@SMMCC.ORG OR 864-288-4884 X4245.

ESTÁN INVITADOS A UNA CENA ESTILO *POTLUCK* PARA CELEBRAR LA FIESTA DE LA EPIFANÍA

El sábado, 8 de enero de 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Traiga su platillo favorito para compartir. Puede ser un aperitivo, ensalada, un acompañante o postre.

Haga clic [aquí](#) el martes, 4 de enero a más tardar para dejarnos saber si asistirá.

Christmas Flowers



Christmas Flower envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please drop them in the offertory basket or bring them to the parish office no later than Monday, December 20.

Please print clearly on the envelope. Thank You!

You can also use the envelope in your packet or log in to your Online Giving account.

Join the Fun!

**St. Mary Magdalene Night
with the Greenville Swamp Rabbits**

Saturday, January 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Don't miss this chance to come out for a fun evening with your parish family.

Tickets start at \$15.



[RESERVE YOUR SEATS HERE](#)

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.

PARISH LIFE

Your Offertory

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



Make your Sunday offertory at
www.smmcc.org/online-giving

If you are an Online Giving user and want to cancel receipt of all envelopes, please email bsnyder@smmcc.org.

Self-giving Love

As we journey through the season of Advent, let us reflect on love as self-giving. What does free self-giving love mean? It means to give our time, attention, or emotional response to another. I experienced this self-giving love during the first Advent and Christmas of my marriage. I was out of work, and my wife and I didn't have a single Christmas decoration in our home. A friend of mine, without me knowing, asked my sister why we didn't have a single Christmas ornament in our home. Her response was: Well, he's been out of work for several weeks and they just don't have a penny to spare! A few days later we had a surprise visit from my friend and his wife. They gifted us a 7-foot Christmas tree with Christmas decorations to hang on it with lights. They also gave us a beautiful nativity set. Not only did they give us these beautiful gifts, but they also helped us set up the tree, place the ornaments and lights.

Once everything was set up, they left because they wanted my wife and I to experience the sight of this beautiful fully decorated Christmas tree. It was such a beautiful and loving gesture on their part! Who says you need money to experience the love of God through others of their self-giving love?

My wife and I sat there in our living room gazing and pondering on this majestic gift with the nativity set. We sat there speechless in awe for at least an hour experiencing God's love in our marriage during very trying times.

This Advent and Christmas season God invites us all to give of ourselves for someone who is alone. Believe me, their lives and yours, will never be the same!

May you experience the wonderful love of God through the most precious gift of Christ and then share it with others! Merry Christmas!

Deacon Bert

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Parish Offices Hours

The Parish Office will be open
Monday–Wednesday, December 20–22
Monday–Wednesday, December 27 and 29

Our regular office hours resume
Tuesday, January 4, at 9 a.m.

Offertory

The offertory will be available next weekend.

**We are thankful for the gifts
and for the givers!**

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.

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1. Visit smile.amazon.com.
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3. This is a one-time setup.

That's it. Thanks for your support!

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PARISH LIFE—IN THE COMMUNITY

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
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- 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.

Visit www.smmcc.org/online-giving.

Living Joy



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.

Build new habits - Change your thinking - Live a more joyful life

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend offers married couples an opportunity to get off the treadmill of life and focus on each other.

Sign up to attend one of the upcoming WME Weekends:

- January 28-30, 2022 in North Myrtle Beach, SC
- June 24-26, 2022, in Beaufort, SC

For more information visit SCMarriageMatters.org, contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or call 803-810-9602.

Grief and Loss of Those We Cherish A Transformation of Mourning

Monday evenings 7:00 p.m. through January 10, 2022

Join us for a virtual journey through a transformation of mourning that explores grief through the eyes of those who have a depth of experience helping others in this tender transition. Please email the Office of Family Life at familylife@charlestdiocese.org for further information.

New Year's Retreat Finding Your Everyday God



CATHOLIC CONFERENCE CENTER
Hickory, NC

Two Nights, December 30 to January 1

www.catholicconference.org/new-years

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.



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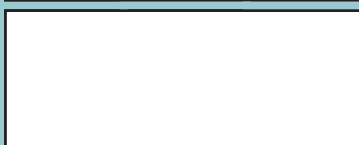
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