



ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

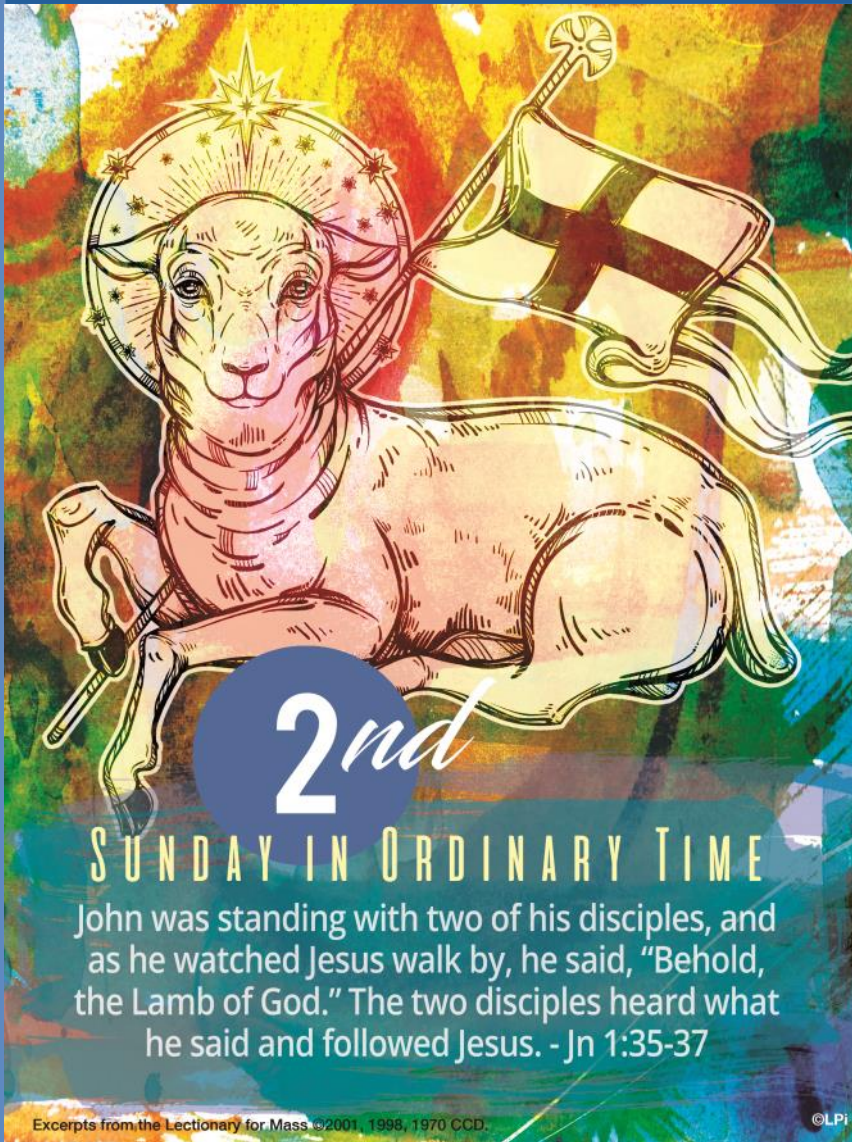
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January 17, 2021 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Father Theo Trujillo, Pastor



**THE CHURCH IS OPEN
FOR PERSONAL PRAYER
MONDAY - SATURDAY
FROM 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday—Friday
*8:30 a.m. and noon
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.

Sunday Mass Readings and Music
smmcc.org/p

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

RECONCILIATION

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

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Just Click on It!

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Sunday Liturgy and Readings for the Week

Mass Readings and Music
www.smmcc.org/p

Lecturas
www.usccb.org

Mass Readings
www.usccb.org

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 16

8:30 a.m. † William Joseph Cribbin
5:00 p.m. † Art and Jane Ambroso
7:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish

Sunday, January 17

7:30 a.m. † Vincent Santoro
9:00 a.m. † Geraldine Lelin
11:00 a.m. † Linda Webber and son
1:00 p.m. Alba Schemainda
6:00 p.m. The Shorter Family

Monday, January 18

8:30 a.m. † Betty Jane Nieders
Noon Anthony Macioce

Tuesday, January 19

8:30 a.m. † Rudolf Waldkircher
Noon † Thelma Bice
7:00 p.m. † Millie Bobula

Wednesday, January 20

8:30 a.m. † Louise Stover
Noon † Rudolf Waldkircher

Thursday, January 21

8:30 a.m. † Michael C. Senft
Noon † Stephen Hare

Friday, January 22

8:30 a.m. † Marion Macioce
Noon † John R. Jacques

Saturday, January 23

8:30 a.m. † Barbara Harvey
5:00 p.m. † Tom Hollowed
7:00 p.m. † Carlos Andres Castro Jimenez

Sunday, January 24

7:30 a.m. Susan Allman D'Alessandro
9:00 a.m. † Eleanor Maneeley
11:00 a.m. The Acosta & Rodriguez Families
1:00 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish
6:00 p.m. † Angela Carbonara

Homilies Podcast

Did you know you can listen to homilies by Fr. Cellars and our deacons on our website?

[Click here!](#)

Please Pray for...

Dona Ferrante, Carl Jones, Jessica Ellis, Martha Wehrly, Kevin and Patricia Burke, Roberta Watson, Martha D. Harris, Joan Galle, Rosemary Buffardi, Kevin Burke, Paul Felton, Bob Komornik, Mary Jane Doster, Ben Coulter, Earline Geier, Peter Doster, Philomena Reed, Irvin Walter, Dorie Ferrari, Ted Huminski, Irene Johnson, Angela Ripandelli, Roger McClure, Daniel Harris, Robert Morris, Diane Romano, Patricia Merretta, Annette Weber, Caryn Schook, Carmela DeFlora, Audrey Connell, Kristen Mercurio, Amy Farrell, Alejandra Rosario, Bruyns Family, Bill Fedorka, Barry O'Hare, Angie Eccles, Bill Akins, Lila Childs, Susan Allman D'Alessandro, Dorothy Aranda, Tara Morris, William Hitchman, Becky Teachey, Madeline Sokolowski, Steve and Reina Torelli, Joseph W. Noyes IV, all affected by the Coronavirus, and our community.

Names will remain on the Please Pray for list for one month. Should you need your name to be kept for another month, please contact Kelly Meyer at 864-288-4884 x4232 or by email at kellym@smmcc.org.

Pray the Rosary

Monday - Friday at 6 p.m.
on [Facebook live](#)



Did you know we pray the Rosary in person after the daily noon Mass and after the 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass? Join us!

In Our Thoughts

We offer our sincere condolences to the Oleszczuk Family on the death of Dorothy Mae Guzinski, mother of Sandy Oleszczuk and to the Roensch Family on the death of Tom Roensch, father of Christopher Roensch. Please keep these families in your prayers.

SPIRITUAL LIFE - SACRAMENTS

Un encuentro con Jesús

En este relato del Evangelio, se dice que Juan estaba con sus discípulos y, que, en ese momento, Jesús pasaba por ahí. Juan, ve a Jesús y dice a sus discípulos: “Ese es el Cordero de Dios” (Juan 1:36). Desde ese momento, Juan deja de ser importante y sede el lugar al Cordero de Dios. Por lo tanto, los discípulos, sin ningún retraso ni pregunta, siguieron a Jesús. Era el momento del encuentro, de la intimidad, de pasar un buen rato con Él. El Papa Francisco lo describe de la siguiente manera: “Verdaderamente cada uno tiene su encuentro con Jesús. Pensemos en los primeros discípulos que seguían a Jesús y permanecieron con Él toda la tarde - Juan y Andrés, el primer encuentro - y fueron felices por esto”.

El Papa continúa su reflexión diciendo: “Todos nosotros hemos tenido en nuestra vida algún encuentro con Él, un encuentro verdadero, en el que sentí que Jesús me miraba. No es una experiencia sólo para santos. Y si no recordamos, será bonito hacer un poco de memoria y pedir al Señor que nos dé la memoria, porque Él se acuerda, Él recuerda el encuentro. Una buena tarea para hacer en casa, sería precisamente volver a pensar cuando sentí verdaderamente al Señor cerca de mí, cuando sentí que tenía que cambiar de vida y ser mejor o perdonar a una persona, cuando sentí al Señor que me pedía algo y, por ello, cuando me encontré al Señor (Homilía en Santa Marta, 24 de abril de 2015). Para nosotros ahora, cabe la siguiente pregunta. ¿Dónde, dónde, encontraré al Señor?

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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.

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.

New Year, New Season, New Music

Hello to all of my fellow St. Mary Magdalene parishioners! As we begin Ordinary Time, I invite you to prepare for our new musical Mass setting.

You can listen to the setting [here](#) so that this weekend you will be more familiar with the music and ready to sing at Mass.

The audio will also be linked on our website at smmcc.org/134.

Sarah Chernetz,
Director of Music

Baptisms

For more information regarding Baptisms, contact the Sacraments Office at 864-537-4224.

Bautismos

Para obtener más detalles con respecto a Bautismos, llame la Oficina de Sacramentos al 864-537-4224.

Weddings

Please contact Maira Agrón at 864-537-4224 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 Agron al 864-537-4224 o mairaa@smmcc.org con seis meses de anticipación.

Engage Encounter

Learn how to have strong marriage by attending an Engaged Encounter Weekend. Some of the tools you will have will help with communicating, arguing fairly, overcoming disillusionment, and living a sacramental lifestyle.

2021 Schedule

- At St. Mary Magdalene will be February 27-28; April 24-25; August 21-22; November 13-14.
- At St. Michael, Murrells Inlet will be October 9-10.

The cost of the weekend is \$160 and lodging is not provided. You do not need to be a member of the parish to attend a weekend.

Register at southcarolina.engagedencounter.com.

For additional information, please call Bob and Mary Reimer 864-420-2633.
COVID-19 Guidelines will be followed.

FORMATION

Preschool Information Session

Coffee and Questions, a virtual information session about our preschool program, is coming up on Wednesday, January 20, at 10 a.m. via Zoom. During this Zoom meeting with the director, you will hear an overview of the preschool program, take a virtual tour of the building, witness teacher/student interactions, and receive information about the online registration process.



The preschool will begin accepting online registrations for new students from registered parish families on Monday, January 25, at 8 a.m.

For more information about registration, visit the preschool website, www.smmcp.org. To RSVP for the Zoom info session, please contact the preschool director, Katie Jupena, at katiej@smmcc.org.

Put Faith on the Map



**Save the Date for
Vacation Bible School
June 14 - 18, 2021**

Embark on an epic quest through hidden ruins, ancient caves, and dense jungles.

At Treasured VBS, kids dig into action-packed, faith-filled adventures.

They'll discover God's greatest treasure isn't diamonds, gems, or gold ... it's them!

Winter Meeting



**GREENVILLE DEANERY of the South
Carolina Council of Catholic Women**

The winter meeting of the Greenville Deanery of the South Carolina Council of Catholic Women will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, January 17, at the St. Anthony of

Padua Catholic Church gymnasium located at 309 Gower Street, Greenville, SC 29611.

The members of the St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Women's Council will host the meeting and luncheon. There is plenty of space to spread out. We will practice distancing and ask everybody to wear a mask. There is no cost for the luncheon. We welcome all women from the Upstate parishes as we gather together doing God's work.

For questions, please contact President Veronica Yockey at veronica.yockey@gmail.com or 864-246-5777.

Online Book Launch and Webinar

**Ecumenical and Interreligious Guidebook:
CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME**

Monday, January 25, 11 a.m. to noon

Jointly published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Association of Diocesan Ecumenical and Interreligious Officers, and Catholic Climate Covenant



Hosted by:

Fr. Walter F. Kedjierski, USCCB, Executive Director, Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

Facilitated by:

Sister Pamela Smith, SS.C.M., Director, Office of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Diocese of Charleston, South Carolina



Guests:

Fr. John Chryssavgis, Archdeacon of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, was born in Australia, studied theology in Athens, and completed his doctorate at Oxford. After several months in silent retreat on Mount Athos, he co-founded St. Andrew's Theological College in Sydney. He taught theology in Sydney and Boston. He serves as theological and environmental advisor to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

Fr. Joshtrom Isaac Kureethadam, SDB is the Coordinator of the Sector of Ecology and Creation at the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development. He is also Chair of Philosophy of Science and Director of the Institute of Social and Political Sciences at the Salesian Pontifical University in Rome. He was a Research Scholar at the University of Oxford, where he is now an Academic Visitor.

"This guide offers insights into how Catholics can bring the riches of the Catholic theological tradition to ecumenical and interreligious discussions and actions that uphold the dignity and sanctity of our environment."

Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton Chairman, Bishops' Committee on Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

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FORMATION

Coming in Lent!

Journey Through Scripture

P A R O U S I A

T H E B I B L E A N D T H E M A S S

Why return to Mass? Our very lives depend on it. It's the summit of God's plan for our salvation.

It's time to wake Catholics up to the awesome power, the incredible gift, that is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The alternative is unthinkable.

Join host Scott Hahn in our latest journey through Scripture study, *Parousia: The Bible and the Mass*, to uncover how and why all of God's action, in creation and redemption, are ordered to the Mass.

[Watch the official trailer and sign up to watch for FREE in Lent.](#)

Youth Ministry



WE ARE BACK TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS!

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

Contact Joe Maggio, Youth Minister, at joem@smmcc.org if you have any questions.

CDC guidelines will be observed.

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 Tuesday nights from 6:00-6:45 p.m. and Mass is held in the church sanctuary or parent's room on the tabernacle side. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

January 18 - Mass and Living like the Saints Series
January 25 - Mass and Living like the Saints Series

We invite all young adults to join us and grow together in faith. Follow us on Facebook: facebook.com/SMMCCYAM. If you have any questions, email youngadult@smmcc.org.

FORMATION

God's Plan of Salvation

Your Guide for the Highway to Heaven!



Ivan Hawk

God's Plan of Salvation

Your Guide—GPS—for the Highway to Heaven!

Our culture is so caught up in worldly things; we have lost our way when it comes to eternal concerns. We are focused on the here and now and we need a GPS to guide us to our destination where we want to spend eternity.

God has given us a GPS -- God's Plan of Salvation -- to choose one of two eternal destinations, heaven or hell.

This Bible study with Deacon Ivan offers a look at the Eternal GPS and invites everyone to take a tour.

January 19 through March 30, from 2–3:30 p.m. and 6:30–8 p.m.

Sessions are on Tuesdays in the Parish Life Building - Room 106

Please note that there is a maximum capacity of 25 people and masks mandatory.

If you prefer, you can participate from home via a link that we will send you. You'll be able to text your questions to a volunteer.

The book we'll be using is *God's Plan of Salvation: Your Guide for the Highway to Heaven!*, available on [Amazon](#). It is also available in [Spanish](#). You do not have to get the book to participate.

For questions, contact Deacon Ivan at dcnivan@smmcc.org.

[SIGN UP NOW!](#)

Get ready for session one where we meet the authors of God's Plan of Salvation—the Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit! They represent the Present—Past—and Future. Our Salvation includes all three tenses of salvation. Our awareness of the role each person of the Trinity plays in our salvation is critical to our success in reaching our Eternal goal of Heaven. Developing a personal relationship with each is critical for our spiritual health and how we will spend eternity.

Men's Bible Study Group

**Tuesday Mornings
6:30 - 7:30 a.m. 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.

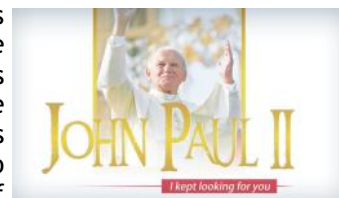
Have questions? Email mensbiblestudy@smmcc.org.



FORMED Pick of the Week

John Paul II: I Kept Looking for You

This new film is the world's biggest documentary on Pope St. John Paul II. It reveals his remarkable legacy in the history of the Church. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



Watch [here](#).

If you don't have an account, sign up at formed.org/signup and select our parish.

MINISTRIES IN ACTION

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.

Canned and other non-perishable food donations are always welcome, and can be left in the container located in the Narthex. Perhaps you could consider a donation via [Online Giving](#). Log in or select *Quick Give*, find the St. Vincent de Paul fund and make your donation.

If you have any questions, please contact us at svdp@smmcc.org.

*Thank you for your continued support.
It's a blessing to us and the families we help.*

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.

Aceptamos donaciones de alimentos enlatados y otros alimentos no perecederos. Pueden dejarlos en la canasta que esta en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. Si lo desea, puede hacer una donación monetaria a través de Online Giving. Simplemente haga clic [aquí](#), ingrese a su cuenta o haga clic en *Quick Give* si no quiere crear una cuenta. Escriba sus datos en las casillas indicadas y donde dice *Fund*, escoja *St. Vincent de Paul*.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con nosotros al correo electrónico svdp@smmcc.org.

*¡Muchas gracias por su apoyo continuo!
Su donación es una bendición para nosotros y para las familias a las que ayudamos.*

Stephen Ministry



When a crisis comes, call the Stephen Ministry at 864-537-4089 or email stephenministry@smmcc.org for support.

Are you a Care Giver?

Tired? The day-in and day-out routine of caring for someone is finally getting you down and he/she isn't getting better. You are exhausted.

You need someone to care for you, and a Stephen Minister can be that person. He/she will not give you advice. Instead, your Stephen Minister will listen and care for you, helping you sort through your feelings and discover the resources you need to make it through.

It's confidential! It will really make a difference in your life. To receive God's love in action (a Stephen Minister's care), please call 864-537-4089 or email stephenministry@smmcc.org.

We are here to serve you!

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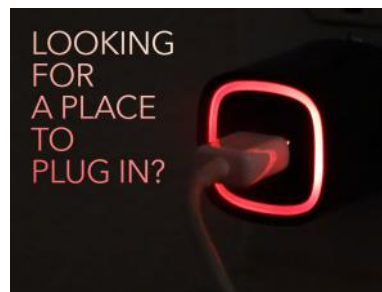
El Comité Comunitario de Emergencia CO.C.E. los invita a su programa informativo "Café con aroma de Dios" ahora transmitido todos los lunes a las 7:00 p.m.

Acompáñenos a discutir temas de actualidad en medicina, psicología y espiritualidad. Todo lo que nuestra comunidad necesita saber en estos tiempos.

Hora: Lunes a las 7:00 p.m. Transmitido por Facebook Live: www.facebook.com/comite.comunitario.98

¡No se lo pierdan! Ayúdenos a ayudar...

Getting 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](#) and get plugged in!

MINISTRIES IN ACTION - PARISH LIFE

Audio/Visual (AV) Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to assist during Mass and at other Parish functions to run our A/V systems.

The main job is the livestreaming of Masses. The task involves starting the feed, monitoring the camera angle and checking for good sound.

You can serve your Parish and help bring the Mass to parishioners who cannot attend in person. You can volunteer for the Mass time you attend.

We welcome anyone who is interested in this ministry. Training will be provided.

Please contact Michael McGarry at michaelmc@smmcc.org or call 864-537-4235 to set up training or if you have any questions.



Ministerio de Audio / Visual (AV)

Estamos buscando voluntarios para ayudar durante la misa y en otras funciones de la parroquia para ejecutar nuestros sistemas A/V.

La deber principal es la transmisión en vivo de las misas. La tarea implica iniciar la transmisión, monitorear el ángulo de la cámara y verificar un buen sonido.

Puede servir a su parroquia y ayudar a llevar la misa a los feligreses que no pueden asistir en persona. Puede ser voluntario para la misa a la que asiste.

Invitamos a quienes estén interesados en ser parte de este ministerio. Habrá capacitación.

Comuníquese con Michael McGarry al correo electrónico michaelmc@smmcc.org para programar la capacitación o si tiene alguna pregunta.

welcome
to our church family

Newly Registered Families

We are delighted that you have joined our Parish family!

The Scorza Family
Kevin Rodriguez
The Escalona Family
The O'Dare Family
The Soriano Family
The Bowman Family
Sheila De Leon
Raquel Gonzalez
Ulises Vazquez
George Ocilka
The Byrne Family
Carlos Francisco
Francisco and Angelina
Sebastian Andres

The Coronado and Mateo Family
The Gaspar Family
The Felipe Antonio Family
The Bates Family
The Witteborg Family
Ronald Angumo and Gisselle Salamanca
The Adamczyk Family
Margaret Feld
The Rojas Family
The Baron Family
The Gutierrez Family
Daniella Canto

We hope you will join us in serving our Parish family and the community through the many ministries at St. Mary Magdalene.

We would be happy to help you find a ministry where you can grow and serve. To find out how, please contact Olga at servants@smmcc.org.

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 smile.amazon.com
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 kellym@smmcc.org.

Tax Letters

The 2020 tax letters will be sent out via email by the end of January.

To update your email address, please contact the office at bsnyder@smmcc.org or call 864-288-4884, ext. 4234. Thank you.

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.

[SIGN UP FOR ONLINE GIVING](#)

Pastoral Staff

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Fr. Theo Trujillo

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Fr. Robert Falabella

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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.

When coming to the offices, please remember that masks are required and appointments are highly encouraged.

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

Offertory for Fiscal Year

July 2020 - June 2021
as of January 10, 2020

Current Week Actual	Current Week Budget	Current Week Actual/Budget
\$54,221	\$57,245	95%
Year-to-Date Actual	Year-to-Date Budget	Year-to-Date Actual/Budget
\$1,554,580	\$1,602,869	97%

Mass Attendance for January 9/10: 2,437

St. Vincent de Paul Outreach

42 families 182 people Served
11 Financial Assistance Interviews (by phone)

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

December 28, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our social, economic, political, and religious lives in ways no one ever imagined. Yet we are not without hope during this time, as people have been working hard for better treatments and now several effective vaccines are available.

The two current vaccines available in the U.S., made by Pfizer and Moderna, have not been derived from the morally tainted fetal stem cell lines. Unfortunately, a fetal stem cell line was utilized for some of the testing of these vaccines. However, after careful examination and consultation with Catholic theologians, scientists, and bioethicists, the Church teaches that it is morally permissible for people to take these vaccines, if others without any connection to these stem cell lines are unavailable. Put most simply, it is not sinful to receive these vaccines.

Catholics also have a duty to make pharmaceutical companies and political leaders know their complete disagreement with developing any vaccine derived in an unethical manner. I call upon each of us to pray and work for the continued development and distribution of safe and effective vaccines that are untainted by involvement or association with abortion.

Lastly, I want to convey the importance of individual discernment as we determine our own healthcare decisions. Certain subsets of our society may be required to vaccinate for the health and safety of those in their care or simply by the nature of their stage of life or health conditions. However, those individuals who are outside the immediate at-risk groups and caregivers, must make a prudential judgment weighting all the factors, such as individual circumstances, responsibilities to the common good and the particular vaccines available. Let us all continue to pray for an end of the pandemic and working for an end to abortion.

In the Lord's Peace,



Most Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone
Bishop of Charleston

COVID-19 Educational Resources

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has a new COVID-19 vaccine educational resource: [Answers to Key Ethical Questions About COVID-19 Vaccines](#). The purpose of the document is to provide concise answers to the most frequently asked ethical questions about COVID-19 vaccines and to provide additional resources for further study.

In addition, the USCCB now has a page on its website dedicated to providing [Moral Guidance on Vaccines](#).



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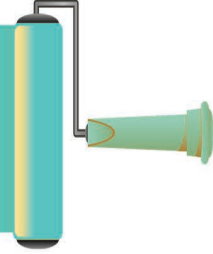
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