

DECEMBER 21, 2025 ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time! If you attend St. Joseph's regularly and consider this your parish, you may register online or stop by the parish office to fill out a registration card.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

3600 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

3512 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

803.254.7646 | info@stjosephcolumbia.org

After Hours Medical Emergency Number - 803.609.0317

www.stjosephcolumbia.org

St. Joseph Catholic School

3700 Devine Street, Columbia SC 29205

803.254.6736 | www.stjosephdevine.com

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:15 PM

**For the 10:30 AM ONLY Livestreaming on YouTube.*

and Broadcast on 90.9FM

Nursery is available during the 8 AM and 10:30 AM Masses in the Ministries & Administration Building for children 4 and under.

Holy Days

Please check the bulletin or website for the schedule.

Daily Mass

Tuesday to Friday 7:30 AM

The Rosary precedes morning Mass.

First Saturday 8:30 AM

School Mass

Friday (Sept. - May) 8:15 AM

Reconciliation

Saturdays from 4 - 5 PM and by appointment

CLERGY OF PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor | msgrharris@stjosephcolumbia.org

Rev. Peter O'Steen, Parochial Vicar | fatherosteen@stjosephcolumbia.org

Deacon Jerry White | gwhite@charlestdiocese.org

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.

14th Bishop of Charleston

<https://charlestdiocese.org>

GENERAL INFORMATION

OUR MISSION:

We, the people of God in the parish of St. Joseph, are constantly attempting to become a faith community of those who, believing in Jesus, proclaim God's kingdom and share the mystery of faith by worshipping the Father; enabling all members to grow in their relationship with each other through the Son; and witnessing our gifts through service to others in the Holy Spirit.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP:

The facilities and services of St. Joseph Church are available to active members. Three points determine active membership:

- Registration in the parish for a sufficient period and use of the envelope system and/or electronic giving in support of the parish;
- Faithful attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days;
- Volunteer and participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.
- Join us! www.stjosephcolumbia.org/become-a-member-update-info

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Submit all announcements by Wednesday noon to info@stjosephcolumbia.org. Include name and phone number of contact person.

CHANGE OF NAME/ADDRESS/PHONE:

Please notify the Parish Office at info@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646 of any change in your membership information.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN:

St. Joseph Church and School and the Diocese of Charleston are committed to the protection of children. All volunteers who work with children must complete Safe Environment Training and required Diocesan paperwork. If you would like to volunteer at St. Joseph's, please contact Jamie Vickrey at jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org. The following numbers are provided for your information:

Diocesan Victim Assistance Minister: 800.921.8122

Diocesan Office of Child Protection Services: 843.261.0431

SPECIAL NEEDS:

WHEELCHAIR SEATING

Available in the front row of the Church

RESERVED HANDICAP PARKING SPACES

There are 12 reserved spaces in the Ministries & Administration Building Parking Lot - Sundays only (for 8 AM - 10:30 AM Masses)

HEARING LOOP IN THE SANCTUARY:

In order to access the Loop, a hearing aid must be programmed for the "T" setting, which can be done by a hearing aid specialist. When in the Church, the user can go to the "T" setting on their device and will be connected to the speaker system via their hearing aid.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM:

Parents must attend one baptism seminar before having their child baptized. Upcoming seminar dates: 1.25.26, 3.1.26, 5.3.26, 7.19.26, 9.20.26, 10.25.26

Sessions will be held from 1:30-3:30 PM in the Ministries & Administration Building. Registration is open for all sessions. Baptisms will be scheduled approximately two times per month. Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392 to register or for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Those contemplating marriage should contact the priest at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Contact Mindy McBurney at mindy@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646 ext. 423 for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please call the Parish Office at 803.254.7646 to request hospital visits and for individual anointing when anyone is seriously ill or having surgery.

BECOMING CATHOLIC - OCIA

(ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS): Individuals interested in becoming full members of the Catholic community participate in a process of Christian Initiation. Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392 for more information.

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays 4:00 - 5:00 PM and by appointment. *Church doors open at 3:00 PM.*

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 21 - 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am - † J. Gene Raymond

10:30 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

12:15 pm - † Theo Berends

Tuesday, December 23

7:30 am - † Laura Collins

† Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - † Robert Bradshaw, Sr. & Carla Eubank

4:15 pm - † William & Johanna Killoy

6:30 pm - Priest Intention

10:00 pm - † R.G & Sue Crump

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9:00 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

11:00 am - † Manuel Alonzo

Friday, December 26 - No Mass or Rosary

Saturday, December 27

5:30 pm - † Robert Henkel

Sunday, December 28 - The Holy Family

8:00 am - Thomas McHugh

10:30 am - † Merlin & Lois Meyer

and Norman & Shirley Luker

12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia Atkins, Terry Baggott, Chuck Barnett, Lois Barnett, Tom Barry, Quinn Bittle, Germaine Blake, Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington, Dorothy Brown, Judy Canada, Mary Jo Cavanaugh, Joanne Childs, Brantley Daniel, Dianne Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Joseph DeMichael, Rick Dilleshaw, Katie Dukes, Leonard Fabrizio, Nancy Faller, Susan Faust, Samia Feghali, Richard Fennessy, Jameson Finney, Cindy Flach, Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman, Father Timothy Gahan, George Gallo, Olga Gallo, Kevin Gantt, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, Richard Georgeson, Karen Gray, Cindy Guidry, Steve Guidry, Candace Hester, Jessika Johnson, Nadine Jordan, David Josten, James Josten, Barney Kelly, Angie Kempson, John Kinard, William Kinney, Charlene Landry, Sheryl Leonard, John Lightsey, Irene Lightsey, Lynn Mancino, Natalie Marsha, Jared McLendon, Terry McWaters, Gayle Michaelis, Julian Montague, Shelley Montague, Michael Morgan, Mary Mulvihill, Glenda Napier, Carolyn Odle, Ellie O'Shea, Melissa Osborne, Virginia Ozgar, Mike Padua, Karen Pandur, Ruth Patterson, Stella Peoples, Maria Perez, Thelma Perkins, Lori Ann Pisano, Joel Randall, David Richardson, Donna Rock, Marcella Rodgers, Brianne Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara, Bill Sanders, Kelly Schneider, Bernadette Scott, Jamie Scott, Bonnie Siegers, Jaime Simpson, Jr., Andrea Smith, Edna Soto, David Steele, Karen Steele, Bettie Sturkie, Edith Teyssier, Daniel Vallini, Claire Wagner, Anthony Warren, Allan Winemiller, Neil Winter, Ken Woodington, Phyllis Yates

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(12/13 - 1/9)

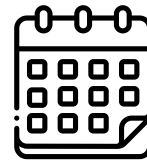
In loving memory of
J. Gene Raymond,
given by his family.



OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of Frances Carolyn James and Cynthia Foral, who both passed away on December 12, 2025, and to the family of Sue Myers, who passed away on Monday, December 15, 2025. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

2026



Don't forget to get your 2026 Calendar! You can find them by the doors of the church or at the Ministries & Administration Building.

JOIN US FOR A JOYFUL SERVICE OF

Lessons & Carols

AN ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION OF THE SEASON

Featuring adult and children's choirs from Columbia and Sumter

This Service will include Congregational Hymn Singing!

DECEMBER 21ST AT 4:00 PM | ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Parish Giving (12/13 - 12/14): \$39,977.21

Weekly Goal: \$35,036.60

Second Collection (12/13 - 12/14) - Retirement Fund for Religious:
\$4,253.40

Upcoming Second Collection (12/27 - 12/28) - Church in Africa

Legacy Phase of the 75th Anniversary Organ Project
Goal: \$2,250,000

Received and Pledged: \$2,000,267

You can access online giving on our website or scan the QR code.



2025 St. Joseph Giving Tree

Gift Cards & Shoe Drive

AS EASY AS 1,2,3

1

CHOOSE A SNEAKER TAG AND/OR DONATION ENVELOPE FROM THE TREE LOCATED IN THE NARTHEX

2

FILL THE ENVELOPE WITH A MONETARY DONATION AND DROP IT IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET - DON'T FORGET TO ADD YOUR NAME!

3

DROP YOUR UNWRAPPED NEW SNEAKERS AT THE CHURCH OFFICE

OR USE THIS QR CODE TO DONATE!



WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!

3 IMPACTFUL WAYS TO GIVE THROUGH YOUR IRA

1. Make a Difference with Annual Support that has an Immediate Impact

If you are 70½ or older, you can transfer up to \$108,000 in 2025, from your IRA directly to St. Joseph Catholic Church - tax-free - while making an immediate impact.

- Your gift allows you to see the difference your generosity is making today.
- You may designate your gift to the parish, a specific ministry, or the school.
- If you are required to take minimum distributions (RMDs), your IRA gift can satisfy all or part of that obligation.

2. Charitable Gift Annuity & Fixed Income

A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is another way to support St. Joseph while ensuring financial stability for yourself:

- You make a gift to the church and, in return, receive fixed income payments for life.
- Payments are based on your age and never change, providing security and peace of mind.
- After your lifetime, the remaining funds support the mission of St. Joseph Catholic Church.
- This option allows you to give generously while maintaining a steady income.

3. Naming St. Joseph as an IRA Beneficiary

You can also make St. Joseph Catholic Church a beneficiary of all or part of your IRA.

- This ensures your legacy continues to support the parish, school, or ministries you care about most.
- IRA gifts to the church are excluded from taxable income (they are not a deduction, but they are tax-free).

Benefits of IRA Giving

- Tax Free: Qualified Charitable Deductions are excluded from taxable income.
- Immediate Impact: Funds go directly to parish needs, projects, ministries, or the school.
- Flexibility: Choose between direct transfers, charitable gift annuities, or beneficiary designations.
- Satisfy Required Minimum Distributions: Fulfill all or part of your required minimum distributions.
- Leave a Legacy: Ensure your faith and values continue to shape the future of St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Please contact Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager, at adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org or 803.254.7646 ext. 439.

ST. JOSEPH'S SENIOR LIFE MINISTRY
presents...

LUNCH bunch



Another fun way for seniors to connect and
enjoy a meal together around town!
Starting January 8 at 11:30 AM
No host – just good conversation and your own check.
Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8 AT 11:30 AM

RSVP BY 11/6 } **SHOPPES AT WOODHILL**
GWENSKIP@BELLSOUTH.NET } **141 PELHAM DRIVE**
 } **(NEAR TARGET)**



FIRST SATURDAY CENTENNIAL & VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE

The First Saturday Centennial & Virtual Pilgrimage
On December 10, 2025, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Our Lord and Lady's request in Pontevedre, Spain, for the First Saturday Devotion. It is a call to make reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for these 5 offenses: blasphemies against her Immaculate Conception, her perpetual virginity, her motherhood, for those who keep children from Mary, and for those who insult Our Lady in her sacred images. Our Lord wants His Mother honored for all she suffered for Him and with Him.

To fulfill this request, one does the following on the First Saturday of each month:

- 1) Receive Holy Communion on the First Saturday.
- 2) Go to Confession on the First Saturday or 8 days before or after the First Saturday.
- 3) Pray 5 decades of the Rosary.
- 4) Keep Our Lady company for 15 minutes while reflecting on one of the mysteries of the Rosary.

Each of the above is done with the intention of making reparation to Our Lady for the blasphemies and ingratitude against her. In return, Our Lady promises peace in the world and to each person who practices this devotion, her assistance at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation.

In order to encourage this practice, the World Apostolate of Fatima is offering The First Saturday Centennial Pilgrimage -- a 12 Month Virtual Journey through the sacred sites of Fatima from December 6, 2025 -- December 6, 2026.

For more information, go to:

<https://www.bluearmy.com/first-saturday-pilgrimage/>
We are fortunate to have the opportunity to practice this devotion at St. Joseph's. Let us say "Yes" to Our Lady and honor her request.

St. Joseph's SENIOR SUPPER CLUB

Join us for another outing of our Senior Supper Club — a fun way for seniors to connect and enjoy a meal together around town.

This month, we will meet on the
3rd Thursday - January 15th

Great food, even better company
No host—just good conversation and
your own check.

Bring a friend and come enjoy the
fellowship!


January 15 at 5:30 pm
at Grecian Gardens

2312 Sunset Boulevard, West Columbia

Everyone must RSVP to
rsPELL909@gmail.com
BY 1/12

Sponsored by
St. Joseph's
Senior Life

GET INVOLVED



Save the Date

July 10-12, 2026

Inviting ALL high schoolers into a life-changing encounter with Christ!

Steubenville Atlanta Conference

**GAS SOUTH CONVENTION CENTER
DULUTH, GA**

Registration Opens January

\$60 deposit to reserve your spot by Feb. 1st

Contact diana@stjosephcolumbia.org for more information about attending with St. Joe's Youth Ministry.

REAL LIFE IMPACT

"I loved being able to connect with Jesus through praise and worship."

Teen




"This conference has given me a new sense of peace and confidence in God, just knowing that I don't have to identify with anything else or by any other standards than just, I am God's and He is mine, and all I do is for Him and through Him."

Teen

"One of my favorite parts was seeing the youth on fire for Christ, which is something you don't see very often. It was so nice to see them all come together and praise God."

Chaperone

Over one million people have had a profound encounter with Christ at a Steubenville Conference!



SUPPORT OUR YOUTH

Sunday Night Dinners for St Joe's Youth Ministry

We need volunteers to provide dinner or snacks for one of our youth nights.



Hearts and Hands of St. Joseph



Name: Mindy McBurney

Role at St. Joseph's: Pastoral Assistant to Monsignor Harris and Father O'Steen, and Location Coordinator for St. Joseph Church in the Diocese of Charleston. I have served as St. Joseph's Wedding Coordinator for 10 years and also assist families with funeral planning and the Columbarium. I help coordinate parish and diocesan events hosted at St. Joseph.

How long have you been part of the parish/staff? 8 years

Tell us a little about your background: I was raised in Atlanta and graduated from Pace Academy. I attended Converse College in Spartanburg, and after graduation, began my career as a store manager with Talbots, where I worked for 22 years. Following my time at Talbots, I served as the Office Manager for Dr. Richard Boyd Orthodontics. I was married at St. Joseph's 27 years ago. My husband, Robb, currently serves as Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus at St. Joseph and also volunteers with St. Vincent de Paul. We have two children. Our son, Cooper, is 23 years old, currently in college, and participating in an internship through the Disney College Program. Our daughter, Mary Cates, is a sophomore at the University of South Carolina and works in the St. Joseph Catholic School Extended Care program as well as the Parish Nursery on Sunday mornings. Both Cooper and Mary Cates are former altar servers and graduates of St. Joseph School and Cardinal Newman.

What's one part of your role that brings you joy? I find the most joy in assisting Monsignor and Father O'Steen in their service to our parishioners. I enjoy assisting the faithful of St. Joseph from celebrating the Sacraments to Parish-wide events.

What advice would you give to someone just joining our parish?

Welcome to St. Joseph ...Find a ministry and get involved! Involvement in ministries here at St Joseph builds a strong parish community. Everyone finds great fellowship and joy in serving others and becoming closer to God.

If you could have dinner with any saint, who would it be and what would you ask them? St. Teresa of Calcutta. What are the things that every person can do to raise the human dignity of others, and how does that bring us closer to God?

What's something people might not know about your job?

I assist all couples who wish to be married at St. Joseph Church. I enjoy getting to know each couple, guiding them through the pre-Cana process, and coordinating their wedding day. I feel honored and grateful to share this beautiful sacrament with their family and friends.

Favorite hymn: "The Summons", a beautiful call to discipleship

Favorite church season: Advent

TRIUMPH *of the* HEART

THE PASSION OF ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

GET YOUR
TICKETS HERE



Exclusive Film Screening: Triumph of the Heart

Our parish is thrilled to host two screenings of Triumph of the Heart – the moving true story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Franciscan priest who offered his life in exchange for another prisoner at Auschwitz during World War II.

When: Sunday, January 11, 2026

Showtimes: 2 PM & 7 PM

Where: Ministries & Administration Building - Donor Hall

Admission: \$12.00 (includes bottle of water & popcorn)

Limited Tickets Available

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/triumph-of-the-heart

*Due to the film's mature themes and violent content, it is not recommended for children under 13.
It's content is comparable to a PG-13 rating.*

DECEMBER 2025



For more details, go to www.stjosephcolumbia.org/parish-calendar

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass 8 AM Nursery Available Mass 10:30 AM Livestream and on 90.9 FM Nursery Available Mass 12:15 PM Lesson and Carols Ecumenical Service 4 PM - Church | 22 St. Joseph School Christmas break begins Senior Life - Bridge: MAB/Sr. Ctr. 12-3 PM | 23 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Adoration 8 AM-12:15 PM Benediction - 12:15 PM Adoration Chapel Parish Office closes at 12:30 PM St. Joseph Ladies Prayer Group 1-3 PM - Blossom-A Bel Canto Choir Practice 4:30-6:30 PM Ursuline Hall | 24 Parish Office closed Christmas Eve Masses: 4 PM - Church 4:15 PM - Gym 6:30 PM Church (livestreamed) 10:00 PM - Church | 25 Parish Office closed Merry Christmas! Christmas Day Masses: 9 AM - Church (livestreamed) 11 AM - Church | 26 Parish Office closed No Mass or Rosary | 27 Confessions 4- 5 PM Mass 5:30 PM |
| 28 Feast of the Holy Family Mass 8 AM Nursery closed Mass 10:30 AM Livestream and broadcasted on WZJO 90.9 FM Nursery closed Mass 12:15 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor Mass and Dinner 2 PM - Church Dinner in Donor Hall | 29 Senior Life - Bridge MAB/Sr. Ctr. 12-3 PM | 30 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Adoration 8 AM-12:15 PM Benediction - 12:15 PM Adoration Chapel St. Joseph Ladies Prayer Group 1-3 PM - Blossom-A | 31 Men's Prayer Group 6:30 AM - MAB/Sr. Ctr. Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM Legion of Mary 8:30 - 10 AM Blossom House St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry OPEN 8:30 - 11:30 AM Parish Office closes at 12:30 PM Mass - Mary, Mother of God - 6 PM | 1/1 Mary, Holy Mother of God Holy Day of Obligation Parish Office Closed Mass - Mary, Mother of God - 9 AM Mass - Mary, Mother of God - 11 AM Livestream and broadcasted on WZJO 90.9 FM | 1/2 Rosary: 6:55 AM Mass: 7:30 AM | 1/3 Confessions 4- 5 PM Mass 5:30 PM |



Christmas Vigil Masses (Dec. 24)
 4 PM (Church)
 4:15 PM (Gym)
 6:30 PM (Church) *livestreamed and broadcast on 90.9 FM*
 10 PM (Church)

Christmas Day Masses (Dec. 25)
 9 AM (Church)
 11 AM (Church) *livestreamed and broadcast on 90.9 FM*

Christmas Mass Schedule



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mass Schedule

Dec. 31 - Vigil Masses - 6 PM

Jan. 1 - Mass - 9 AM & 11 AM*

*(livestreamed and broadcast on 90.9 FM)

The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Wednesday, December 31 at 12:30 PM and will RE-OPEN at 8:30 AM on Friday, January 2.