



MAY 12, 2024 ~ THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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.stjosdevine.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

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.
14th Bishop of Charleston
<https://charlestondiocese.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. Baptism Seminars are offered quarterly - Upcoming seminar dates: 7.14.24 & 10.13.24

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. (Please note that we have purchased HEPA air purifiers for both parts of the confessional, in an effort to provide a safer environment for everyone.)*

WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 12

8:00 am - † Ann Collins
 10:30 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph
 12:15 pm - † Alberto Alvarez

Tuesday, May 14

7:30 am - † Deacon David Thompson
 † Edward Moise

Wednesday, May 15

7:30 am - † Maria De Los Angeles Gonzalez

Thursday, May 16

7:30 am - † Barbara Tardiff
 † Jim Mancini

Friday, May 17

7:30 am - Martin Sisters
 8:15 am - School Mass - Fay Dong

Saturday, May 18

5:30 pm - † Violet Brethes Tsiantis


Sunday, May 19

8:00 am - † Margaret DeHihns Nauful
 and Monica DeHihns Rook
 10:30 am - Sister Vitalina Chimavi, CSJB
 12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

*There will be no Exposition, Adoration or
 Benediction on 5/21.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

• Please pray for all those who are hospitalized and for those
 • who are shut-ins, ill, or recuperating at home, especially;
 • Alice Abdalla, Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia
 • Atkins, Chuck Barnett, Tom Barry, Germaine Blake, Margaret
 • Briggs, Mary Brockington, Dorothy Brown, Chris Charlton, Ron
 • Childress, Joanne Childs, Tom Chmura, Stephen Creech, Dianne
 • Dawson, Lindsey DeBorde, Mary DeLay, Joe DeMichael, Joyce
 • Dilleshaw, Rick Dilleshaw, Katie Dukes, Paula Durocher, Paul
 • Durrett, Katie Egan, Susan Faust, Jameson Finney, Freida Fixl,
 • Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman, Marjorie Fusci, George Gallo,
 • Olga Gallo, Kevin Gantt, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris
 • Gauthier, George Geckle, Richard Georgeson, Francy Goodrich,
 • Karen Gray, Claire Hadfield, Kristine Handley, Jessika
 • Johnson, Barbara Jezek, Bill Jones, Nadine Jordan, David
 • Josten, James Josten, Mary Kahaly, Angie Kempson, James
 • Kinard, John Kinard, William Kinney, Janice Lambka,
 • Charlene Landry, John Lenti, A. Crosby Livingston, Lynn
 • Mancino, Christina McKinney, Jared McLendon, Hope Mosher,
 • Mary Mulvihill, Christian Myers, Glenda Napier, Brenda
 • Nauful, Carolyn Odle, Ellie O'Shea, Anita Owens Orf, Melissa
 • Osborne, Virginia Ozgar, Mike Padua, Ruth Patterson, Stella
 • Peebles, Maria Perez, Fred Perry, Donna Peru, Lori Ann
 • Pisano, David Richardson, Marcella Rodgers, Brianne
 • Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara,
 • Bonnie Siegers, Lois Simmons, Jaime Simpson, Jr., Deacon
 • Malcolm Skipper, Andrea Smith, Edna Soto, David Steele,
 • Karen Steele, Maria Stewart, Betty Stork, Catherine Grace
 • Stirling, Davis Bryan Stirling, Bettie Sturkie, Daniel Vallini,
 • Sister Angelita Vazzano, Anthony Warren, Allan Winemiller,
 • Neil Winter, Phyllis Yates



**HAPPY
 Mothers Day!**

Today, we honor all mothers, both biological and spiritual, who carry out their vocations as a beautiful reflection of the nurturing and compassionate love of God. Thank you, moms, for your sacrifice, strength and grace. Blessed Virgin Mary, our heavenly mother, pray for us!

SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

This weekend, we will welcome the following new members into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism:

*Albert Benjamin Hoppman
 Clara Mae Hoppman
 Benjamin Patrick Kata*

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(5/4 - 5/17)

Celebrating Mother's Day in memory of Dolores Brown.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the Main Altar this weekend are in memory of Nancy Morse Stringer, given by Mary and Kevin McNerney and family.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK (5/13 - 5/19)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Acts 19:1-8; PS 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; PS 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Jn 15:9-17	Acts 20:28-38; PS 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 114: 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25	Acts 2:1-11; PS 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Veni, Sancte Spiritus; Jn 20:19-23

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

Weekly Budgeted Goal for 2023-2024:
\$31,448.46

Weekly Collection (5/4-5): \$34,687.74

This Weekend - Second Collection (5/11-12)
Catholic Charities

Upcoming Second Collection (5/18-19)
Catholic Communication Campaign

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR MARINERS

On May 22, the Church observes the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for Mariners and People of the Sea and highlights the ministry of Stella Maris, the apostolate of the Catholic Church for the people of the sea.

Bishop Brendan J. Cahill of Victoria in Texas, the bishop-promoter of Stella Maris in the U.S., invites the faithful to support, remember, and pray for the many men and women who earn their livelihood through work on the seas, including merchant mariners, seafarers, fishermen, port personnel and those in the maritime industry.

This year, Bishop Cahill is calling for special prayers of remembrance for those affected by the March 26 tragedy of the Francis Scott Key Bridge collapse in Baltimore. Let us come together as a diocese to pray for those who work on the high seas, and for the victims of all disasters on the water. Our Lady Star of the Sea, pray for us!



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each May, we celebrate the lives of mothers and the strength, love, and joy they bring to families. Mothers give everything to protect and care for their children, just as the mother of Jesus did. Women give life, show caring and love, and want what is best for their children, often with great sacrifice of their own comforts or desires.

Yet, there are mothers among us who lack the support to care for their children fully. Thankfully, **Catholic Charities of South Carolina (CCSC)** walks with these mothers. By helping women meet immediate needs and teaching life skills, CCSC ensures that moms have the tools and stability to care for their children and to keep families together.

Claire, a mother referred to us by the Dept. of Social Services, faced hardship when her electricity was shut off while caring for her newborn and 3-year-old. She'd lost her job for missing work due to her children's illnesses, so she drove for Uber part-time and stayed with her mother. Claire secured a new job, but her electricity remained off and prevented the little family from returning home. With assistance from CCSC, Claire's electric bill was brought up to date, allowing her to move back with her children and regain stability.

The critical mission of CCSC is to uplift mothers as they work to transform their own lives and the lives of their children. This organization helps honor all moms in our communities and is dedicated to helping families throughout the Palmetto State with many services and outreach centers.

With this crucial resource in mind, we are taking up a second collection for outreach on Mother's Day, May 12. Please consider supporting CCSC and families by donating \$25, \$100, or \$1,000, or any amount that you can offer. It will truly transform lives.

In Christ's love,
Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS
Bishop of Charleston

TRANSITIONAL DIACONATE ORDINATION

MAY 24 - 6:00 PM

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

**The Transitional Diaconate Ordination of
Seminarians Lee Bultman, Justin Damask,
Michael Ghattas, and Daniel Perry**

Below are important details for those who plan to attend:

- Parking — School will be dismissed early. Its large, fenced lot will be open for parking (access from Blossom Street behind the church). Parking has also been secured at the large Shandon United Methodist Church lot next door. Printed signage will guide visitors.
- Seating — The seating capacity is only 400 in the church. Priority will be given to families of ordinands, priests and deacons, and those who need assistance. Overflow will be in the gym with a simulcast shown on a large screen. The gym will seat over 500 people. Please note that due to limited seating, you may need to attend in the overflow area.
- A livestream of the Mass will be available on St. Joseph's YouTube channel:

youtube.com/c/StJosephCatholicChurchColumbiaSC.

Let us continue to pray for these men as they approach their ordination, giving their lives for the Church and the faithful of our diocese.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN SECOND COLLECTION (5/18-19)

Half of the collected funds stay in South Carolina, and the other half supports the collective communication work of the bishops and other Catholic projects throughout the United States. Catholic News Service (CNS) has become an important source of news about the Pope and the Vatican for Catholic newspapers, magazines, and websites all over the world.

OUR NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR – REVEREND PETER O’STEEN



When Deacon Peter O’Steen recalls his childhood, he describes it as a fairly normal upbringing with all the usual age-related ups and downs.

“I was born and raised in Greenville. I grew up in a stable household with my two parents, Rex and Srebrenka, and four brothers: Luke, Paul, Jordan and Andrew. I attended public school my entire life. From kindergarten to fifth grade, I went to Sara Collins Elementary. My time there was full of fond memories and lasting friendships engulfed in childhood innocence. In third grade, my mother became the school nurse at Sara Collins. For me, that was a dream come true because I love my mom.”

In middle school, Deacon O’Steen said that his focus began to change when he was exposed to more outside influences.

“I began to shift my academic attention to trying to grow in popularity,” he said. “I no longer cared about being on the honor roll. I felt more gratification at making a good joke in class or getting a laugh out of my friends.”

He admitted that it continued throughout high school and even into college at the University of South Carolina, where he joined a fraternity.

“This was a recipe for disaster. The disciplinary troubles that began in high school only got worse. To make a long story short, during the fall semester of my sophomore year of college, I got into some serious trouble with my fraternity. I got kicked out of the fraternity, the fraternity house and I was worried that I would get kicked out of school as well. This was one of the lowest moments of my life,” he said.

Determined to turn things around, Deacon O’Steen and his twin brother Jordan decided to move to a new apartment that happened to be near St. Thomas More, the university’s Catholic Student Center.

The brothers resolved to pray the rosary daily, and after a few months, “many changes began to occur in my life. Firstly, the faith began to make much more sense to me. For the first time ever, I believed in the Real Presence of the Eucharist, and I began to attend daily Mass. I also had a desire to read the Scriptures and the lives of the saints. I dropped many of the sinful habits I had grown accustomed to and found myself desiring to grow in sanctity instead. I even began to ask God what he wanted me to do with my life. Lastly, God blessed me with the example of many holy Catholic men who helped me grow deeper in my love for Jesus.”

For Deacon O’Steen, there wasn’t an “aha” moment that made him decide to pursue the priesthood. It was during Lent of his sophomore year that the idea popped into his head.

“I just remember I couldn’t get it off my mind,” he added.

He decided to share the thoughts with his twin brother and a mentor.

“Voicing it out loud was extremely helpful. Additionally, I decided to talk with the priest at St. Thomas More. Father Marcin [Zahuta, who died in 2020] gave me wonderful advice that probably saved the initial sparks of my vocation. He advised me to keep these thoughts to myself, to continue to grow in my prayer life and to continue to meet with him for direction.”

As graduation approached, Deacon O’Steen knew what he had to do and applied to be a seminarian for the diocese. He graduated with a degree in management science in December 2017 and was simultaneously accepted to the seminary. He began studying philosophy at St. Vincent De Paul Regional Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida, in the fall of 2018 where he is currently studying, and added, “I’ve never been happier.”

Deacon O’Steen said he advises anyone thinking of becoming a priest to “pray, get a spiritual director and move forward with a decision either way. It’s never good to stay frozen because of fear. Life is about walking in faith and sometimes it involves taking scary leaps of faith. Remember that Jesus is with you, and he will lead you where you need to go. But for him to lead, you need to start walking.”

Deacon O’Steen will be ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 2024, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Charleston.

Please join us in welcoming Rev. Peter O’Steen who will be Parochial Vicar of St. Joseph Church in Columbia and Chaplain at Cardinal Newman School, effective July 1.

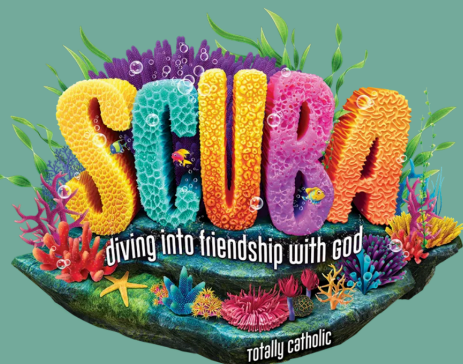
GROW

Don't miss out on summer fun!



Participant Registration is OPEN NOW

Scan QR code to register or volunteer!



VBS July 8 * 12
9 am * 12 pm

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of May 12, 2024



Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy | Old Testament: Book Overviews | The Bible Project

Watch our overview video on the book of Deuteronomy, which breaks down the literary design of the book and its flow of thought. In Deuteronomy, Moses gives final words of wisdom and warning before the Israelites enter the promised land, challenging them to be faithful to God.



The Book Swap | Episode 1 | Benjamin Cello

It's time to read a book! Benjamin Cello, Annie Appleseed, and Miss Gretchen, the Music Teacher, go to the Bookendless Book Tower for a book swap party, hosted by Professor Wordsworth and the Bookworms. Along the way they explore classics of literature and the one Holy Book that stands above all others, the Book that can change your life forever.



Finding Fatima

Produced by the award-winning filmmakers of the highly acclaimed feature film The 13th Day, this powerful and in-depth documentary combines archival footage, dramatic reenactments, original interviews with Fatima experts, and stunning visuals to tell the whole story of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.



WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR STORIES!

In anticipation of our upcoming 75th anniversary celebration, we are reaching out to longtime parishioners who would like to share their memories from their years at St. Joseph's. To share your St. Joseph memories, please contact Jamie Vickrey at jamie@stjosephcolumbia.org.

NURSERY ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We are currently looking for part-time Nursery Assistants for both our 8 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday Masses. This is a paid position. If interested, please contact Mindy McBurney at 803.254.7646 ext. 423 or mindy@stjosephcolumbia.org.



New Beginnings

for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one

June 4, 11, 18 and 25
11 am - 12 pm
Corner Conference Room
Ministry & Administration Building

If you would like to attend and/or if you know anyone who may wish to attend please share this info -
Group will be limited to 10.
RSVP by May 31

Please Contact:
Therese Grant at 803.783.5121 (leave a message)
theresegrant56@gmail.com

GET INVOLVED



POSITION AVAILABLE

Elementary Teacher

The selected applicants will develop dynamic lessons, class projects, and activities that enhance the student's academic, social, and spiritual needs and fulfill and exceed the South Carolina and Diocese academic standards.

Applicants should have an understanding of the Catholic faith and be able to incorporate lessons that uphold and build upon the school's mission. Preferred applicants will have a current South Carolina license or equivalent license and demonstrate previous teaching experience.

Applicants should have an understanding of the Catholic faith and be able to build a program that upholds and builds upon the school's mission.

Please submit a cover letter and resume to:
Donavan Yarnall Ed.S, Principal
(email preferred - dyarnall@stjosdevine.com) or
St. Joseph Catholic School, 3700 Devine St.,
Columbia, SC 29205

Dear Saint Joseph Community,

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our 2024 Midlands Gives campaign. We are overwhelmed by the tremendous support we received from our school, parish, and Midlands communities. We are thrilled to announce that we not only met but exceeded our \$50,000 goal! We are also excited to share that we won our AFLAC Power Hour and will receive an extra \$2000 in prize money. We finished the day in the top 10 of fundraising for nonprofits participating in Midlands Gives. The donations from 196 unique donors plus the prize money bring our one-day giving grand total to \$61,175!

The money raised yesterday will go into our Saints Fund and will help us continue to offer the best possible Catholic education to our students.

We are truly grateful to everyone who supported us during Midlands Gives. The Columbia area Catholic schools combined raised over \$228,000. What an amazing day for Catholic education in the Midlands. We are extremely humbled and blessed to have the support of so many. Sincerely,

Donavan Yarnall Ed.S
Principal

ATTN: ST. JOSEPH AND CN FAMILIES: TUITION ASSISTANCE

Deadline to apply for Tuition Assistance is 5/17.

For more information, go to: www.stjosephcolumbia.org/tuition-assist-for-parish-families



SUPPORT THE BISHOPS' INITIATIVE ON MARRIAGE

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers!

Allow Jesus to be Lord of your marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov 15-17, 2024 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Jan 31-Feb 2, 2025 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org>
or contact us at applications@scmarriagematters.org or 803.810.9602.



BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBIA'S BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

Birthright of Columbia's Baby Bottle Campaign will kick off the weekend of 5/11-12 - on Mother's Day, pick up your baby bottle at the church entrance. Fill the bottle with your loose change and spare cash and return to church on Father's Day, June 16. Monies raised will enable Birthright volunteers to offer help and hope to pregnant girls and women.

If you have any questions, contact Terry Hodaly at terry@birthrightofcolumbia.org or 803.403.3391. Thank you for your participation.

SAVE THE DATE



**75TH ANNIVERSARY
WEEKEND
CELEBRATION
SEPTEMBER 13 - 15, 2024**

7:00 - 9:00 PM

13
SEPT

Gather For Good

Enjoy an adult-only evening while giving back!

11:00 AM

15
SEPT

75th Anniversary Mass

FOLLOWING 11 AM MASS

15
SEPT

Parish Family Picnic

MORE DETAILS TO COME