



DECEMBER 24, 2023 ~ 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.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 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

Saturday 4:00 - 5:00 PM and by appointment

### CLERGY OF PARISH

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

Rev. William Frei, Parochial Vicar  
wfrei@stjosephcolumbia.org

Rev. Christopher Loester, Parochial Vicar  
crlloester@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 of time 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.

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Submit all announcements by Wednesday 12:30 PM to [info@stjosephcolumbia.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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: 1.14.24, 4.14.24, 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, December 24

8:00 am - † Hilda & David Clark

10:30 am - † Margarita Abata

12:15 pm - † Robert Bradshaw

### Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - † Al Alvarez

4:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Celebrant's Intentions

10:00 pm - † Victoria & Vladyslav Dojnowicz  
and Alina Sledzinska

### Monday, December 25 | Christmas Day

9:00 am - Coker and Anderson Families

11:00 am - † Fadia Mubarak

*There will be No Mass and No Exposition and Adoration on  
Tuesday, December 26.*

### Wednesday, December 27

7:30 am - † Robert Henkel

### Thursday, December 28

7:30 am - † Theresa Gannon  
Clark Phillip

### Friday, December 29

7:30 am - † Malia Myers

### Saturday, December 30

5:30 pm - † Anthony Reller

### Sunday, December 31

8:00 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

10:30 am - Thomas McHugh

12:15 pm - Carmella Martin

6:00 pm - *Vigil Mass - Mary, Mother of God*  
† Manuel Alonzo

### Monday, January 1

10:00 am - *Mass - Mary, Mother of God*  
† Barbara & Frank Walker



## OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

is extended to the family of *Marjorie Padour Smith* (12.16.23), parishioner and mother of Jennifer Smith Dearing (Chris), grandmother of Kaitlyn Marie Jones (Tinsley Long), Lindsay Stokes Koester (Nick), Kelsey McNair Dearing, great-grandmother of Fulton Christopher Koester. May her soul rest in peace.

## TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(12/16 - 12/29)

In loving memory of our parents, Merlin & Lois Meyer and Norman & Shirley Luker, given by LaMonte and Jeanna Luker.

## 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, Margaret Briggs, Mary Brockington,
- Dorothy Brown, Joanne Childs, Dianne Dawson, Lindsey
- DeBorde, Mary DeLay, Joe DeMichael, Therese Dionne, Bill
- Dukes, Joann Dukes, Katie Dukes, Paula Durocher, Katie Egan,
- Susan Faust, Jameson Finney, Sylvia Flynn, Tripp Furman,
- Marjorie Fusci, George Gallo, Olga Gallo, Kevin Gantt, Betty
- Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, George Geckle, Richard
- Georgeson, Karen Gray, Claire Hadfield, Kristine Handley,
- Jessika Johnson, Bill Jones, Nadine Jordan, Mary Kahaly,
- Angie Kempson, James Kinard, John Kinard, William Kinney,
- Agnes Kuhs, Janice Lambka, Charlene Landry, Brennan Logue,
- Lynn Mancino, Christina McKinney, Inge Miller, Hope
- Mosher, Mary Mulvihill, Christian Myers, Glenda Napier,
- Brenda Nauful, Ellie O'Shea, Anita Owens Orf, Melissa
- Osborne, Virginia Ozgar, Mike Padua, Ruth Patterson, Stella
- Peebles, Maria Perez, Donna Peru, Jane Rando, Brianne
- Rodriguez, John Rotureau, John Rushman, Anna Sakara,
- Bonnie Siegers, Lois Simmons, Andrea Smith, Edna Soto,
- David Steele, Karen Steele, Maria Stewart, Betty Stork,
- Catherine Grace Stirling, Davis Bryan Stirling, Bettie Sturkie,
- Sister Angelita Vazzano, Anthony Warren, Neil Winter, Phyllis
- Yates

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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) *livestreamed and broadcast on 90.9 FM*

11 AM (Church)

## EXPLANATION OF MASS OBLIGATIONS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve. Christmas, a Holy Day of Obligation, falls on Monday. Catholics therefore have an obligation to attend both a Sunday Mass and a Christmas Mass. To fulfill your Sunday obligation you may attend one of the following Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass (Dec. 23) at 5:30 PM or Sunday morning Masses (Dec. 24) at 8 AM, 10:30 AM or 12:15 PM. To fulfill your Christmas obligation you may attend one of the following Masses: Christmas Vigil Masses (Dec. 24) at 4 PM, (Church) 4:15 PM (Gym), 6:30 PM or 10 PM (Church) or Christmas Day Masses (Dec. 25) at 9 AM or 11 AM, both in the Church.

The Nursery will be closed on 12/24 and 12/31.  
There will be No Mass, Exposition or Adoration on 12/26.



## PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

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

Weekly Collection:  
\$49,864.54

Second Collection (12/16-17) Solidarity Fund  
for the Church in Africa: \$2,860.69

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION (12/30-31):  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



### UPCOMING "I CARE I SHARE" (1/6-7)

Donations for our food pantry can be placed in the Narthex of the Church. Special needs in the pantry are cereal, canned meats, canned fruits, Mac & cheese. Thanks for your support, both in prayers and contributions. For more information or questions, contact Steve Smoak at [ssmoak12@icloud.com](mailto:ssmoak12@icloud.com).

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURES

The Parish Office will be CLOSED for Christmas, Thursday, December 21 at 12:30 PM and will RE-OPEN at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, December 27. The Parish Office will be CLOSED Friday, December 29 at 12:30 PM and will RE-OPEN at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, January 2.

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE



Dec. 31 - Vigil Masses - 6 PM  
Jan. 1 - Mass - 10 AM  
(livestreamed and broadcast on 90.9 FM)

*This year, the obligation to attend Mass on this date is abrogated, in accord with the complementary norm to canon 1246 §2 confirmed for the dioceses of the United States of America.*



### CARDINAL NEWMAN YEAR-END GIVING

Please remember Cardinal Newman School in your year-end giving. We know there are many good causes to support during the Season of Giving and it can be challenging to navigate. When you donate to the Newman Fund, you make a direct impact on the lives of our students. All donations to the Newman Fund are used to help all our programming in the same year the funds are given.

Donations are also tax deductible!  
[www.cnhs.org/link-one/the-newman-fund](http://www.cnhs.org/link-one/the-newman-fund)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK (12/25-31)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<u>Is 62:11-12;</u> <u>Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;</u> <u>Ti 3:4-7;</u> <u>Lk 2:15-20</u>	<u>Acts 6:8-10;</u> <u>7:54-59;</u> <u>Ps 31:3cd-4,</u> <u>6 and 8ab,</u> <u>16bc and 17;</u> <u>Mt 10:17-22</u>	<u>1 Jn 1:1-4;</u> <u>Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;</u> <u>Jn 20:1a and 2-8</u>	<u>1 Jn 1:5-2:2;</u> <u>Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8;</u> <u>Mt 2:13-18</u>	<u>1 Jn 2:3-11;</u> <u>Ps 96:1-2a,</u> <u>2b-3, 5b-6;</u> <u>Lk 2:22-35</u>	<u>1 Jn 2:12-17;</u> <u>Ps 96:7-8a,</u> <u>8b-9, 10;</u> <u>Lk 2:36-40</u>	<u>Sir 3:2-6, 12-14;</u> <u>Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;</u> <u>Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;</u> <u>LK 2:22-40</u>



# Immaculée Ilibagiza



February 1 | 7 PM

## St. Joseph Catholic Church

Immaculée Ilibagiza survived the 1994 Rwandan genocide by hiding in a 3ft. x 4ft. bathroom for 91 days with seven other women. Immaculée endured fear, starvation, anger, and despair for months, all while her family, community, and nearly one million of her tribe were slaughtered. Remarkably, her tragedy transformed Immaculée into a strong woman dedicated to peace and reconciliation. She now travels the world sharing her story and healing the hearts of those struggling with fear, doubt, and hate. Her autobiography, *Left to Tell*, has sold more than two million copies and is in the process of becoming a major motion picture.

**We are blessed to be having her join us at St. Joseph's on Thursday, February 1 to tell her story of faith, hope, and forgiveness.**

To reserve your seat, go to  
[www.stjosephcolumbia.org/immaculee](http://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/immaculee)

Foreword by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer

## Immaculée Ilibagiza with Steve Erwin

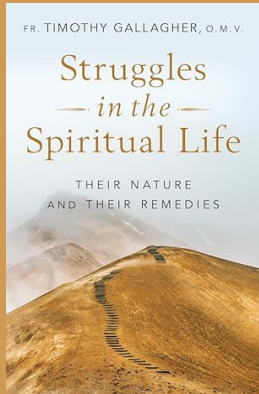
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TV



# LEFT TO TELL

Discovering God  
Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust

# GROW



## COME AND JOIN THE DISCUSSION VIA ZOOM

Come and Join the Discussion via Zoom  
**Struggles in the Spiritual Life – their Nature and Their Remedies,**  
by Fr. Timothy Gallagher, O.M.V.  
Sophia Institute Press \$18.95 (*It is available through Amazon - used copies are available.*)

The discussions will be facilitated by **Sr. Mary Cecile Swanton, C.S.JB.**  
Monday Evenings – January 22 and 29 and Feb. 5 and 12 from 6:30 – 7:30 PM  
RSVP by Tuesday - Jan. 16 to [srmcecile@hotmail.com](mailto:srmcecile@hotmail.com) or call 718.518.7820



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Christ gave us a great gift of Himself on Christmas. He calls us to give of ourselves to everyone, especially our spouse. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and learn how to be the best gift you can be for your spouse. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends on Jan 26-28, 2024 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Nov 15-17, 2024 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or 803.810.9602.



## Arise and Shine Mother/Tween Daughter Retreat

A CHANCE TO HANG OUT,  
TALK ABOUT SOME IMPORTANT GIRL MATTERS,  
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY: HAVE FUN!

Feb 2-3

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER RETREAT

If you are the mother of a tween daughter, you know how precious and important these years are. Build a stronger bond by communicating and having fun together at the *Arise and Shine Mother/Daughter* retreat at Heart Ridge. Fri-Sat. FEBRUARY 2-3 We'll have some short talks about puberty and becoming a woman, as well as opportunities for hikes, games, and crafts. Like a slumber party, but with comfortable beds, healthier foods, and much more sleep! See [www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MotherDaughter](http://www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MotherDaughter) for more information.



## UPCOMING OPEN HOUSES

Saint Joseph Catholic School will be closed for Christmas break from noon on December 15 until Wednesday, January 3. We wish everyone a blessed and very Merry Christmas!

Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is now open! Would you like to learn more about our wonderful parish school? We would love to welcome you for a personalized tour! Call or email Kerry Reedy (803.254.6736 or [kreedy@stjosdevine.com](mailto:kreedy@stjosdevine.com)) to schedule. Or check out our Virtual Tour for a preview. Mark your calendars! We have several Open House events coming up in January:

- January 11 – 5th and 6th grades Open House - 6 - 7 pm
- January 18 – 4K and 5K Meet & Greet - 6 - 7 pm
- January 30 – all school Open House - Tours Available - 8:30 - 10:30 am
- February 1 – all school Open House - Tours Available 12 - 2 pm

Ready to apply? The application can be found on our website – [www.stjosdevine.com](http://www.stjosdevine.com). Click “Apply Now” to get started.

# THIS WEEK ON **FORMED**

## Week of December 24, 2023



### The True Meaning of Christmas | Lukas Storyteller

Christmas is coming and our friends Peter, Agnes, Paul and Anna expect to receive many gifts. but when they caught in one of their antics. Lukas and Noah will help them understand the true story of Christmas and how the birth of the Son of God should change our hearts.



### Christmas | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.



### The 12 Days of Christmas

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.  
Visit [signed.formed.org](https://signed.formed.org) and select our parish name.





Saint  
Joseph  
CATHOLIC CHURCH



Merry Christmas  
and Happy New Year!

Msgr. Harris, Fr. Frei,  
Fr. Christopher, and  
the Staff of St. Joseph Church  
wish you a very Merry Christmas  
and a Blessed New Year!