



SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 ~ TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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.stjosedevine.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@charlestandiocese.org

DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON

The Most Reverend Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS.

14th Bishop of Charleston

<https://charlestandiocese.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: 10.19.25, 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, September 28

8:00 am - † Elisabeth & John Bussinah

10:30 am - Parishioners of St. Joseph

12:15 pm - † Jo & Diego Scari

Tuesday, September 30

7:30 am - † James Lybrand

† Rosanna Mottola

Wednesday, October 1

7:30 am - Sheryl Leonard

Thursday, October 2

7:30 am - † Sylvia Langford

† Jennifer George

Friday, October 3

7:30 am - † Rachael Harman

Saturday, October 4

8:30 am - *First Saturday Mass* - † Scott Long

5:30 pm - Sean Monaco

Sunday, October 5

8:00 am - † Mary Dannerbeck

10:30 am - † Damian Masse

12:15 pm - Parishioners of St. Joseph

PRAYER INTENTIONS:

• Libba Anderson, Lucille Andrews, Patricia Atkins, Terry Baggott,
• Chuck Barnett, Lois Barnett, Tom Barry, 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, Nancy Faller, Susan Faust, Richard
• Fennessy, Jameson Finney, Freida Fixl, Cindy Flach, Sylvia Flynn,
• Tripp Furman, Father Timothy Gahan, George Gallo, Olga Gallo,
• Kevin Gantt, Betty Gatipon, Laddie Gatling, Iris Gauthier, Richard
• Georgeson, Francy Goodrich, 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, Lynn
• Mancino, Natalie Marsha, Jared McLendon, Terry McWaters,
• 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 Peeples, Maria Perez, Thelma Perkins, Lori Ann
• Pisano, 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, Betty Stork, Bettie Sturkie, Edith
• Teyssier, Daniel Vallini, Anthony Warren, Allan Winemiller, Neil
• Winter, Phyllis Yates

SECURITY UPDATE FOR PARISHIONERS

Amid recent events that have shaken faith communities across the country, many parishioners have expressed concern for safety during worship. We want you to know that your voices have been heard.

Our parish currently utilizes panic buttons, security cameras, and ushers to help ensure a safe environment. As an added precaution - and in alignment with Diocesan policy - we have requested from the City of Columbia, a uniformed off-duty police officer present outside the church at every Saturday evening and Sunday Mass, through the end of the year. Police presence may be sporadic, but it will provide an extra level of security and serve as a deterrent.

At school Masses, we will continue to have a police officer on site to help ensure a secure environment for our students. To further enhance safety, we will begin locking the two front doors of the church during school Mass. These doors may be unlocked by teachers at the conclusion of Mass or in the event of a fire emergency.

These additional layers of security are meant to offer peace of mind while preserving the welcoming spirit of our parish. If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Adrienne Carroll, our Business Manager, adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Msgr. Richard D. Harris, Pastor

TABERNACLE VIGIL CANDLE

(9/19 - 10/3)

In honor of Monte and
Jeanna Luker's wedding
anniversary - Happy
Anniversary!

ALTAR FLOWERS

This weekend, the flowers
on the main altar are in
honor of

Mary Helen Garrett and
Ross Campbell,
who were united in
matrimony this weekend.
Congratulations Mary
Helen and Ross!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Parish Giving (9/20 - 9/21): \$30,710.92

Weekly Goal: \$35,036.60

Legacy Phase of the 75th Anniversary Organ Project

Goal: \$2,250,000.00

Donated and Pledged: \$2,219,892.00

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



TREE REPLACEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT | 10.8.25

On October 8, 2025, we will be removing the tulip poplar tree located on parish grounds. This decision was made with care and discernment, and we have received full permission from the City of Columbia to proceed. Over the past several seasons, the tulip poplar has become a safety hazard. Despite appearing healthy, its branches have repeatedly fallen during even mild rain or wind. Tulip poplars are known for their brittle limbs, rapid growth, and susceptibility to storm damage. While they offer beauty in bloom, they also drop sticky sap, petals, and debris - making them difficult to maintain and potentially disruptive to nearby walkways. This unpredictable shedding poses serious risks: injury to pedestrians or parishioners, damage to vehicles or property, and liability concerns for the parish.

In place of the tulip poplar, we will be planting two Japanese Pistache trees - the same vibrant species you may recognize from our Rose Garden and the MAB parking lot. These trees were chosen for their stunning fall foliage, drought tolerance, low maintenance needs, air-purifying qualities, and resilience to urban conditions.

We believe this change will enhance both the safety and beauty of our parish grounds, while continuing our commitment to thoughtful stewardship of creation.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we care for the grounds.

Please direct any questions to Tawfiq Hodaly, Director of Facilities @ tawfiq@stjosephcolumbia.org.

INTRO TO CATHOLICISM

Curious about Catholicism or need a refresher? Join our Introduction to Catholicism course starting Sept. 7, Sundays from 9:15-10:15 AM in the MAB (Corley Room). Weekly topics are listed in the bulletin. Nursery available! Questions?

Contact Adam Fisher at adam@stjosephcolumbia.org or 864.747.5392.

9.28.2025 Our Lord Jesus Christ and the New Covenant

10.5.2025 The Holy Spirit and the Life of Grace

10.12.2025 The Church and The Sources of Revelation

10.19.2025 Catholic Eschatology: The 4 Last Things

10.26.2025 The Bible: The Word of God

For the complete list of topics scheduled for discussion, go to: www.stjosephcolumbia.org/becoming-catholic-ocia

UPCOMING "I CARE I SHARE" COLLECTION (WEEKEND OF 10/4-5)

Donations for our food pantry can be placed in the Narthex of the Church. Special needs in the pantry include canned meats, canned fruits, corn, pasta sauce, and pasta.

No glass, please. For more information or questions, contact Steve Smoak at ssmoak12@icloud.com.

75th Anniversary
Organ Project

• Legacy Phase



Buy a Pipe - Be Part of the Music!

Help us bring the new organ to life by sponsoring one of the 2,650 pipes. Each pipe is essential, each one unique. Pipes range from 1 ft to 16 ft. Your support will resonate through every note played for generations to come.

Pipe Sponsorship Levels:

- 1 ft pipe - \$100
- 2 ft pipe - \$200
- 4 ft pipe - \$400
- 8 ft pipe - \$800
- 16 ft pipe - \$1,600

The names of all pipe sponsors will be proudly displayed, honoring your role in building this extraordinary instrument.

Claim your pipe today - and leave your mark on the music!

To make a pledge online or to pay online, go to
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/organ-project

For more information on the pipes, contact Worth Lewallen,
Director of Music | worth@stjosephcolumbia.org
For more information on giving to the Organ Project, contact
Adrienne Carroll, Business Manager | adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

Dear St. Joseph's Families, It's time for a New Directory!



Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.

- Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table after Mass on the weekend of September 27/28 and October 4/5, or simply go online and follow the instructions below.
- Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!
- Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!
- You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish, and framing options, AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends
- Scan the QR code and set your appointment with Universal today!

Photography Sessions Dates/Times Available:

All Sessions take place in Ministries & Administration Building

November 4 - 7 | 2 PM - 8:30 PM

November 8 | 10 AM - 4 PM

November 10 - 12 | 2 PM - 8:30 PM



Online Scheduling Available!

To schedule your photography appointment online,

1. Simply go to www.ucdir.com,
2. Click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side
3. Enter **SC313** in the Church Code field
4. Enter **photos** in the Church Password field

Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday through Friday. Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

Questions, please contact Libby Garlitz at libby@stjosephcolumbia.org.

GET INVOLVED



Catholic Charities is looking for Volunteers to sign up to be the Front desk/Lobby Coordinator.

If you are already working with us and would like to sign up for the desk, or if you have been interested in returning, but didn't feel you could stoop/bend for the showers and laundry...PLEASE let us know.

Mondays – 8:30 am to 1:30ish @ Clean of Heart

Tuesdays – 9:30 am to Noonish @ Clothing Closet

Wednesdays & Thursdays – 8:30am to 2ish @ Clean of Heart

Teresa Maybay, Site Administrator

tmaybay@charlestondiocese.org

803.726.7764

St. Joseph's SENIOR SUPPER CLUB

We're kicking off a fun way for our seniors to connect and dine out together around town!

The 2nd Thursday of every month!
Enjoy great food and even better company - no host, just good company and your own check.

October 9th at 5:30 pm
Lizard's Thicket on
Forest Drive



Sponsored by St. Joseph's Senior Life



SENIOR LIFE DAY TRIP: ANNUAL CRECHE FESTIVAL AT MEPKIN ABBEY

Join us for a special day of fellowship, beauty, and holiday spirit as St. Joseph's Senior Life takes a trip to the Annual Creche Festival at Mepkin Abbey in Moncks Corner!

Date: Wednesday, November 19

Departure: 8:30 AM from St. Joseph's

Rest Stop: 10:30 AM at a local Moncks Corner restaurant

Creche Festival Tour: Begins at 11:00 AM

Lunch: Around 1:00 PM in Moncks Corner

Return to Columbia: By 4:00 PM

We'll be carpooling/caravanning, so it's a great chance to ride and relax with friends.

RSVP by October 30 to reserve your spot:

Contact: John Long at

longjohn333@hotmail.com or 803.665.3770

Hearts and Hands of St. Joseph

Name: Casey Cornwell

Role at St. Joseph's: Bookkeeper

How long have you been part of the parish/staff? 9 months



Tell us a little about your background (family, education, previous work): Growing up, I went to St. Joseph Catholic School and Cardinal Newman. I attended the University of South Carolina for undergrad and studied accounting and finance. I worked in public accounting since college until I joined the staff at St. Joseph Catholic Church. My husband, Adam, and I have two kids. They both attend St. Joseph Catholic School.

What's one part of your role that brings you joy?

The folks I work with are wonderful!! I also love interacting with our parishioners and helping them with any of their bookkeeping needs.

What advice would you give to someone just joining our parish? Get involved! We have so many wonderful ministries for all ages and stages. There is something for everyone!

If you could have dinner with any saint, who would it be and what would you ask them?

I would have dinner with St. Teresa of Calcutta better known as Mother Teresa. I would ask her how she discerned God's will for her life. Also, did she ever worry about germs when caring for the sick??? :)

What's something people might not know about your job? Bookkeeping is pretty much what you would think! :)

Favorite hymn: How Great Thou Art

Favorite church season (Advent, Lent, etc.):

Easy, Advent! But in all honesty, I am learning to love Lent more and more with each passing year. I appreciate the call to intentional sacrifice and the opportunity to draw closer to God.

ST JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH YOUTH GROUP Upcoming OCTOBER EVENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL

10/1 **LIVING LIT: BIBLE STUDY**
BLOSSOM HOUSE 6-7:30 PM

10/5 **ULTIMATE FRISBEE EDGE NIGHT**
TALK: ANXIETY AND ANCHORED IN HOPE
5-7 PM

10/16 **JR HIGH RALLY DEADLINE**
READ FLOCKNOTE FOR SPECIFICS

10/19 **DODGEBALL EDGE NIGHT**
TALK: THE FAMILY OF GOD
5-7 PM

10/24 **SHARKS AND MINNOWS**
PRAY AND PLAY (5TH AND 6TH GRADE ONLY)
5-5 PM

HIGH SCHOOL

10/5 **BIBLE STUDY: REAL TALK**
BLOSSOM HOUSE 7-8:30 PM

10/8-10/19 **CITIZENS FOR LIFE BOOTH**
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
SC STATE FAIR

10/15 **CLERGY CHATS**
BLOSSOM HOUSE 6:30-8 PM

10/19 **BIBLE STUDY: REAL TALK**
BLOSSOM HOUSE 7-8:30 PM

10/26 **BIBLE STUDY: REAL TALK**
BLOSSOM HOUSE 7-8:30 PM

ALL FAMILIES

10/19 **YOUTH MASS**
10:30 AM
READ FLOCKNOTE FOR SPECIFICS

10/22 **FAMILY ADORATION**
YOUTH GROUP BLOSSOM HOUSE 6PM
CHURCH 6:30-8 PM

10/26 **PUMPKIN PAINTING EVENT**
YOUTH MINISTRY AND FAMILY FELLOWSHIP
5-7 PM

10/30 **FALL FESTIVAL SJCS**
VOLUNTEER FOR SERVICE HOURS
4-6 PM



BEL CANTO, YOU ROCK!

Bel Canto did an awesome job singing at our first Youth Mass!
We had 19 kids there!

Reminder to parents: You can still enroll your son/daughter in this for grades 3-7. To register your student, email Worth Lewallen at worth@stjosephcolumbia.org.

We practice from 4:30-6:00 PM in Ursuline Hall on Tuesdays. This choir is open to any student (St. Joseph's, public school, or home school...doesn't matter as this is a parish choir).

Thanks so much!

Dr. Hawkins

patrick@stjosephcolumbia.org

Basketball Registration is now OPEN

St. Joseph 2025-2026 Youth Basketball Season

To Register, go to:
www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth-athletics

Registration for boys & girls:
Grades 2nd - 12th is open and will close 10/28
Please note due to new CYBL deadline, we are unable to accept registrations after 10/28 at 9pm.



For more information please
contact Adrienne Carroll
adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

Calling All Coaches!

St. Joseph 2025-2026 Youth Basketball Season

We are gearing up for another season - and we're looking for coaches to help lead the way!

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- Build lasting relationships with youth in our church and community
- Foster teamwork, confidence, and sportsmanship
- Be part of a program rooted in faith, fun, and fellowship

To sign up, go to:

www.stjosephcolumbia.org/coaches-form

For more information please contact Adrienne Carroll
adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org

Player registration begins in September.

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