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# ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

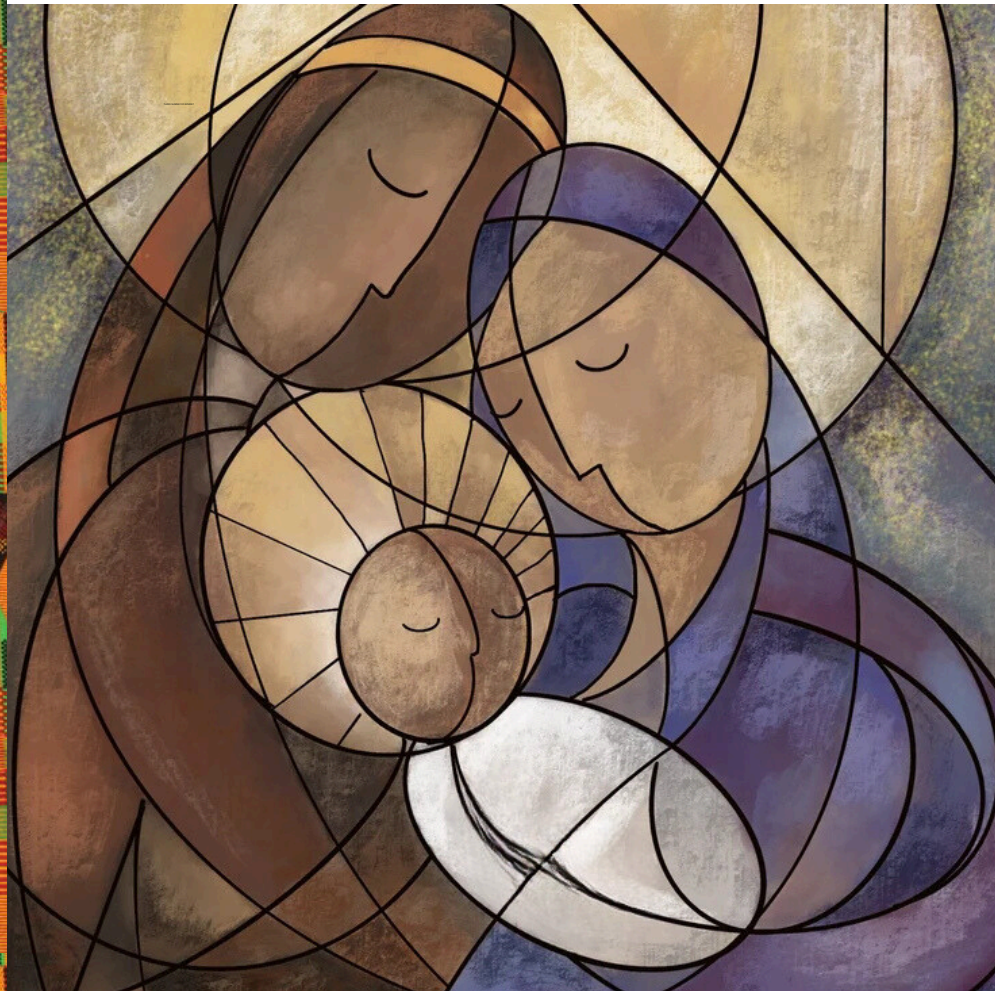
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Parish Office: 864-233-7717

*Welcoming all people to  
worship God in the genius of  
African American Catholic Spirituality*

## **FEAST DAY of THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**DECEMBER 29, 2024**



**[www.stanthonysgvl.org](http://www.stanthonysgvl.org)**

# PARISH INFO

## WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S!

We welcome all new members and visitors to our parish. Please email Kyle Hall at [kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestdiocese.org) if you would like to register. Please visit [www.stanthonysgvl.org](http://www.stanthonysgvl.org) for more information.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening: 5 PM  
Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 PM (Noon)

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS

11 AM & 6 PM

### WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday: 11 AM

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Wednesday: 12 PM (Noon) - 1:00 PM  
Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 PM  
Or by Appointment

### HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Please see an Usher before Mass

### PARISH OFFICE

Physical Location: 204 Douthit St.  
Monday thru Thursday 9 AM - 4 PM  
Friday 9 AM - 12 PM  
Phone: (864) 233-7717  
Website: [www.stanthonysgvl.org](http://www.stanthonysgvl.org)

### ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Phone: (864) 271-0167  
Website: [www.stanthonygschoolgvl.org](http://www.stanthonygschoolgvl.org)

### CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES

Diocesan Office: (843) 261-0430

### DO YOU NEED HELP?

Financial Assistance: (864) 233-7717 ext. 0  
Catholic Charities: (864) 331-2626  
Food Pantry: (864) 233-7717

### PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



The men and women that serve in the armed forces do so with a form of sacrificial love for our country and the world. Lifting them up in prayer to the Lord must be our humble, and yet great support for them.

Lord, may your love encircle our military as they work across the world to install justice and peace for all. And be their hope through the difficulties and stresses they face each day.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

### SATURDAY, 12/28

- 5 pm

### SUNDAY, 12/29

- 8 AM
- 10 AM
- 12 PM Kathleen McGrath Seaman

### TUESDAY, 12/31

- 11 AM Edward Way

### WEDNESDAY 1/1

- 11 AM

### THURSDAY, 1/2

- 11 AM Fr. Mark Beard

### FRIDAY, 1/3

- 11 AM

### SATURDAY, 1/4

- 5 PM

### SUNDAY, 1/5

- 8 AM Dennis & Janet 60th Wedding Anniversary
- 10 AM
- 12 PM



It is a wonderful Catholic tradition to request a Mass Intention for loved ones; living or deceased. In fact, asking for Mass intention for the deceased is not only Catholic tradition, it is biblical (2 Maccabees 12: 38-46).

Mass intention is also a wonderful gift for any special occasion: birthday, anniversary, in thanksgiving for a prayer answered, etc.

**Please call the parish office to schedule a Mass Intention.**

## TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR:

### Individuals

Alice Rigler	Gregory Kuhn	Mary Ann Turner
Ann Fournier	Hazel Hill	Melvin Armstrong
Ann Moore	Jen Duhe	Michael Davis
Ann Nechodom	Jonathan Turner	Olivia Brown
Annette Martin	Joseph Neito	Rhonda Brown
Anthony Davis	Joyce Croce	Richard Cortese
Bill Higgins	Juliet Roy	Richard Palmer
Carl Sunderlin	Julius Pinson Jr.	Sabrina Walker
Charlene Palmer	Laura Drummond	Sammy Huguet
Chester Williams	Laurie Rappl	Sandra McNaughton
Clarice Hanly	Lillie Davis	Sharon Bryant
David Burnett	Lori Cortese	Sharon Patton
Dee Dee Dzikowicz	Lori McGinley	Sherri Hoffman
Donna Neeley	Malik McCauley	Stephan Pleasant
Donna Nickels	Margaret Morris	Steve Miller
Dorothy Baker	Marie Therese Isdiore	Stuart MacNaughton
Drew Butterfield	Marilyn Daly	Tara Cleary
Elaine Greggs	Martha Cotel	Thelma Williams
Ellaniose Johnson	Mary Cormican	Tom James
Eric Kuhn	Mary Curran	Troy Koon
Erica Hardy	Matthew Bryson	Tyler Daly Korybski
Billy Mayes	Maureen Lukovic	Wilbert Morgan
Ronnie Glenn	Megan Counihan	Willie Davis
		Ruth Henderson

### Families

Barb & Vern Prinzing	Scott Cely Family
Dana Lacher	Michael & Ruth Walters
Duhe Family	Tessa & George Skoniecki
Catherine & Michael Branca	Deacon Richard Murtaugh
Doug, Debbie, & Barbara DeLeu	Deacon Steve & Susan Olson
Karen Randall & Family	Deacon Winston Wright

### Our Sick & Shut-Ins

Clenty Fair      Nicole Campbell Little

## HELP FOR THOSE IN NEED

If you are sick at home or in the hospital, have a member of your family notify the parish if you are not able to notify us yourself. We care about you and want to help you when you need help from your church family.

**If there is someone you would like to be added on the prayer list OR removed, please contact the Parish Office: 864-233-7717 ext 2.**

**Thank you!**

# PASTORAL REFLECTION & WEEKLY OFFERTORY RECAP

FROM THE DESK OF OUR ADMINISTRATOR  
*Fr. Emerson Rodriguez Delgado*

Dear friends, the Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of something incredible: the Word became flesh and entered the world as part of a family. Think about it—God could have come in any way, but He chose to experience the messy, beautiful, and complicated reality of family life. By doing this, God elevated family life to something sacred, a living picture of His divine love and community.

Let's be honest. When we hear "holy family," it might sound impossible. Life is chaotic, and every family faces its struggles. Perhaps your family is wrestling with addiction, broken relationships, disappointment, divorce, financial hardship, or just getting through the day. If that's you, remember that you're not alone.

Even more, families today come in all shapes and sizes. There are single parents doing it all on their own, divorced parents figuring out how to co-parent, and some other unique situations.

But here's some hope: the Holy Family didn't have it easy either. Mary and Joseph dealt with an unexpected pregnancy, fled to Egypt to stay safe, and raised Jesus in a humble setting. They probably had moments of doubt, fear, and the overwhelming responsibility of raising God's Son, wondering, are we doing this right?

How many of us have asked the same question? How many of you worry about your children who have strayed from the expected path? How many of you carry the heartbreak of watching your children drift away from the faith or values you worked so hard to instill in them? There is no manual or guide for parenthood. Mary and Joseph simply figured it out day by day—just like us.

St. John Paul II called the family "the school of love." Family life isn't about perfection. It's about showing up—forgiving, helping each other carry life's burdens, and sticking together, no matter what.

So, how can we strengthen our family bonds? Often, it's the small steps that matter most:

- Share meals together as time sacred.
- Put away your phones and truly see each other.
- Listen without interrupting or judging.
- Pray together, even when faith feels fragile.
- Laugh together – because joy heals wounds.
- Forgive quickly, remembering we're all "wounded healers."

These simple acts create a space for God's love can work in us and through us. Let us always keep choosing love. Families just need to keep trying. And in that trying, we experience a love that reflects God's own love for us. No matter what our family looks like, it is sacred in God's eyes. Rejoice always in the Lord. May God bless all our families.

## BULLETIN CONTENT SUBMISSION

Anyone parish group/organization wishing to submit items for publishing in the weekly bulletin should send the content to Kyle Hall ([kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:kyle.hall@charlestondiocese.org)) by **end of day Tuesday** for the coming weekend's bulletin. Submissions may have to be edited due to space constraints.



## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The First Friday's of each month from 12pm-5pm

Please consider taking time with Jesus this week.

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY PARTICIPATION

### Collections for December 21-22 Masses

Envelopes/Cash	\$21,581.50
Online Giving	\$14,261.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,843.27</b>

**Giving Online** makes it easier and more convenient to contribute to St. Anthony's Church. Scan the QR code to the right by opening your camera app to start giving online.

**Stewardship** is not only about the needs of the Church, rather it is about our desire to give back to God in thanksgiving, by sharing with others the blessings the Lord has bestowed on us.

The true spirit of Stewardship is  
"Equal Sacrifice and not Equal Giving."



# SACRAMENTS & MINISTRY INFO

## ACTIVE PARISHIONER

The criteria for an Active Parishioner are:

- Weekly participation in worship through attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days of Obligation.
- Volunteer at St. Anthony's on regular basis (**Time**)
- Active involvement in a parish ministry/organization (**Talent**)
- Weekly or monthly use of parish envelopes or online giving (**Treasure**)

## PARISH REGISTRATION AND SACRAMENTS

Those seeking to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Matrimony **must be registered members** for **at least six months** prior to reception of these

Sacraments. You must be a registered member of the parish to ask for Godparent or Sponsor's form of eligibility.

### Infant Baptism Class for Parents

Parents must be registered and active member of St. Anthony's. Class is offered on the third Thursday of every month. Pre- registration is required. Please call the office to pre-register. Baptisms are not celebrated during the Season of Lent.

### First Holy Communion

Preparation begins in the first grade and continues into second grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week in August.

### Confirmation

Preparation begins in the eighth grade and continues into ninth grade for a total of two years of preparation. Registration for Religious Education classes takes place in August. The first day of class is the third or fourth week of August. Adults who have not been confirmed and would like to receive the Sacrament are asked to contact the parish office.

### Marriage

You must be registered and active member at least six months prior to preparation of the Sacrament. Couples should call the parish office and speak to the priest/ Deacon for pre-nuptial inquiries. Then the couple will begin formal marriage preparations at least six months prior to the wedding date.

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

This is a process through which non-baptized adults known as catechumens or baptized adults who wish to convert from other faith traditions enter in communion with the Catholic Church. Classes begins in September. If you wish to become a Catholic, please call the parish office.

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRY DIRECTORY

### Parish Pastoral Council

Tony Smith, Chairperson.....803-727-5072

### Parish Finance Council

Sandy Thompson, Chairperson.....252-622-1945

Chery O'Malley, Secretary.....864-360-4667

### Eucharistic Ministers/Scripture Readers

Paul Herr.....864-907-9356

Kyle Herr.....864-907-9355

### Altar Servers

Marie Paula Jaramillo.....864-365-9877

### Women's Council

Carol Moeller.....864-380-4155

### Men's Club

Ralston Moore.....864-386-4852

David Quast.....864-906-2632

### Food Pantry

Carol Moeller.....864-380-4155

### 30's & 40's Group

JJ Reinheart.....607-382-9620

Renee Puckett Smith.....678-409-0408

### Elijah Cup Vocations Ministry

Mike Cumby.....864-417-8973

### Gala School Fundraiser

Jean Hever.....864-608-5256

### Health Ministry

Rita O'Rourke.....864-979-7544

### Hiking Ministry

Paul Herr.....864-907-9356

### Homebound Ministers

Donna Moerke.....404-374-4019

### Housing Ministry

Walt Laiewski .....864-354-7670

### Knights of Columbus

Jim Tetor.....540-809-7809

Richard Cortese.....864-201-8162

### Knights of Peter Claver

Paul Latimore.....864-299-0847

### Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

Mary Ann Boyd.....619-517-2191

### Living Waters Bible Study

Nicky & Lillie Jones.....864-832-4011 or 864-832-4012

### Meal Ministry

Dana Lacher.....864-354-0049

### Prayer Card Ministry & Prayer Shawl Ministry

Delores Martinez.....864-201-2204

### Prison Ministry

Richard Krainas.....864-360-1098

Gwen Whitner.....864-297-0123

### Young Families

Ruth Roberston..... [sapfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:sapfamilies@gmail.com)

### Children's Liturgy

Ruth Robertson..... [sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com](mailto:sapchildrensliturgy@gmail.com)

### Micah Ministry

David Quast.....864-906-2632

# SPIRITUAL & PARISH LIFE

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**December 29, Feast Day of THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52

**December 30, Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

**December 31, Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79

**January 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**January 2, Memorial of St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

**January 3, Friday of the Christmas Weekday**

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34

**January 4, Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

**January 5, THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



Scripture online at <https://bible.usccb.org/>

Do you have a couple of hours to volunteer?

Our school is looking for volunteers to work in the school library. Virtus training is required. If you are not trained, it is easy to complete.

Interested persons should email Sharon Scovel at [scovelsc@aol.com](mailto:scovelsc@aol.com) or Paulette Payne at [Paulettejpayne@charter.com](mailto:Paulettejpayne@charter.com). Thank you for your support.

HAPPY  
*New Year*

**New Year Eve and Day Mass Times:**

Tuesday, December 31: 9:00pm

Wednesday, January 1: 11:00am

# PARISH LIFE

## Confirmation Rally

Greenville Deanery



JANUARY 12, 2025

1:30PM - 5:30PM

ST. MARY MAGDALENE • SIMPSONVILLE, SC

Join us for a day of growing in **faith**, understanding your Confirmation journey, and being "**set on fire**" by the Holy Spirit. *Get ready for a day of excitement and spiritual renewal!*

### KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

MIKE SYLVESTER



RHYAN RAMIREZ



CONTACT YOUR YOUTH MINISTER FOR MORE INFORMATION

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

DECEMBER 29- JANUARY 5

Sunday, December 29

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31

Wednesday, January 1



# PARISH LIFE

The South Carolina Student Life Summit will be January 11, 2025, at 2:00pm at the Village Church, 2204 Park St., Downtown Columbia, SC. All students are welcome. Come join us for fellowship, information and service project. Get your tickets at [studentlifesummit.com](http://studentlifesummit.com)

For more information, [Cbrown@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:Cbrown@charlestondiocese.org).

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF: January 4-5, 2025

SATURDAY, 1/4: 5PM	SUNDAY, 1/5: 8AM	SUNDAY, 1/5: 10AM	SUNDAY, 1/5: 12 PM
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Mary Grace Gilchrist Maria Paula Jaramillo	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Jacob Powers Chris Powers	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Cindy Caudill James Filchak Rita Galley	<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b> Adrian Drummond Arianna Drummond David Mitchell-Dela Cruz
<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> Bobbie Cancelliere (Host) Laura Combs (Cup 1) Jane Kirkpatrick (Cup 2) Michael Hemmert (Cup 3)	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> Mary Ann Boyd (Host) Anna Byrd (Cup 1) Maggie Kleger (Cup 2) Stephanie Rosso (Cup 3)	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> Erena Allen (Host) Mary Morris Williams (Cup 1) Barbara Prinzing (Cup 3) Camilla Hertwig (Cup 3)	<b>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> Nico Green (Host) Jessie Bowens (Cup 1) Joseph Green (Cup 2) Dawn Davis (Cup 3)
<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b> David Carfolite (Lector 1) Dianne Hemmert (Lector 2)	<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b> Paulette Payne (Lector 1) Rose Martinez-Brandon (Lector 2)	<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b> Sandy Thompson (Lector 1) Mary Ann Turner (Lector 2)	<b>SCRIPTURE READERS</b> Maureen Watts (Lector 1) Yvonne Reynolds (Lector 2)
<b>USHERS</b> Rick Flyod Beth Holcombe Kathy Peot Jim Tetor Bill Kirkpatrick Mike Hemmert	<b>USHERS</b> Mike Ayers Robert McDowell Nicky Jones Lynn Sholl Lillie Jones Jeff Sholl	<b>USHERS</b> Bob Dastou Jay Korybski Tom Creagan Mike Connor Jim Stavakas Pam Chivers	<b>USHERS</b> Tom Moeller Bryant Boyd Ray Lecuyer Mariel Hunkeler Ron Drennon Cynthia Riley

## DECEMBER 29 - JANUARY 5

<u>Thursday, January 2</u>	<u>Friday, January 3</u>	<u>Saturday, January 4</u>	<u>Sunday, January 5</u>
		9:30am- Prayer Shawl Ministry Multi-Purpose Room	9:00am- Breakfast SAP Social Hall

# NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

On the evening of December 21, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School hosted a remarkable Music Extravaganza and fundraiser that left a lasting impression on all who attended. The event featured an array of talented performers, including the St. Anthony Church Choir, guest soloists, St. Anthony's Boys Choir, the St. Anthony School Praise Dance Team, and the St. Anthony's Church Music Team. The night was filled with unforgettable singing and praise, as each group delivered heartfelt and powerful performances. The St. Anthony Church Choir captivated the audience with their harmonious melodies, while the guest soloists showcased their exceptional vocal talents. The Boys Choir added a touch of youthful energy and to the event, and the Praise Dance Team moved gracefully, enhancing the overall experience with their expressive dance routines. The Musicians provided the perfect musical backdrop, adding depth and richness to the evening's performances. It was a night of celebration, unity, and joy, as the community came together to support the school and enjoy the incredible talents of its members. The success of the fundraiser was a testament to the dedication and hard work of all involved, and it will be remembered as one of the most extraordinary events in the school's history. A special thank you to Mr. Larry McCullough for organizing and spearheading this event. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this Music Extravaganza a truly special and memorable night!



"St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School will be closed from December 23, 2024 - January 3, 2025, and will reopen on January 6, 2025."

