

St. Mary Magdalene December 20, 2024

Christmas Mass Times



ST. MARY MAGDALENE CATHOLIC CHURCH

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS
Celebrating the Joy of Christ's Birth

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES 4PM & 7PM CHURCH 4:15PM GYM 12:00AM MIDNIGHT CHURCH	CHRISTMAS DAY 10AM CHURCH 
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[Click here for the Christmas Parking Plan and information about Christmas Masses](#)

[Click to Live Stream Christmas Day Mass 10am](#)

A Note from Father Mike

A Christmas celebration for me does not seem complete without singing “Silent Night, Holy Night.” What a peaceful, gentle image that song brings to our mind. Yet, is it an accurate image of what truly took place over 2000 years ago? In reality, there was not much peace or silence in the crowded, chaotic Bethlehem the night Jesus was born. The town was bursting at the seams with visitors and travelers who had come for the great census ordered by the Roman Emperor Caesar Augustus. Ancient Israel was hardly a place of “heavenly peace.” There was much tension and conflict between the Jewish people and their Roman occupiers. It was a land torn apart by oppression, persecution, and fear.

Yet, on that precious night that was filled with many emotions, Jesus our Savior was born. Hidden in a dark stable, the Light of the world was born. Amid the pain and anguish of a downcast people, the Messiah came with new hope and a transforming peace and joy. Even though our world today, centuries later, may seem far from “silent”, our personal lives far from “calm”, and our futures far from “bright.” We know with the birth of each child comes new potential, exciting dreams, and a promise of hope. The same feelings St. Anne & St. Joachim felt at the birth of their daughter Mary.

This year, as we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace, let us remember to pray and sing for peace on earth and good will to all. God has blessed our flawed and fractured world by walking upon it. By loving those in it and by laying down his life for all who pass through it. During this Christmas season, let our hearts always be filled with his joy and may our minds rest in heavenly peace.

In His Love,

Fr. Mike Coveyou

Giving Portal

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Upcoming Events

Dec 21 - 10:30am Confessions
Dec 21 - 5pm Mass
Dec 22 - 9am & 11am Mass
Dec 23 - Jan 1 - Parish Office Closed
Dec 23 - Daily Mass 9am
Dec 23 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
Dec 24 - No Daily Mass
Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Masses - 4pm Church,
4:15pm Gym, 7pm Church, Midnight Church
Dec 25 - **Christmas Day 10am Mass Live Streamed**
Dec 26 - No Daily Mass
Dec 27 - No Daily Mass
Dec 28 - No Confessions
Dec 28 - 5pm Mass
Dec 29 - 9am & 11am Mass
Dec 30 - Daily Mass 9am
Dec 30 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
Dec 31 - Daily Mass 9am
Jan 1 - Solemnity of Mary 10am Mass
Jan 2 - Daily Mass 9am
Jan 2 - Morning Rosary Group after Mass
Chapel

Mass This Weekend Dec 21-22

Click [HERE](#) to Stream our 9am Mass

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: Advent Entrance Antiphon pg 40

Responsorial Psalm: 80 Lord Make Us Turn to You

Preparation: Great is the Lord

Communion 1: O Come O Come Emmanuel 39

Communion 2: You Alone 656

Communion 3: Even So Come

Sending Forth: Emmanuel 58

Mass Dec 28-29

Click [HERE](#) to Stream our 9am Mass

Music for Weekend Masses

Gathering: O Come All Ye Faithful 102

Responsorial Psalm: 84: Blessed Are They Who Dwell In Your House

Preparation: Child of the Poor/What Child is

Jan 3 - Daily Mass 9am
Jan 3 - First Friday Adoration 9:30am - 7pm Church
Jan 4 - 10:30am Confessions
Jan 4 - 5pm Mass
Jan 5 - 9am & 11am Mass
Jan 5 - Apostello, EDGE, & the Way
Jan 5 - Youth Mass 6pm
Jan 6 - Daily Mass 9am
Jan 6 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
Jan 7 - Daily Mass 9am
Jan 7 - Gather & the Rock 6:15pm Church

This 100/101

Communion 1: Away in a Manger 80

Communion 2: Silent Night 84

Communion 3: O Little Town of Bethlehem 88

Sending Forth: Joy to the World 90

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Pictures of the Week



THANK
YOU!
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Heartwarming mornings, served with love A big thank you to our Knights of Columbus & Columbiettes who brought smiles and a delicious breakfast to our 3rd Graders during their annual prayer breakfast!



The baptisms of Brooks Carman and Dominic Westbrook by Monsignor Wall on December 15th





Appreciation from the Columbiettes

Our sincere gratitude to Father Mike, Father Francis and our parish family for their enthusiastic support and patronage of our 3rd Annual Advent Bake Sale and Gift Bazaar on Dec 14-15. ! Your generous contributions will go toward the needs of our StMM church, school and local charities. We wish you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas and a joyful, healthy new year. For more information on the Mulholland Columbiettes, or if you're interested in joining us, contact us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com

Altar Flowers



Take this opportunity to consider donating flowers to St. Mary Magdalene to beautify the altar and church for weekly Mass to honor our Lord. These flowers will

be donated in honor of or in memory of your loved one. Click [here](#).

For questions, please contact floralministry@stmm.net

Mass Intentions

December 21 – 5pm – Charles Kesser +
 December 22 – 9am – Parishioners of StMM
 December 22 – 11am – Dick Foster +
 December 23 –
 December 24 – 4pm – Parishioners of StMM
 December 24 – 4:15pm –
 December 24 – 7pm –
 December 25 – 12am –
 December 25 – 10am –
 December 26-27 – No Daily Mass
 December 28 – 5pm – Tracey Lynn Santori-Hrabak +
 December 29 – 9am – Stephen Hennessey +
 December 29 – 11am – Parishioners of StMM
 December 30 – Robert Roe +
 December 31 – Sean Reilly +
 January 1 – 10am –
 January 2 – Charles Roba +

Angel Tree Thank You

Sacraments



BAPTISMS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email sansone@stmm.net. First time parents must attend a baptism class. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

CONFESSIONS - Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church. See "Upcoming Events" section for schedule.

WEDDINGS - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email weddings@stmm.net

25th Anniversary Car Magnets



Magnets were handed out by the Parish Council as part of our 25th Anniversary celebrations. If you did not get a magnet, additional magnets can be picked up at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex of the Church after Masses.

Study of the Torah with Deacon Dev



Dear Parishioners,
We want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible response to this year's Angel Tree collections. All the groups that the Angel Tree sponsored received an outpouring of generous donations.

Your kindness has been truly overwhelming and have brought hope and joy to so many families in need. Because of your selfless contributions, we have been able to make a meaningful difference in our community, ensuring that may families experience the love and spirit of the season. Your compassion reflects the true meaning of Christmas, and we are deeply thankful for your support as a contributor and or as a volunteer.

May God bless you abundantly for your giving hearts and for making this initiative such a wonderful success.

Wishing you and your families a blessed and joyous holiday season

With gratitude

Parishioner Assistance Ministry (PAM)

Are you looking for an opportunity to help others through end-of-year giving? Please consider donating to Parishioner Assistance Ministry (PAM)! PAM supports parishioners during times of need, such as medical challenges, job loss, or welcoming new babies. Through our volunteer network, we have provided meals, groceries, transportation to Mass and medical appointments, home support, yard work, companionship, prayer resources, and more. We also offer short-term financial support to help parishioners through tough times. We invite you to visit the [giving portal](#) on the church website to donate and help our fellow parishioners.



Weekday Study of the Torah for Everyone

Join Deacon Dev and many of your fellow parishioners on

Thursday evenings for

a unique study of the Torah – the first five books of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), also called the Law (or the Pentateuch, in Christianity). See how it all began! The Torah provides important historical and spiritual insights, that will deepen your understanding of the foundational teachings of our own faith. It is an essential part of the Bible and continues to be relevant to us today.

This promises to be a richly rewarding study and we hope you will join us! Meetings will be in the STMM Church on Thursday evenings, beginning **January 16, 2025 at 6.30pm**. Please register by accessing the attached link (each person to be separately registered). If you have any questions, or need more information, please email Deacon Dev at lobo@stmm.net.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FABA923A3FCC52-53999241-anintroduction>

Parish Athletics Spring Sports

Apex-Cary Spring Soccer 2025

Grades: Coed, Pre-K (3-year-olds) thru 8th grade.

Dates: March 22nd - May 17th.

Practice Locations: Apex or Cary, you pick.

Game Locations: Apex & Cary.

Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K - 1st grade - \$70; 2nd - 8th grade - \$80

Note: Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays. Kindergarteners thru 8th graders have one weekday practice per week and weekend games.

[REGISTER FOR SOCCER HERE](#)

Apex Spring Baseball 2025

Grades: Coed. Pre-K (4-year-olds) thru 2nd grade.

Dates: March 29th - May 24th.

Practice/Game Location: Apex

Cost: Pre-K - \$65; K thru 2nd grade - \$70

Note: PreK thru Kindergarten plays T-Ball; 1st and 2nd grade play machine pitch. Pre-k players have a combined practice/game on Saturdays.

Adult Faith Refresher & Adult Confirmation Prep with Deacon Rick

Do you wish you had a better understanding of your faith so you can lead a more joyful life? Do you feel like you aren't able to connect the dots with all you've learned?

Then come join Deacon Rick and your fellow parishioners for a dynamic six-week series that will enhance your daily spiritual life.

We typically get a small group of participants together for what is more discussion and less lecture.

The next series begins on January 15 and runs five more consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact me if you wish to join!
stevens@stmm.net or 908-910-0309

NOTE: THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS CONFIRMATION PREP FOR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.

March for Life Bus Trip

Time to sign up for the bus trip to the National March for Life - The National March for Life will be on January 24, 2025 in Washington, DC. You can join thousands at the National Mall for the concert, rally, great speakers, and march for the preborn children, and for all who still need your support for the Culture of Life in our State and Nation. The cost is \$100 per seat, and school-age children ride free with a parent or guardian. The bus will leave from St. Raphaels Catholic Church and return the same day. Can't make it? Then please sponsor a trip for some of these kids.. Sign up or donate at www.KofC9880.org/marchforlife

Safe Environment

Returning Volunteers

All returning volunteers should have completed the annual Safe Environment Training module by September 15. The Diocese has started to "suspend" or "archive" those who are not compliant. If you missed the deadline and would like to volunteer, please contact Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net).

New Volunteers

Kindergarteners – 2nd grade have one weekday practice per week and games on Saturdays.

REGISTER FOR BASEBALL HERE

Luminaria Kits Available Dec 22nd



St. Mary Magdalene's BSA Troop 316 participated in the upcoming neighborhood holiday luminaria, a Triangle-area tradition since 1973. The celebration traditionally takes place on December 24, or coordinated with neighbors for other holiday events. Candles are set out by the curbs or in the driveways in white bags to beautifully illuminate the streets of the neighborhood. The donations benefit scouting and service activities for the Troop.

We have extra kits! Between 10A-11A on Sunday December 22nd we will distribute free kits from the lower cafeteria parking lot off Village Commons Lane.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Troop 316!

Prayers & Squares Ministry



The Prayer Quilt Ministry is founded on the idea that there is power in prayer to comfort in times of need. The ministry makes quilts for anyone who is in need of this prayer and comfort. The quilt is blessed and prayed over by the parishioners. If you would like to request a prayer quilt for someone please contact Lorraine Morris at lcmorris0707@gmail.com

Forward In Hope - Grief Support Group to Begin in January

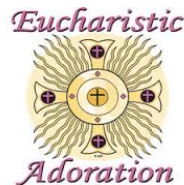


If you're in need of consolation after losing a loved one, this Christ-centered faith

sharing group is for you. We recommend participants join us approximately six months after the loss of a loved one. Sessions will

To become approved to volunteer, please go to the [StMM Safe Environment web page](#). See the *New Volunteers - Church and School* paragraph for information and required paperwork. See the [Diocese of Raleigh Safe Environment Training calendar](#) for upcoming training dates. There are other meetings on the calendar, so look for "Safe Environment Training". To register, select the one you'd like to attend. Please contact Bertha Smith (bsmith@stmm.net) with any questions.

Eucharistic Adoration Times



First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **January 3rd 9:30am - 7pm**. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the chapel throughout the day and spend some time in prayer. Can you help by committing to 1 hour a month to spend with our Lord?

Please contact Anita Becker at ALANITABECKER@AOL.COM or 919-280-8931 if interested.



Please join Deacon Rick for Eucharistic Holy Hour and Evening Prayer. This sacred time is an opportunity for a deep, personal encounter with Christ: Pope Francis recommends Eucharistic Adoration as a foundational spiritual practice. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be followed by evening prayer (Vespers) in the Liturgy of The Hours which represents the official prayers of the Church. We give thanks for the day and praise God. Adoration continues followed by Benediction.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, January 28 , from 6:30pm - 7:25pm

RCIA Prayer Corner

Please pray for Kaitlyn, Ashton, Michael, Mark, Michael, Yazmin, Jessica, and Earl who have started their RCIA journey.

Please pray for the Montana, Christina, and Victoria who are starting their RCIA journey in two week.

Please pray for all of those who are considering starting the RCIA journey.

consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. Classes will be held on Monday evenings at 7:00 pm or Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am beginning mid-January. For more information or to register, please email stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net, call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280.

Prayer Team



For companionship in your trials and joys of life, our team of prayer warriors are here to walk with you. It is a sincere privilege to help lift our parish family through intercessory prayer. As we pray for one another's needs, it helps us all to hear how loved ones are continuing on their journeys.

Please feel encouraged to share updates of your prayer intentions via email to StMMPayerTeam@stmm.net.

Request Prayers

All are welcome to join our team in lifting the prayers of our parish family, in whatever ways you like to pray best. Parish intentions are shared weekly, drop us a note if you would like to learn more about this ministry. * [Share Prayer Updates via email](#). *

Join the Prayer Team

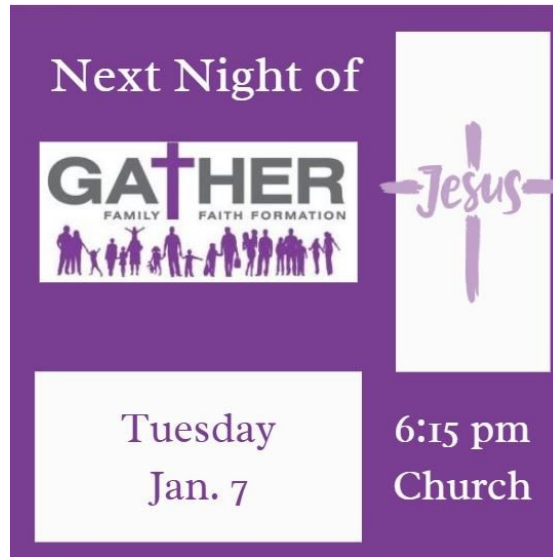
RCIA



Are you an adult interested in becoming Catholic? Are you wanting to participate fully in the sacraments instituted by Christ? Are you a baptized Christian and desiring to receive the Eucharist and Confirmation? The next module of the RCIA process at StMM is starting in November 11, 2024. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Deacon Rick Stevens at stevens@stmm.net and let's have a conversation. We can help you start the process. Be assured by Christ's very

Faith Formation

[Click Here for the 2024-25 Faith Formation Calendar](#)



Questions:

For **GATHER**, contact Suzanne Will at will@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7280

For the **ROCK** contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

StMM Middle and High School Youth Ministry



Mountain Retreat is now full! Please email Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net to be added to the waitlist.



Camp Hidden Lake deposit

Open to all current 6th- 8th graders for summer 2025! All those interested in summer camp please secure your spot. The link below is \$100 deposit for camp in Georgia. DUE: February 3rd!

[Click here to pay deposit](#)

Questions:

For **EDGE**, contact Sarah Ritchie at ritchie@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7307

For **Apostello and the Way**, contact Niki Furnier at nfurnier@stmm.net or 919-657-4800 x7309

For **Confirmation**, contact the coordinator at StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com

School News

Interested in joining St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School for the 25-26 school year? Tours are now open! Click [HERE](#) to visit us on campus to learn how we pray, learn, and care in our preschool, elementary, and middle school classrooms! Contact Lisa Portland, portland@stmm.net, with any questions!



St. Mary
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TOURS
OPEN

25-26 School Year

Serving
PreK3
through
Eighth
Grade



We pray. We learn. We care.

Bread for the World

United for our Future



Join **Bread for the World** as we gather
to unite our voices to end hunger!

Build Your Knowledge:

In the morning, join Eugene Cho, President and CEO of Bread for the World and other experts to learn about food insecurity at home and abroad, and how Bread for the World's Nourish our Future campaign encourages lawmakers to make ending hunger a priority.

Make Your Voice Heard:

In the afternoon, join Bread for the World members from across the state to welcome lawmakers, staffers, and other policy leaders. Together, we will ask them to make ending hunger a priority, and to commit to Bread's Nourish our Future campaign.

REGISTER BY
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Saturday, January 25, 2025

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Highland United Methodist Church



A \$20 suggested donation covers lunch, materials, coffee,
and snacks throughout the day. College students are invited free of charge.

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