
St. Mary Magdalene March 29, 2024

A Note from Father Chris

Many blessings on Easter! May the risen Jesus Christ shine bright in our hearts with love and peace.

Seminarian Johan Salas will be ordained a deacon on **Saturday, April 6th at 10:00am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral**. Coming from Columbia three years ago, we have been honored here at St. Mary Magdalene to be Johan's North Carolina home parish. We are all invited to attend his ordination. Let's have a good show of support for Johan as he becomes a deacon and moves closer to the priesthood.

With great love and gratitude,

Fr. Chris

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Upcoming Events

March 29 - Good Friday - Parish Office Closed
 March 29 - Stations of the Cross 12pm
 March 29 - Passion of the Lord 3pm
 March 30 - No Confessions
 March 30 - Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm
 March 31 - Easter Sunday 9am & 11:15am Mass
 Outside [Parking Information](#)
 April 1 - Parish Office Closed
 April 1 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 April 1 - 4 No Daily Mass
 April 2 - Eucharistic Holy Hour 7pm Church
 April 5 - Daily Mass 9am
 April 5 - First Friday Eucharistic Adoration
 9:30am - 7pm Church
 April 5 - Bingo Night 7pm Dining Hall
 April 6 - No Confessions
 April 6 - Blood Drive 8:30am - 1:30pm
 April 6 - 5pm Mass
 April 7 - 9am & 11am
 April 7 - Divine Mercy Sunday 3pm Church
 April 7 - Apostello, The Way, & The EDGE
 April 7 - Youth Mass 6pm
 April 8 - Daily Mass 9am
 April 8 - Family Rosary 6:30pm Chapel
 April 9 - Gather & the ROCK 6:15pm Church

Mass This Weekend

Click [HERE](#) to Stream our 7:30pm Easter Vigil Mass

Music for Weekend Masses

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Responsorial Psalm 118: This Is The Day

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Pictures of the Week





StMM School service morning with Brown Bag ministries. About 65 kids, parents and even grandparents helped make and bag over 2000 meals. Our Knights of Columbus also donated the remaining food from their fish fry the evening before to a family shelter.

Easter Masses

Easter Vigil Mass 7:30pm Church

Easter Sunday Outside Masses 9am & 11:15am

[Click Here for Easter Sunday Parking Information](#)

We need your help on EASTER Sunday OUTDOOR Masses. Please see the sign up genius link and consider helping out so our services can run smoothly. Various roles and various timeslots are available. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

[To volunteer, click here](#)

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

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

April 6th Ordination



WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD
THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE of RALEIGH
JOYFULLY ANNOUNCES THE ORDINATION OF

**JOHAN ANDRÉS
SALAS RESTREPO**

TO THE ORDER OF THE DIACONATE
THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS
AND
THE INVOCATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
AS CONFERRED BY
HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST REVEREND LUIS RAFAEL ZARAMA
BISHOP OF RALEIGH

SATURDAY, THE SIXTH DAY OF APRIL
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY FOUR
TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CATHEDRAL
715 NAZARETH STREET,
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA

Bingo Night April 5th



Goodbye winter, **COME and SPRING** into **BINGO!** Try your **LUCK**, have **FUN**, win **PRIZES!**

All ages are welcome! BUT space is limited, so reserve your spot **NOW - Registration closes April 3!**

If you sign up an additional group of 3 to attend, you get a free game pack! So **HURRY** and invite friends and family!

Where: StMM School Cafeteria, April 5 - Friday - doors open at 630 pm and play begins promptly at 7 PM. **CASH** or **CHECKS** only to purchase bingo cards, daubers, light refreshments. Proceeds go to charitable causes supported by your Mulholland Columbiettes.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090548A8AB2CA64-48364695-bingo>

For more information, contact Kathy Lynch
kathy@kathylynchhomes.com or 919-210-2709.

Habitat for Humanity

Advocacy is part of the Habitat for Humanity mission, and towards that end, they have asked for our parish to help support a petition to the Town Council about affordable housing in our area. The link below will take you to a longer explanation and the on line petition. Please consider adding your voice to this worthy cause by reading and signing the petition. Any questions, please contact our H4H coordinators at stmmhabitat@stmm.net

[Protect Apex Residents in Manufactured Housing Communities \(office.com\)](#)

Our parish will be participating with other faith groups from SW Wake County at the Old Poole Road project on April 20. NO construction experience is needed, with adults 18 and up welcomed. Please sign up at the volunteer hub: <http://vhub.at/SpringOPP>

Please be sure to fill in St Mary Magdalene as your affiliated group. If you have registered before with H4H, the system will remember you. If this is a new sign up, the system will prompt you for information and waivers.

Divine Mercy Sunday



The Sunday after Easter is Divine Mercy Sunday!

Come celebrate the Feast of Mercy on

Sunday, April 7th at 3pm in the church. All are welcome! Bring your family, friends and children. There will be music, prayers,

Adoration and Benediction.

Doors open at 2:40pm, we will begin promptly at 3pm

Questions: hoffman@stmm.net

Forward In Hope



Forward in Hope - Grief Support Group to Begin

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. Meetings begin April 16, 2024 Tuesday evening 7:00 pm and run six weeks. Sessions will consist of prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship. For more information, please feel free to email stmmForwardinhope@stmm.net, call 919-657-4800 ext. 7280 or sign up by completing [this registration form](#).

CRS Rice Bowl Collection

CRS RICE BOWLS: Completing Our Lenten Almsgiving:

As we draw our Lenten sacrifices to a close, **please do not forget to submit your donation to CRS Rice Bowls**. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas.

Please submit your Rice Bowl donation through the StMM Giving Portal.

Go online to stmm.church and choose "Giving Portal" at the top. Fill in the "Give" box with your donation amount. The "To" box says Offertory, click there for a drop down menu, and scroll down and click on "Rice Bowls." Add your email address in the box provided.

It may ask you to sign in or complete as guest, simply follow the prompts from there to complete.

If your child attends StMM School or a faith formation program, please follow the collection plan for your child's program.

Seeking Sponsors for

Blood Drive

Knights of Columbus Blood Drive - Saturday April 6th from 8:30 am til 1:30 pm in the St Mary Magdalene School parking lot. Blood donations don't cost us anything but it can save someone's life. Donors received a \$25 gift card. Please reserve your time by clicking on the following link:

https://donate.thebloodconnection.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/226329

Altar Server Training



"Serving at the Altar is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus" – Pope Francis

Altar serving is a great way to learn more about the Mass and to take an active role in the Church family. All who are 3rd grade and up and have received their First Sacraments are welcome to join the altar server ministry! Training sessions for new servers will be held on **Saturday, April 20th at 6pm** and **Saturday, April 27th at 6pm** in the Church. If any existing servers need a "refresher," they are also welcome to join. Please choose one session and RSVP to Andree Genez at stmmaltarservers@gmail.com. Parents are encouraged to attend!

Join the Columbiettes



Mulholland Columbiettes Auxiliary at StMM: Join us April 24!

Are you a Catholic woman 18 years of age or older, looking for a way to give back to your community and grow in faith? Would you like to make new friends with other Catholic women, serve together and pray together? Then the Columbiettes is for you. We are a band of sisters, a network of women in communities throughout the US doing good works in service of God and our neighbors. We also have fun! You can meet many of us at our upcoming Easter Egg Hunt and Game Night events. Our next Joining Ceremony is April 24. You can learn more about us at our website, or contact us at fr.hcmulhollandcolumbiettes@gmail.com or Cathy Stevens at 908-910-0308. Website: <https://frhcmulhollandcolu.wixsite.com/columbiettes7186>

Adult Faith Refresher/

Ukraine Refugees

We are seeking parishioners that would consider being a sponsor for Ukrainian refugees to come to America under the Unity for Ukraine program.

<https://www.uscis.gov/ukraine>

Various other parishioners have sponsored refugees under this program and now another family of 5 have reached out to me seeking their own sponsors. This family was from the Kherson region of Ukraine and they fled the war and currently reside as refugees in the Baltic region. Under the U4U program, a sponsor has to enroll through the US custom and immigration service and agree to those stated responsibilities.

The Parish would also be involved in assisting any sponsors with relocation, housing, documents and such, plus they will have the benefit of joining up with their Ukrainian friends in the area that can also help them settle in under this program.

Interested in learning more: please reach out to Jim Galkowski Galkowski@stmm.net or 919 633 9104

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

Mass Intentions Update

As our parish has grown, we have seen an increase in Mass intentions. This has created some challenges to accommodate these requests. At this time, we will be limiting Mass Intentions to 1 per month per person to allow for sufficient opportunities for all that request these. We hope to be able to expand our Mass Intentions in the future and appreciate your understanding at this time.

Confirmation Prep

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 me 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 April 17 and runs five more consecutive Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Please contact me if you wish to join! stevens@stmm.me or 908-910-0309
NOTE: THIS SERIES ALSO SERVES AS CONFIRMATION PREP FOR ADULTS WISHING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT.

Catholic Senior Organization

The CSO (Catholic Senior Organization for women and men (60+) meets every third Monday of the month, September through May. Our next meeting will take place Monday, April 15, 2024, 10:30 AM until Noon, in Church meeting room #3. For more information, please contact Miriam Moore, 919-387-8676 or Fran Hughes, gmomfr@gmail.com

Monarch Masters April 29th

MONARCH MASTERS - APRIL 29TH 10 AM, MacGREGOR DOWNS COUNTRY CLUB

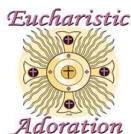
Join us for an exclusive StMM experience at the award-winning MacGregor Downs golf course! Gather your team of one, two, or four for 18 holes of golf, complete with breakfast, cart, and lunch. Whether you bring guests, colleagues, or family, don't wait to register before spots fill up. With a captain's choice format, everyone can enjoy, regardless of their golfing prowess! For more information, please visit STMMgolf.com, or register [HERE](#).

MONARCH MASTERS - SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!!

We welcome family and business sponsors and will thank you with a customized sign with your logo or family name. Sponsor [HERE](#) and a member of the PSO will reach out for your logo,

if applicable. We also welcome prizes for golfers if your family or business can donate a gift certificate, tickets to an event, wine, golf products, etc. Contact [Brian Meljac](#) with sponsorship questions and donations.

Eucharistic Adoration Times



Pope Francis encourages us to spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and allow our encounter with Jesus to transform us. If you are willing to spend an hour

communing with our Lord before the Blessed Sacrament, please join Deacon Dev and your fellow parishioners the 1st Tuesday of each month in a spirit of Adoration, Contrition, Thanksgiving, and Supplication followed by Benediction. Handouts will be available to help you participate in prayer and song.

Next Holy Hour: Tuesday, April 2nd, from 7-8pm

First Friday Adoration will be in the church on Friday, **April 5th from 9:30am - 7pm**. All are encouraged to pay a visit to the church 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.

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 on May 6, 2024. Now is a great time to start. Will you join us? Please contact Kathy and Scott Strednak at rcia@stmm.me and let's have a conversation. We can help you start the process. Be assured by Christ's very own words: *"Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened to you"*.

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 Prayer Corner

Please pray for the following catechumens and candidates as they prepare for the following Rites:

Perry who will receive the Rite of Full Communion (Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 at the 9:00 AM Mass.

Ben and Daniel who will receive the Rite of Election on Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 AM Mass.

Oletha, Denise, Dominick, and Hailey who will receive the Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion on Sunday, April 21 at the 11:00 AM Mass

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

Faith Formation

A purple-themed poster for a 'NEXT GATHER' event. At the top, the word 'NEXT' is written in orange. Below it is the 'GATHER FAMILY FAITH FORMATION' logo, which includes a silhouette of a family. To the right of the logo is a purple vertical rectangle containing a gold cross with the word 'Jesus' written across it in a cursive font. At the bottom left, a purple box contains the text 'Tuesday April 9' in orange. At the bottom right, another purple box contains the text '6:15 pm Church' in orange.

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

Questions:

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

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

For **Confirmation**, contact StMM.confirmation@kristoffs.com

School News



St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School is accepting applications for the 24-25 school year in PreK4 and grades 6th-8th. Applications are closed for K-5th grade. If you are interested in a Catholic education for your child(ren), apply [HERE](#) or contact Lisa Portland (portland@stmm.net) to schedule a tour!

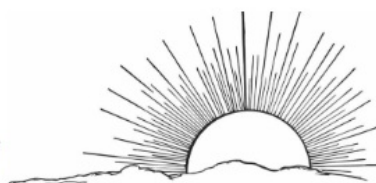
School Employment Opportunities

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School invites you to join our school community as a substitute teacher. We offer competitive compensation, a great work environment, and a flexible work schedule to fit your life. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting opportunity, please contact Kate Lawson at the school at lawson@stmm.net.

Aftercare Employment Opportunities

Hiring in Aftercare. Must be 18 years or older. Aftercare is looking for someone who enjoys children and who can commit to five days a week: Monday through Friday. We've got a great team and would welcome new people with open arms. Hours are 2:30pm to 6pm. Please email Kate Lawson at lawson@stmm.net if interested.

Lily of the Valley Retreat



FINDING PEACE AMIDST SORROW & SUFFERING

Two Day Women's Retreat
Our Lady of Lourdes - Fallon Center

Friday Evening, April 12th
Soulcore & Prayer, Wine, Chocolate

Saturday, April 13th
Join us as we journey with Catholic Speaker and Author, Eileen Tully, to learn more about how to use our individual Catholic identity and personal temperaments to find peace amidst times of sorrow and suffering.

Topics will include Catholic mindset, intentional prayer, Christ-centered wellness and how to explore the gifts that come by way of suffering.

For more info and to register:
www.LOTVministry.org



Ignited by Truth Conference

**27TH
APRIL**

REYNOLDS
COLISEUM
8AM - 5:30PM

**Don't Miss This
Unforgettable Day!**

- Experience Mass with Bishop Zarama and Confession with numerous diocesan priests
- Listen and talk to our fantastic speakers
- See your friends & grow your children's faith
- Be moved in Adoration or with saint's relics
- Say a Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet with over 1000 fellow Catholics
- Learn more about your Catholic Faith

Friday Night Adoration,
Praise & Worship for
ALL ages with Franciscan
University of Steubenville

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CONFERENCE**
21st Annual



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ROSARY & ST. JOSEPH



FR. LAWRENCE CARNEY
THE HOLY FACE



MSGR. STEPHEN ROSSETTI
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A Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome



From Francis to Francis: A Spiritual Journey from Assisi to Rome : October 22 to 31, 2024

You are invited to join Msgr. John Wall and Fr. John De Guzman on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Italy this Fall. We will spend three peace-filled nights in the medieval hillside town of Assisi, where St. Francis lived and prayed in the 13th century. Then, we turn our sites to the hilltop town of Orvieto, where the Feast of Corpus Christi began, before our final stop in Rome for five nights, where we'll immerse ourselves in the rich history of the Eternal City and plan to attend the General Papal Audience with our beloved Pope Francis.

To download the free color brochure and registration form, visit www.GoCatholicTravel.com/24059



Msgr. John Wall



Fr. John De Guzman

For more information, please contact your Group Coordinator, Ms. MJ Bettman via email at: 2024RomeTrip@gmail.com. Space is limited so sign up soon!

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