

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church is a welcoming parish of disciples inviting all to grow in holiness through the reverent celebration of the Eucharist and Sacraments while reaching out to those in need and sharing our Catholic faith with all.

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### This Week on Formed

Week of November 30, 2025



#### Rooted: Rediscover the Jesse Tree This Advent | Trailer

Hosted by Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Rooted guides Catholics through a daily Advent reflection using the Jesse Tree model traditionally practiced by families. Each seven-minute episode introduces the ancestors of Jesus Christ, shares a Scripture passage, and offers an engaging, practical reflection.



#### Week One | Adore: Advent with Fr. John Burns

Join Fr. John Burns as he journeys deeper into the theme for week one: watchfulness.



#### Week One | Encountering Emmanuel with Heather Khym

In week one, Heather speaks about the first reason for the Incarnation—Jesus saves us. Heather helps us to give our sorrows to Jesus, and open our hearts to the saving power of Christ.

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

#### How do parishioners register to use our FORMED subscription?

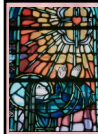
Registering for **FORMED** is easier than ever: Go to [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup):

1. Select our Parish by name;
2. Register with your name and email address;
3. Check your email account for a link to begin using **FORMED**;
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**It's free! Download books, watch great movies, podcasts, and more!**



### Women of St. Margaret Mary



#### OUR MISSION

Our women's group is a service organization created to support the mission of our parish and our pastor's initiatives, and to promote individual spiritual growth through prayers, reflection, and action.

#### BECOME A MEMBER!

Catholic women 18 years and older are invited to join. Our group gives women the opportunity to fully live their Catholic faith by sharing their gifts and talents with our parish, the community, and each other.

Questions? Email: [stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com](mailto:stmargaretmary1936@gmail.com)

### Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus is a global Catholic fraternal order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney in 1882 to assist families upon the death of the main income earner. The organization has grown to become the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization. Knights support vocations, charitable outreach, professional insurance programs and more. Knights are dedicated to the principles of unity, charity, fraternity, and patriotism. Membership is open to practical Catholic men, aged 18 years or older. Learn more about the Knights of Columbus, by contacting Jesse Boeckermann at 605-376-4234 or email [jessebach7@gmail.com](mailto:jessebach7@gmail.com).



### St. Vincent de Paul Society



In 2024 we helped 306 Swannanoa Valley families with rent, utility bills, auto repairs and other essential needs (many are hurricane victims). Thank you for your generous gifts and prayers to support our ministry. Most folks just need some help through a rough patch in their lives. If you can help us financially, SVdP poor boxes are in the church vestibule and in the overflow seating entrance. Donations may also be mailed to PO Box 4, Swannanoa, NC 28778 or given on the parish website [saintmmc.com](https://saintmmc.com) by choosing the fund St. Vincent de Paul Society. If you would like to make an honor or memorial gift, contact Terry at 919-522-9892 or email [terry.f.foley@gmail.com](mailto:terry.f.foley@gmail.com).

If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please remember that SVdP is here to help. Call 800-862-1633 on Mondays 6am – noon, all calls are held in strictest confidence.

“Lord, help me to make time today to serve you in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance.” ~ St. Vincent de Paul

### Catholic Charities Asheville

Catholic Charities serves the poor and vulnerable regardless of race, ethnicity, or religion. We offer financial help, burial assistance, bilingual licensed clinical mental health counseling, elder ministry, immigration services, and a food pantry at our Asheville office.

We couldn't do what we do without our caring, dedicated volunteers and your generous donations.

Donate at [www.ccdoc.org/give](https://www.ccdoc.org/give)  
Join our volunteer team by contacting Hilary Kalisch at [HRKalisch@rdoc.org](mailto:HRKalisch@rdoc.org).



# St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

✦ *Serving the Swannanoa Valley since 1936* ✦

November 30, 2025

## First Sunday of Advent

**Father John Allen, Pastor**  
**Deacon Dan Hoffert**  
**Deacon Ralph Eckoff, retired**

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*Chief Financial & Operating Officer and Pastoral Associate*  
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**Taylor D'Abbraccio, Youth Formation**  
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### Celebration of the Sacraments

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30pm

**Sunday:** 8:30am & 11:00am; 1:00pm (Spanish)

**Monday - Thursday:** 8:45am

**Holy Days:** Check website

#### CONFESSION

Confession is available immediately following each daily Mass and on Saturdays immediately following the 4:30pm Mass and Sundays immediately following the 8:30am, and 11am Masses.

#### BAPTISM

Please contact the office to arrange preparation and to complete the required registrations and forms. Baptisms will be scheduled once these requirements are met.

#### FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

Please email to register: [stmmcfait@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfait@gmail.com).

#### MARRIAGE

An appointment with the Pastor must be scheduled at least *twelve months* before the intended wedding date and to begin preparation.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office during office hours to arrange anointing for parishioners of St. Margaret Mary. Anointing should take place immediately following diagnosis of any serious illness or before major surgery. **Please do not wait until death is imminent to receive this sacrament.** May also be requested during scheduled confession times.



*Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.*  
~ Matthew 24:42,44

#### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9:15AM - 3:00PM  
Closed Fridays, Holy Days and Holidays

**OFFICE:** 828-686-8833, press 0 for Front Desk  
Por información en español oprima 9

**FAX:** 828-686-8832

**E-MAIL:** [office@saintmmc.com](mailto:office@saintmmc.com)

**SACRAMENTAL EMERGENCIES FOR THE DYING:** A family member of a St. Margaret Mary parishioner should call 828-686-8833, after business hours press 2

#### WANT TO BECOME CATHOLIC? Join O.C.I.A.

OCIA is Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. We welcome those who desire to learn more about our Catholic faith, those who wish to become Catholic, and those who wish to return to the practice of their faith. For more information, please email Deacon Dan and Linda Hoffert at [hofferts@bellsouth.net](mailto:hofferts@bellsouth.net).

**ADULT CHOIR/SCHOLA:** Call the office at 828-686-8833.

**VISITS FOR SICK & HOMEBOUND:** Call parish office.

**CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION:** Contact the Catholic Formation Team at: [stmmcfait@gmail.com](mailto:stmmcfait@gmail.com).

November 30, 2025



Mass Intentions				
Sat	11/29	4:30pm	.....†	Bill Blanchard
Sun	11/30	8:30am	.....	Pro Populo
		11:00am	.....	Father Allen
		1:00pm	.....†	Britany Romero Claros
Mon	12/01	8:45am	.....	Crystal Garcia
Tue	12/02	8:45am	.....	Kaley Garcia
Wed	12/03	8:45am	.....†	Mary Trammel
Thur	12/04	8:45am	.....†	Mary Trammel
Fri	12/05	8:45am	.....†	Art Murphy




### Please Pray for...

**Those who are sick or have special needs:**  
Shaun Benbow, Susan Blanchard, Kate Bogush, Dana Breeding, Joseph Buttera, Donna Collins, Barry Cook, Jack Crowley, Carolyn Dickenson, Maureen Flannigan, Patricia Grace, Baby Elizabeth Heimer, Bernie Hyland, Allison Hoefling, Don & Priscilla Kuffel, Jim Lauer, Lane Lehman, Janet Linda, Meghan McGinnis, Cecelia Meredith, Lori Owensby, Lindsey & Jordan Owensby, Marilyn Rebholz, Rhonda Rivera, Linda Robinson, Roger Salten, Sally Schoen, Marellen Struhar, Betty Testa, Arlene Turner, Vickie Wright, Toddler Vivienne Joy, Sandy Yacovelli.

**Homebound or in Assisted Living:**  
Marian Bogdanowicz, Dorothy Kelly, Margaret Morrow

**Our Family Members Serving in the Military:**  
**Chief Petty Officer Chris Balot**, son of Randy Balot  
**Staff Sgt. Jordan Owensby**, grandson of Linda Gurecky.  
**Captain Christian Kimball**, son of Kristy Kimball.  
**Airman Jack Vess**, son of Eric & Christine Vess.



O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light the first (purple) candle of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay.  
~ EWTN.com

**Live Stream Update**  
**Beginning November 30th, we will be live streaming the 11am Mass only!**



### November Wedding Anniversaries:

Edward & Gail Carroll ~ 48  
Fernando & Kristina Maldonado ~ 19  
Salvado & Nohemi Figueroa ~ 17

**Happy Anniversary!**



Scriptures for the Week	
<b>MON Dec 01</b>	Isaiah 4: 2-6; Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 80: 4; Matthew 8: 5-11
<b>TUE Dec 02</b>	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Luke 10: 21-24
<b>WED Dec 03 Francis Xavier, Priest, Missionary</b>	Isaiah 25: 6-10a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15: 29-37
<b>THUR Dec 04 John of Damascus, Priest, Religious, Doctor</b>	Isaiah 26: 1-6; Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Isaiah 55: 6; Matthew 7: 21, 24-27
<b>FRI Dec 05</b>	Isaiah 29: 17-24; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Matthew 9: 27-31
<b>SAT Dec 06 Nichols, Bishop</b>	Isaiah 30: 19-21, 23-26; Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Isaiah 33: 22; Matthew 9: 35 - 10: 1, 5a, 6-8
<b>SUN Dec 07 Second Sunday of Advent</b>	Isaiah 11: 1-10; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15: 4-9; Luke 3: 4, 6; Matthew 3: 1-12

Schedule for the Week	
<b>Office hours Monday-Thursday 9:15am-3pm</b> The church is open for prayer during office hours.	
<b>Mon Dec 1</b>	8:45am Mass 7pm Reunión del grupo masculino (PH)
<b>Tues Dec 2</b>	8:45am Mass
<b>Wed Dec 3</b>	8:45am Mass OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg (PH)
<b>Thur Dec 4</b>	8:45am Mass Rosary following Mass 11am St. Vincent de Paul Mtg (PH) 7pm Our Lady of Gaudalupe Novena begins in the church
<b>Fri Dec 5</b>	8:45am First Friday Mass
<b>Sat Dec 6</b>	<b>Hospitality Weekend</b> 4:30pm Mass
<b>Sun Dec 7</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 8:30am Mass 11:00am Mass 12pm Dogma & Donuts (Teens-PH) 1pm Mass (Español)

### IMPORTANT DATES!

**Dec 7:** 12pm Dogma & Donuts-Grades 9-12 Students (PH)  
**Dec 8:** Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception  
8:45am Mass and 6pm Bilingual Mass  
**Dec 21:** 12pm Dogma & Donuts - Young Adults (PH)  
**Dec 21:** 2pm Parish Posada Celebration (PH)

(PH = Parish Hall; CH = Church)



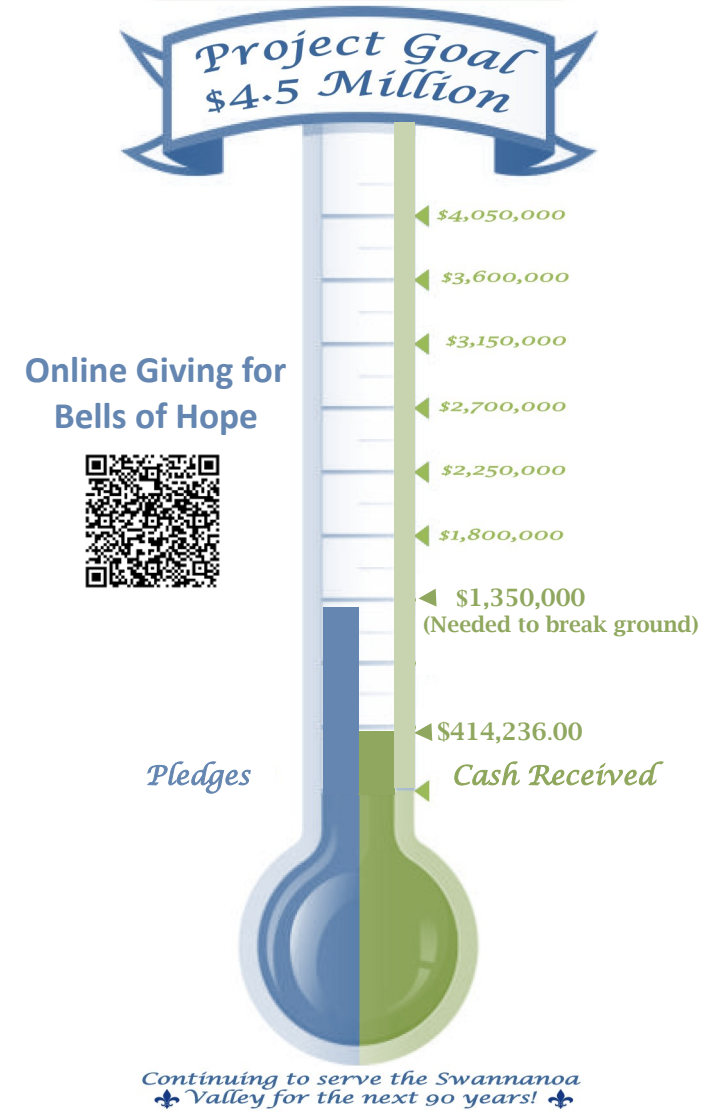
## Bells of Hope

### Our Plans

Our plans intend to:

- ◆ Preserve the charm and appearance of our existing church
- ◆ Improve safety by adding side aisles and an additional exit
- ◆ Increase seating so all can worship together in the nave
- ◆ Add a priest's sacristy and improve the working sacristy
- ◆ Relocate the confessional to the back of the nave
- ◆ Enlarge the narthex to allow for a public restroom and a Baptistry
- ◆ Enhance seating access for the disabled
- ◆ Add a choir loft accessible from the narthex
- ◆ Enhance the church entrance with a portico and patio
- ◆ Allow for future improvements to the plaza and grounds

For more information contact Bells of Hope at 828-747-7261



## Stewardship

**Offertory for the Month and Year to Date**

NOV GOAL	MONTH ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$30,000	\$26,879	90%

**Offertory - Fiscal Yr To Date Jul 1 - Nov 26**

GOAL	YTD ACTUAL	% OF GOAL
\$312,000	\$118,840	38%

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May God bless you for your financial stewardship!





### Reflecting God's Light

2025 DSA Collected: \$32,649.31  
2025 Goal: \$35,506.00  
% of Goal: 87%





A Priest Forever

**Priest Retirement Collected - \$4,973**  
**Priest Retirement Goal - \$9,618**

### Stewardship Reflection

Stewardship *A way of living*

November 30, 2025  
First Sunday of Advent

"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come," says today's Gospel. Good stewards know that they are accountable to god for all they have and are and strive to live in readiness for His coming.



**Need a Mass Intention?**  
**Need a Quinceanera Blessing?**  
**Need any kind of Blessing?**  
**Need Anointing?**

If you are in need of any kind of Blessing or Prayer, contact the office at 828-686-8833.

The sacristy is a place for the servers and Fr. Allen to prepare for Mass. Please refrain from going to the sacristy for these types of requests.



**¿Necesita una intención para la Misa?**  
**¿Necesita una bendición para su quinceañera?**  
**¿Necesita algún tipo de bendición?**  
**¿Necesita la Unción de los Enfermos?**

Si necesita algún tipo de bendición u oración, comuníquese con la oficina al 828-686-8833.

La sacristía es un lugar donde los monaguillos y el Padre Allen se preparan para la Misa. Por favor, no acuda a la sacristía para este tipo de solicitudes.



# Parish Posada Celebration

December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm  
Parish Hall and Portico



## Do you know about Posadas?

What is a Posada? This is a question that a lot of people ask as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

The tradition of the Posadas was brought to Mexico from Spain in the 1500's by Catholic Missionaries. The Posadas commemorate Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a place for the Christ Child to be born. In Spanish, the word means dwelling or lodging. The Posadas are not to be confused with a mere Christmas party. Instead, the Posadas should be seen as a religious event.

In Catholic parishes, parishioners and anyone who wishes to join in meet at the church a specific time during the early evening. The Posada can be led by a small group carrying a manger scene or the Posada can become elaborate with a live donkey and parishioners who are dressed like Mary and Joseph.

La Posada dinner includes such Hispanic dishes as tamales and posoli. Each Posada ends with the traditional piñata. The seven corners of each piñata represents the Seven Deadly Sins. The beating of the piñata symbolizes the mortification that Christians exercise in overcoming personal sin. The candy within each piñata characterizes the sweetness of God's grace made available to us through the birth of Jesus.



¿Qué es una Posada? Esta es una pregunta que muchos se hacen al prepararnos para celebrar la Navidad.

La tradición de las Posadas llegó a México desde España en el siglo XVI gracias a los misioneros católicos. Las Posadas conmemoran el difícil viaje de María y José desde Nazaret hasta Belén en busca de un lugar donde naciera el Niño Jesús. En español, la palabra significa morada o alojamiento. Las Posadas no deben confundirse con una simple fiesta navideña. Más bien, deben considerarse un evento religioso.

En las parroquias católicas, los feligreses y cualquier persona que desee participar se reúnen en la iglesia a una hora específica al anochecer. La Posada puede ser dirigida por un pequeño grupo que lleva un pesebre o puede ser más elaborada, con un burro vivo y feligreses vestidos como María y José.

La cena de la Posada incluye platillos hispanos como tamales y posoli. Cada Posada termina con la tradicional piñata. Las siete esquinas de cada piñata representan los Siete Pecados Capitales. El golpeteo de la piñata simboliza la mortificación que los cristianos ejercen para superar el pecado personal. El dulce dentro de cada piñata representa la dulzura de la gracia de Dios que se nos ofrece a través del nacimiento de Jesús.

*This Posada information from Catholic Online - Father James Farfaglia is the Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Corpus Christi, TX. You can visit him on the web at [www.fatherjames.org](http://www.fatherjames.org).*



*St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church*  
**Advent & Christmas 2025**



## November

Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>: **First Sunday of Advent**

## December

Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>: 7pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena (church)

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup>: 8:45am First Friday Mass

Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup>: 12pm Dogma & Donuts with Manuel Rodriguez-Grades 9-12 (English-PH)

Monday, 8<sup>th</sup>: **Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Holy Day of Obligation (Office Closed)**

8:45am Mass, campus closed 15 minutes after Mass

6pm Mass-Bilingual

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup>; 8:45am Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe (Bilingual)

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup>: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (No Mass)

5am-6am Mañanitas (church)

7pm Procession & Rosary (Grovemont Park)

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup>: 12pm School At Nazareth Family Christmas Gathering

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>: 12pm Dogma & Donuts with Manuel Rodriguez-Young Adults (English-PH)

2pm **Parish Posada Celebration** (parish hall and portico)

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Friday 26<sup>th</sup>: Office Closed

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>: **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Eve)**

Masses at 4pm, 6pm (Bilingual) and 8pm

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>: **The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)**

10am Mass

Saturday/Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>: **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Regular Mass Schedule

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup>: **Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

4:30pm Vigil Mass-Bilingual

## JANUARY

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup>: **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God - Holy Day of Obligation**

10am Mass; Campus closed 15 minutes after Mass





## St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church

### Adviento y Navidad 2025



#### Noviembre

Domingo 30: **Primer Domingo de Adviento**

#### DICIEMBRE

Miércoles, 3rd-12th: 7pm Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (iglesia)

Viernes, 5th: 8:45am Misa del Primer Viernes

Domingo, 7th: 12pm Donas y Dogma con Manuel Rodríguez - Grados 9-12 (Inglés-PH)

Lunes, 8th: **Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Virgen María**

#### **Día de Precepto (Oficina cerrada)**

Misa de 8:45am , campus cerrado 15 minutos después de la misa

Misa de 6pm - Bilingüe

Jueves, 11th: 8:45am Misa de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (Bilingüe)

Viernes 12th: Festividad de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe (No hay Misa)

5am-6am Mañanitas (iglesia)

7pm Procesión y Rosario (Grovemont Park)

Domingo 14th: 12pm Reunión Navideña Familiar de la Escuela de Nazaret

Domingo 21th: 12pm Donas y Dogma con Manuel Rodríguez, Jóvenes Adultos (Inglés-PH)

2pm **Celebración de la Posada Parroquial** (salón parroquial y pórtico)

Martes 23 a viernes 26: Oficina cerrada

Miércoles 24th: **Vigilia de la Natividad del Señor (Nochebuena)**

Misas a las 4pm, 6pm (Bilingüe) y 8pm

Jueves 25th: **Natividad del Señor (Navidad)**

10am Misa

Sábado/Domingo 27th y 28th: **La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José**

Horario de misas regulares

Miércoles, 31st: **Vigilia de la Solemnidad de María Madre de Dios - Día de precepto**

4:30pm Misa de vigilia bilingüe

#### ENERO

Jueves 1st: **Solemnidad de María la Santa Madre de Dios - Día de precepto**

10am Misa ; el campus estará cerrado 15 minutos después de la misa

### What is Dogma & Donuts?

St. Margaret Mary is offering a unique opportunity for our Youth and Young Adults to boost their knowledge of the Catholic Faith while enjoying time with their peers over brunch.

We will be offering two Sunday sessions in December. December 7th for our High School Students (teens) and December 21st for our Young Adults (college age-30 years old). Sessions begin at 12pm in the Parish Hall.

Santa Margarita María ofrece una oportunidad única para que nuestros jóvenes y adultos jóvenes profundicen en la fe católica mientras disfrutan de un brunch con sus compañeros.

Ofreceremos dos sesiones dominicales en diciembre: el 7 de diciembre para nuestros estudiantes de secundaria (adolescentes) y el 21 de diciembre para nuestros adultos jóvenes (universitarios hasta 30 años). Las sesiones comienzan a las 12:00 p. m. en el Salón Parroquial.



Manuel Rodriguez is a soccer coach with more than 13 years of experience. He coached at Doral Soccer Club in Miami and at Asheville Christian Academy, where he served as the Head Coach of the JV soccer team. He also worked as an assistant soccer coach at Warren Wilson College. Manuel is currently the Director of Asheville Football Club, a new soccer academy in Asheville, NC. He coaches the U-15 and U-19 boys' teams, as well as a semi-professional squad composed of college players.

Bringing his faith to the field, Manuel leads with energy, enthusiasm, and a deep commitment to helping players grow both in their game and in their Catholic faith.

Manuel Rodríguez es entrenador de fútbol con más de 13 años de experiencia. Entrenó en el Doral Soccer Club de Miami y en la Asheville Christian Academy, donde fue entrenador principal del equipo juvenil de fútbol. También trabajó como entrenador asistente de fútbol en Warren Wilson College. Manuel es actualmente director del Asheville Football Club, una nueva academia de fútbol en Asheville, Carolina del Norte. Entrena a los equipos masculinos sub-15 y sub-19, así como a un equipo semiprofesional compuesto por jugadores universitarios.

Llevando su fe al campo, Manuel lidera con energía, entusiasmo y un profundo compromiso para ayudar a los jugadores a crecer tanto en su juego como en su fe católica.