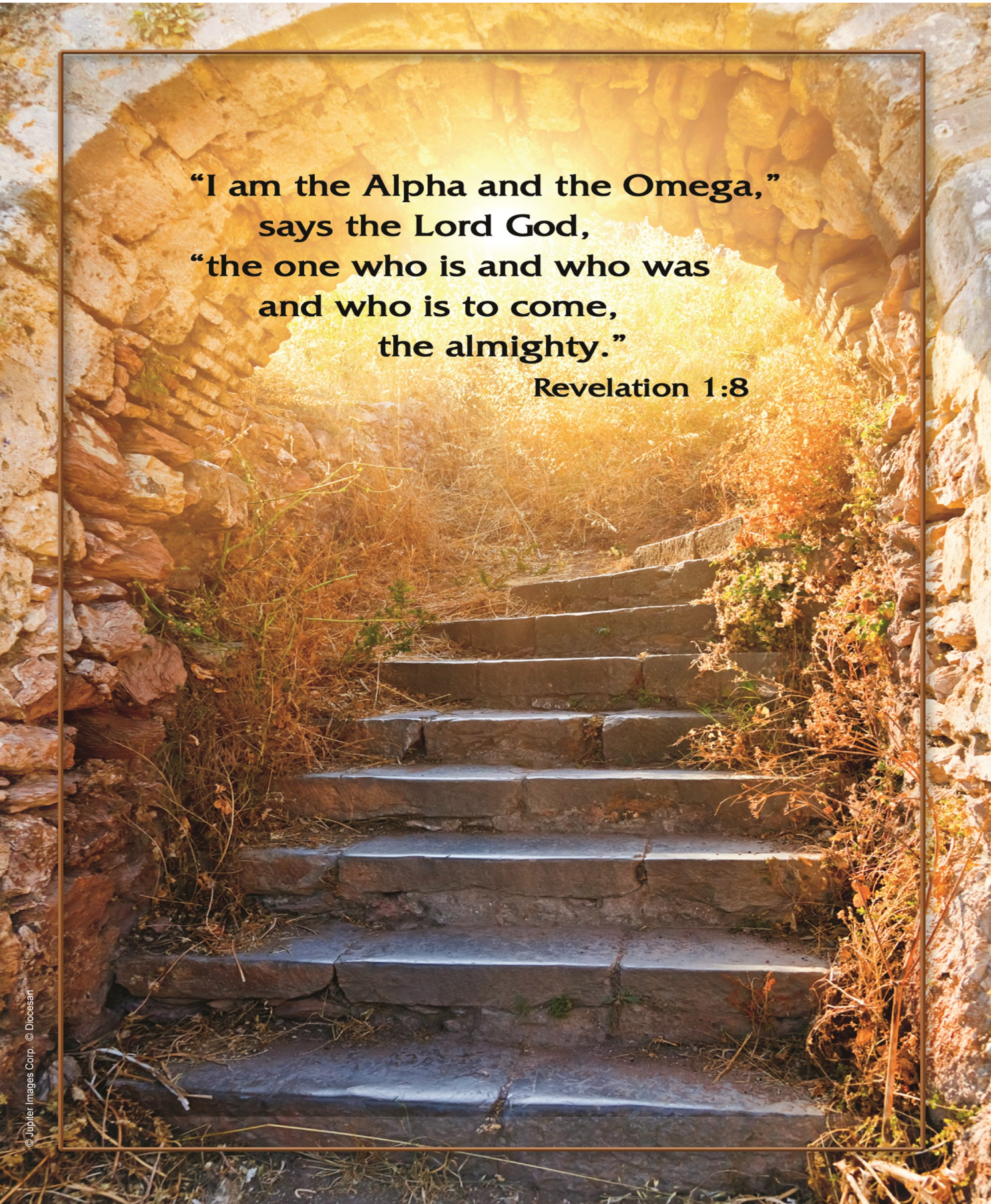


# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

490 ARNOLD MILL ROAD, WOODSTOCK, GA 30188

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**“I am the Alpha and the Omega,”  
says the Lord God,  
“the one who is and who was  
and who is to come,  
the almighty.”**

**Revelation 1:8**





## CLERGY

### Pastor

Fr. Larry Niese

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Fausto Marquez

### Priest in Residence

Fr. Vincent Sullivan

### Deacons

Rev. Mr. Victor Taylor

Rev. Mr. Joe Pupo

Rev. Mr. Jack Herndon

Rev. Mr. Wayne Topper

Rev. Mr. Kelly Stinson

### Administrative Office

770-516-0009

770-516-4664 (fax)

### Religious Education

770-516-9699

### Preschool Office

678-213-1517

### Hispanic Office

678-213-0685

## MASS

### Saturday

9:00 am • 5:00 pm (Vigil)

### Sunday

7:30 am • 9:00 am • 11:00 am • 12:45 pm

2:30 pm (Spanish) • 5:30 pm (Life Teen)

Monday-Saturday • 9:00 am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 6:30 am

## CONFESSIONS

Wednesday • 5:00 pm

Saturday • 9:30 am

## ADORATION

Tuesday 9:30 am-Saturday 9:00 am

To volunteer as a Guardian, please contact Carol Wolff: 678-827-5450 or sma.adoration@gmail.com.

## ROSARY

Monday - Saturday

following the 9:00 am Mass

Sunday 10:30 am

## MASS INTENTIONS

### NOVEMBER 25

6:30 am Justin Kuroski (L) *Family*

9:00 am Lisa Pense (L) *People of the Parish*

### NOVEMBER 26

9:00 am Tram Bui (L)

### NOVEMBER 27

6:30 am Jonathan Butz (D) *Family*

9:00 am David Fiedler (L) *Mom and Dad*

### NOVEMBER 28

9:00 am Michaela Whitfield (D) *Kathleen Bunner*

### NOVEMBER 29

6:30 am Paul Crowder (L) *People of the Parish*

9:00 am Giuse Tao Pham (D) *Tyler Family*

### NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am Vincent Njoku (D) *Family*

5:00 pm Santo Scacco (D) *Giove Family*

### DECEMBER 01

7:30 am Adam Caris (L) *Paul & Susan Appel*

9:00 am Byron & Jackie Peterson (D) *Peterson Family*

11:00 am Luella Harris (D) *People of the Parish*

12:45 pm People of the Parish

2:30 pm Beatriz Martinez-Fonte (D) *Deacon Joe Pupo*

5:30pm Grace & Joe Abalos (L)

## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISM

Parents must be registered and active parishioners of St. Michael's (regularly attending mass, using envelopes, and involved in ministries), for at least 3 months. Before scheduling a baptism, you must attend a baptism class at St. Michael's. (Next class is December 14 at 10am in Room 103.) Only one parent must attend so that the other can take care of the child(ren) at home.

Godparents must also be active, practicing Catholics. Baptisms are normally the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11:30 am in the church. Please call the parish office to register for a baptism.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30 am

Wednesdays 5 pm

### MARRIAGE

Couples are required to contact one of our priests at least 6 months before they wish to marry to arrange for instruction and spiritual preparation for the sacrament of marriage. A wedding date cannot be confirmed until after the initial interview with the priest. Contact parish office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### ADORATION GUARDIANS NEEDED!

Adoration Guardians are needed for the following hours: Tuesday - 11 PM- Midnight; Wednesday 12:00 AM - 1:00 AM; Thursday 2-3 PM; Thursday 3-4 PM; Thursday 4-5 PM; and Friday 9:45 AM - 11:00 AM.

### GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree will be up for the 11/23-24 weekend. There will be a lot of tags on the tree representing those in our parish and community who need help this Christmas season. Please remember all wrapped gifts **with their tag** must be returned **no later than** Sunday, December 15. Thank you!

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING! - OFFICE CLOSURE

We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving! The office will be closed on Thursday, 11/28 and Friday, 11/29. The Mass schedule will remain the same.

### NATIVITY SETS

We are continuing our Advent tradition of having families place a nativity set in the window sills of the stained glass windows of the church. Nativity sets can be placed starting Saturday, 11/30. Please set out nativity and make sure your set is labeled with your name and phone number. Do not leave any boxes or packing materials behind. Thank you for blessing our church with your family nativity set for the Advent and Christmas season.

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 7, from 9am-11:30am, in the Family Center. Admission is one new unwrapped toy per child. Free pancake breakfast, sit on Santa's lap, hear a story from Mrs. Claus, hear a special reading of the Polar Express by Conductor Jim, and enjoy coloring with friends. All are invited!

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated as a Holy Day of Obligation on Monday, December 9th. There will not be a Vigil Mass. Mass Times on December 9th are: 6:30am, 9am, 12pm, 6pm (English), and 8pm (Spanish).

### ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Advent Lessons and Carols will be on Saturday, December 14, at 6:30pm in the Church. (Please note this time is earlier than years in the past.) You are invited to a candlelight evening of scripture and singing for congregation and choirs. Great for all ages! Hear Angels and the Youth Choir. Join the Adult Choir. Admission is one dozen cookies for the reception that follows in the Family Center.

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

St. Michael's is having an Advent Penance Service on Tuesday, December 17, at 7pm in the Church. The schedule of all of the Advent Penance Services in our area is listed on our website home page. (Scroll down)

## COME ENCOUNTER CHRIST - SAVE THE DATE!

Come Encounter Christ will not be held in the month of December. The next Come Encounter Christ, praise and worship evening, will be Friday, January 3rd, 2025 at 7pm. Mark your calendar and bring your whole family.

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

This year's goal for the annual appeal is \$165,200. To date we have received \$119,259 in pledges leaving a shortfall of \$45,941. If you have not yet made a pledge or a one-time donation, please pick up a pledge card in the basket on the Welcome Table and make a pledge or payment. You can also go to <https://lifeofthechurch.com/appeal/> and make a donation. If we do not meet our goal, our parish will have to pay the shortage. In addition, 140 donors made a pledge in 2023 but did not in 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Wood in our Business Office at 770-516-0009 or email her at [dwood@saintmichaelcc.org](mailto:dwood@saintmichaelcc.org)

# FAITH FORMATION - CHILDREN, TEENS, & ADULTS

## FAITH FORMATION - PSR

We have some exciting events planned for our PSR students in the months leading up to Christmas.

Please note that we will not have PSR classes on Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> (Celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe)

**Nativity Pageant**-You are invited to attend a Nativity Pageant in the Family Center, featuring a sing-along telling the story of the birth of Jesus. This will take place on:

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> for all Sunday classes  
Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for all Wednesday classes  
Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> for all Thursday classes

Saul Onate Perez, Director of Faith Formation, (404)491-0807  
[sperez@saintmichaelcc.org](mailto:sperez@saintmichaelcc.org)



## LIFE TEEN - HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

All High School Teens are invited to Life Teen on Sundays, 6:30pm-9:00pm in the Family Center.  
Our Life Teen schedule is:



Nov 24 - off for Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 1 - off for Thanksgiving Break  
Dec 8 - Life Teen

We want to give a huge thank you to all of those who helped with the Thanksgiving Meal Project. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and devotion to those less fortunate in our community. St. Michael's is a true beacon of hope to so many people during this holiday season.

Daisy Olaya, Life Teen Director, (770)516-9699 x232  
[dolaya@saintmichaelcc.org](mailto:dolaya@saintmichaelcc.org)

## EDGE - CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!



EDGE is our middle school youth group that meets from 6:30pm to 8:30pm two Sundays a month in the Parish Hall. All 6th through 8th graders are invited!

Upcoming Events:  
December 8 - EDGE Night  
December 15 - Edge Christmas Party. Bring a \$5 gift for White Elephant!!

EDGE is taking a group to camp the summer of 2025! If you are interested in going, contact Bella Fiamingo at [bfiamingo@saintmichaelcc.org](mailto:bfiamingo@saintmichaelcc.org) for more information.

Bella Fiamingo, EDGE Coordinator, (770) 516-9699 ext. 251 or at [bfiamingo@saintmichaelcc.org](mailto:bfiamingo@saintmichaelcc.org),

*The Lord is my strength and my shield, in whom my heart trusted and found help. So my heart rejoices;  
with my song I praise my God. - Psalms 28:7*

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MINISTRIES

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

11/30 - Disability Drive; 12/1-12/15 - Keep Christ in Christmas; 12/2 - Business Meeting;  
12/7 - Breakfast with Santa; 12/16 - Officer Meeting; 12/21 - Disability Drive.

Check out the Knights at [www.kofc11768.org](http://www.kofc11768.org). Please contact Bernie Palcisko at (470) 242-9210 or email: [bernieandginny@comcast.net](mailto:bernieandginny@comcast.net) Use the QR Code for the Knights to contact you:



## COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes are a Catholic women's organization that is dedicated to assisting not only our Parish and parishioners, but also supporting the Knights of Columbus. We participate in various service and charity projects. **We also run St. Michael's Bookstore after Mass.** For more information, please contact: Dr. Donna Alexander (678) 794-8604 Check our website! [www.smtacolumbiettes.com](http://www.smtacolumbiettes.com)

## MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS PRAYER GROUP

A Means by Which The Message of Fatima is Being Fulfilled. We meet Wednesdays, 10-11am in the Multi-Purpose Room. On the First Saturday of each month we meet in the chapel after 9am Mass for the First Saturday devotion of reparation requested by Our Lady of Fatima. **The first Saturday in December is December 7th.**

Hispanic Marian Movement of Priests - Meets Mondays 9:45am-11:00am in Conference Room A. All are welcome!

## ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD PANTRY

St. Michael's Food Pantry Hours:  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00am - 11:45am  
Parishioners are welcome to visit the food pantry during service hours.

Your donations of non-perishable foods may be dropped off every day at the donation box, located inside the narthex. Please do not leave perishable food and clothing items in the food pantry donation box.

The food pantry is currently in great need of: Breakfast Cereals (hot & cold). We kindly request you focus your donations on breakfast cereals.

Because our parishioners have been so generous with donations to the Food Pantry, they are now able to help out the Hope Center with baby formula, diapers and other baby needs. These items are also available to those who come to the pantry for help with food and hygiene supplies.

We served 438 families in September! Thank you for your continued and generous support!

## RIVERS OF AMAZING GRACE PRAYER GROUP

St. Michael's charismatic prayer group meets Tuesdays at 7:30PM in the choir practice room (second floor of the church). All are welcome! Come praise with us. You can also participate via Zoom! For information, contact David Heinrich at (770) 778-6975.

## AGAPE -

### ACCEPTING GRACE AND PRAYERFUL ENCOURAGEMENT

The AGAPE group is open to all women who have experienced the loss of a husband and are seeking fellowship.

Contacts: Selena Dowell, 404-409-5912  
Sandy Meyer, 404-271-2382

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ARE YOU WANTING TO VOLUNTEER FOR A MINISTRY  
BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START???

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE INVITES you to learn the many different ways it is involved in helping our brothers and sisters in our Cherokee County community.

Come & See! Second & Fourth Mondays of the month,  
Rm 206, 7:00 PM

Help Line - 770-591-4643

St. Michael's House - 770-367-0168 (Lori)

SVDP Thrift Store - 678-232-0907 (Linda)

Job Board - 404-663-4653 (Peter)- posted in narthex

## COUNSELORS AVAILABLE AT ST. MICHAELS

Bill Powers, MS, MBA, NCC, LPC

Bill Powers, a Catholic therapist from Holy Family Counseling Center, will be at St. Michael's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to provide marriage, family and individual counseling services. For information and appointments, please call 678-993-8494 or [www.holyfamilycounselingcenter.com](http://www.holyfamilycounselingcenter.com)

Dunia Lobo, MA, LPC, CPCS, RPT-S

Clinical Director, Bilingual English/Spanish Georgia Board Professional Licensed Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor. Provides Individual, Couple, & Family Psychotherapy. For information and appointments, please contact 770-855-4100 or email [dunia@4growthcounseling.com](mailto:dunia@4growthcounseling.com)

Grief Counseling

Please call Charmiel Teresi, parishioner,  
to set up an appointment at 512-968-8255.



# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MEMBERSHIP, STEWARDSHIP, & PRESCHOOL

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Stewardship is determined by:

- Being registered and active for at least 6 months
- Faithful participation at Sunday liturgies
- Regular and identifiable support of the parish, use of parish envelopes. Even if you can't make a donation, or give electronically, please drop your empty envelope into the basket.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries, activities, programs and Catholic School verification\*. *\*Please contact Dana Wood at [dwood@saintmichaelcc.org](mailto:dwood@saintmichaelcc.org).*



Registration QR Code

Have you moved? Please help us save money by submitting a change of address with the post office as well as letting us know. Envelopes and the Georgia Bulletins that get returned to us are charged a return to sender fee. Thank you!

## QUEEN OF ANGELS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Experience a truly Catholic Education at Queen of Angels Catholic School where we Encounter Christ, Empower Students, and Engage Community.

Friday, December 13th (9:45am):  
Admissions, Coffee, & Tours



## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL STEWARDSHIP

It is not too late to make a pledge to our Capital Campaign. Please pick up a pledge envelope on the Welcome Table in the Narthex, fill it out and drop it in collection basket or mail it to the office. We take up a collection for the Building Fund/Capital Campaign the first Sunday of each month. An envelope is provided in your offertory packet or available to set up in our online giving portal. To set up payments online, please go to our website: [saintmichaelcc.org](http://saintmichaelcc.org) and go to online giving tab or use the QR code listed here:



As of 10/31/24 the updated  
loan balance is \$315,558.

11/10/24 Offertory: \$48,269

### St. Michael the Archangel Preschool

#### November/December Events:



11/25-29 - No School - Thanksgiving Break

12/3 - Giving Tuesday Fundraiser

12/5 - Pajama Day & St. Nicholas Day!

12/10 - Christmas Program at 11:30am in Family Center

12/12 - SMA Preschool Spirit Day & Gingerbread House Contest

12/18 - Christmas parties at 12pm in the classrooms.



Please email Teresa Barnhill at [tbarnhill@saintmichaelcc.org](mailto:tbarnhill@saintmichaelcc.org) if you have any questions about our school, want to schedule a tour, or have questions about registration for the 2024-2025 school year.



## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE...

### RETRouvaille - MARRIAGE RETREAT WEEKEND

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. Did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you?

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together.

If you want more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, January 10-12, 2025, contact: Mus and Rubina @ 404.234.6006 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.org](http://HelpOurMarriage.org)

## BLESSED TRINITY SHRINE RETREAT CENTER

DECEMBER 6-8, 2024: Our Call as Mystics and Prophets with Meg Albertini. Open to men and women of all ages. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we will ponder, reflect, and explore the charisms associated with mystics and prophets, and allow their timeless message to captivate and move us into the sacred mystery that awaits us. Register: <https://msbt.org/event/our-call-as-mystics-and-prophets/>