



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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WEEKEND MASS

Upper Church

Saturday 5:00 pm, Anticipated
Saturday, 8:00pm, Neocatechumenal
Way Mass (Lower Church)

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm
Sunday, 9:00-10:00 am

DAILY MASS

Monday, 8:30 am, Lower Church
Tuesday, 12:00 pm, Lower Church
Wednesday, 6:00 pm Upper Church
Thursday, 10:00 am, Upper Church
Friday, 10:00 am, Lower Church

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Upper Church
Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 pm
Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church
Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church
Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pastor's Letter this week will be from Tommy Curtin, Headmaster

Last week I shared some highlights from the school year just concluded. In this letter, we look forward to the year to come.

Overall, OLR's enrollment will increase to over 300 students, nearing the maximum we can support in our existing buildings. The high school will reach 80 students, including 17 seniors! It is hard to believe that, with the 2023-2024 school year, our new Upper School program is already close to capacity. In fact, many grades now operate on a waiting list. At present we are full at grades, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, and I expect a few others to fill before school begins in August. The next admissions cycling will likely be incredibly competitive.

Regrettably, I find we must now turn away wonderful Catholic families simply for lack of space. I often have room for one or two children but not all four the family needs to enroll. OLR is blessed to be in this strong position, but we also grieve for these unlucky families, many of whom are trying to relocate from a state or city that is inhospitable to their Catholic values.

With growth comes the chance to add new school activities. Middle school boys and girls soccer teams are the most recent athletics additions, joining established programs in basketball, volleyball, and cross country. In the performing arts, we will continue to develop our choral and band programs, but I am most excited to announce that our theatre department will mount our first full-scale musical this spring: Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music!*

Finally, we are proud to announce the introduction of a new comprehensive Enhanced Learning Program, which will provide expert intervention and remediation for students needing extra assistance in math or reading. This program bolsters OLR's commitment to inclusivity, making Catholic classical education accessible to students with both diagnosed learning disabilities and everyday classroom struggles.

It's exciting to grow, but growth also presents challenges to our infrastructure. Next week I'll share how we hope to address those challenges long term.

Tommy Curtin
Headmaster

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for June 18, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 22,328.
Surplus: \$ 3,328.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #51 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 969,000.
Received: \$ 1,095,412.
Surplus: \$ 126,412.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, John Bruce, OFS, Megan Burgess, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, Joseph Donovan, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Michael Granger, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Janet Hardy, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Ingrid Ireland, Bob Jackowski, Beth Kitchen, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Lisa Meyer, Dianne Morrison, Marjorie Munson, Mrs. That Nguyen, Kim Orr, Marlowe Pastor, Dcn. Ray & Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Nancy & Earl Smith, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Cheryl Wallace, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Will Woodward, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, June 24, through Sunday, July 2

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 6/24	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Mary St. John of the Lamb of God, O.P.</i>
Sunday, 6/25	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Joseph Cerciello, Jr. +</i> 5:00 pm - Mass
Monday, 6/26 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Paul Bever, Jr. +</i>
Tuesday, 6/27 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass
Wednesday, 6/28	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Fr. Vincent Miller</i>
Thursday, 6/29 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Frank Torres+</i>
Friday, 6/30 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Pamela Duff+</i>
Saturday, 7/1	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Marta Comas</i>
Sunday, 7/2	8:00 am - Mass 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

SAVE THE DATE . . .

OLR Parish Retreat at Look Up Lodge

Saturday, September 9, 2023
9am-7pm

This event is free, however, you may wish to make a donation to help offset the per person cost. Sign-up RSVP link coming soon!

Fr. Longenecker is teaming up with notable Bible teacher, Steve Ray, to lead a parish pilgrimage to the **Holy Land on May 15-24, 2024.**

If you're interested mark your calendars and email Donna Craft in the Parish Office,

dcraft@charlestdioocese.org.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Peace begins with a smile.” **Mother Teresa**

A smile is a simple, natural thing. When someone says something you agree with, or smiles at you while walking past, you smile. It can note agreement or “I see you” in a friendly way. I have written about smiling at those we pass living on the streets and the power it can have in making them feel more human, more a part of all of us. Some of us smile showing all our teeth and others with no teeth (especially when you don’t like the way they look). Drug use and poverty lead to poor dental hygiene or severe damage to teeth.

One of the things we do with the funds we receive is get dentures for those who need them. They are required to qualify financially, but we arrange for them to get the dentures (most times) free of charge. We most often provide 2 to 4 sets each month. These sets are usually for a local person close to MTH, as well as sets for others who has been making the necessary changes in their life and making good progress with one of the many organizations I work with. Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support!

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St. Martha’s Book Club

July 3 - Remarkably Bright Creatures, by Shelby Van Pelt

We meet from 12:30-2:00pm.

Call Marianne 864-360-2406 for meeting location.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say:
“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.”*

This week, know that you bring hope to the poor through your monetary and food donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Please say a special prayer each day this week for the poor and forgotten in our area.

You are invited to pray for Deacon Joshua Johnson as he is ordained as a priest on June 29, at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham in Houston, TX. The newly ordained Father Johnson will offer a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, July 2, at 4pm at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hendersonville, NC. An opportunity for first priestly blessings and reception will follow.

School News



August 10

Back to School Night

August 14

First Day of Class
(2023-24 School Year)

Patriotic Rosary on Sunday, July 2



Please join us before the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, July 2, for a very special Independence Day rosary - the "Patriotic Rosary".

This will include special prayers for our country, along with spiritual quotes from the Founding Fathers, and patriotic hymns sung by our very own Schola Choir.

Since this version of the rosary is considerably longer than the standard rosary, we will **start at 9:40am** (rather than the usual 10am).

We hope you can pray and sing along with us as we lift our hearts and voices to God for the sake of our country!



11th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 14 at the Greenville Convention Center

Our featured speakers include:

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, STB, STL;
Fr. Thomas Petri, OP, STB, STL, STD; Jim Wahlberg;
John Martignoni; Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D.

General admission is \$125, youth is \$75, and it includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday.

Register by October 2, by mail. Registration after October 2: \$135. All need to be registered by October 6.



The parish and school offices will be **closed July 3-7**, for the week of the July 4th holiday.

The daily Masses will be celebrated at their usual times. Confessions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will also be held at their usual times.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

Legislative Pro-Life Action:

SC SUPREME COURT

REVIEW OF THE FETAL HEARTBEAT BILL,

9:30 am – TUESDAY, JUNE 27 – WATCH LIVE

The Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act (S.474) was stopped from taking effect pending review by the South Carolina Supreme Court. That review will take place on Tuesday, June 27th at 9:30 am. The current SC Supreme Court is comprised of **Chief Justice Donald W. Beatty and Justice John Cannon Few who ruled against the previous Heartbeat Bill (along with Justice Kaye Hearn (now retired))**. This leaves newly appointed Justice D. Garrison Hill (who replaced Hearn) as well as Justices John W. Kittredge and George C. James, Jr. (the two justices who supported the previous Heartbeat Bill).

This is an open case so communication will be between the competing parties and the court. However, we can “storm heaven” with our prayers and Mass intentions and watch the proceedings “live” online at www.sccourts.org and find the drop-down arrow next to the top title, “Supreme Court”. When it drops, click “Video Portal”, then click “Supreme Court SCETV Live Stream Page. **Please pray for all SC justices to do God’s will to protect the unborn!**

Thank you from OLR’s Respect Life Committee.

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 14, June 25



Baby's respiratory movements can transport amniotic fluid in and out of the respiratory tract. It has been just five short weeks since he began learning how to breathe. Baby can also accomplish a complete change in position, usually with a backwards somersault.

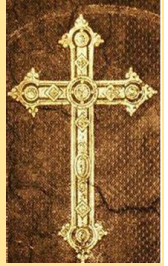
First Thursday Adoration

Thursday, July 6, 6-8 PM Lower Church



Please join the Respect Life Committee as we pray for further protections for the unborn and vulnerable among us, for our priests, deacons and religious, all who pray and counsel at the abortion clinic as well as the volunteers and clients of OLR’s Walking with Moms in Need program. Thank you!

FIRST SATURDAY PRO-LIFE MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN AND PRO-LIFE WARRIORS



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church’s next First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors will be on Saturday, July 1st, at 9:30 am in the Upper Church. Sidewalk Advocates, 40 Days for Life and OLR’s Respect Life Committee could update everyone on Pro-Life matters and all are encouraged to join us in praying the rosary at the abortion clinic afterwards at 1142 Grove Road. **Please mark your monthly calendars and note the time change of 9:30 am. For more info, please call 864-772-9020. Thank you!**

Abortion Pill Reversal - If you have, or know someone who has, taken the first abortion pill but want (s) to save your/her baby, please call Abortion Pill Reversal at 877-558-0333.

APR Doctors/Dentists Needed - The Abortion Pill Reversal has allowed doctors to prescribe an antidote if a woman changes her mind after taking her first abortion pill. This protocol has saved over 4,500 babies from abortion.

A member of OLR’s Respect Life Committee helped a mom in Greenville who had taken the first abortion pill and changed her mind. A dentist with APR training was able to prescribe the oral medicine that saved that baby’s life and that child, who will be one this June, is now a joy to his mom. We need doctors or dentists that will get the training and be available for a phone call, at sometimes odd hours, to assist a mom in saving her baby. For more info, call Sara at 614-885-7577, Ext. 236 or email her at medical@heartbeatinternational.org.

OLR’s **WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED** program assists Moms in Need, especially those with unexpected pregnancies, by offering support for their questions and concerns as well as assisting them in providing for themselves and their growing baby. If you find yourself in need of our free services, we would be so happy to connect with you via email: wwmin@proton.me or phone: 864-412-7101.

You are not alone. We are here for You!

Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.