



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

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

During my morning walk I have been listening to a fantastic podcast: *Jimmy Akin's Mysterious World*.

For those who don't know him, Jimmy Akin is a convert to the faith and serves as the senior apologist for Catholic Answers—the apostolate that evangelizes through apologetics. "Apologetics" is the art (and science) of giving an answer. Christian Apologetics gives an explanation for Christianity and Catholic apologetics (more specifically) provides answers about Catholicism.

Jimmy's Mysterious World podcast has over 250 episodes—each about one hour in length. In the episodes Jimmy and his host Dom Betinelli cover everything weird and wonderful from a viewpoint of faith and reason. If it is mysterious and curious Jimmy and Dom have discussed it—or soon will. They've covered aliens and UFOs, conspiracy theories, true crime, werewolves and vampires—in short everything from Apparitions to Zombies.

What I like about the show is firstly, that Jimmy Akin is amazingly knowledgeable. He's researched the shows thoroughly, but his background knowledge is vast. Best of all, he takes a charitable view. No matter how weird or wacky the subject matter he treats it seriously. He never dumps ridicule or mockery on those who may hold an "unusual" opinion. Instead, he looks at the topic reasonably, searches for evidence and presents his conclusions.

As a Catholic apologist he reminds us that this is the position of the church when confronted with the paranormal, with stories of healing, miracles and the marvelous. We are always to look for the natural explanation first before jumping to conclusions. Put simply, we are to avoid the extreme of cynical doubt, but we are also to avoid the extreme of gullible superstition.

This has helped me as a pastor when I sometimes get a call to help a person who feels like their home is haunted or they are troubled by a diabolical influence. We always take the call seriously, but we also ask pertinent questions to determine if there are natural causes for the disturbance. This is not to doubt the reality of the supernatural, but to "test the Spirits" (1 Jn. 4:1-6)

Jimmy Akin's rational, but believing approach is also vital in all of our spiritual lives and in the opinions we hold. We should cultivate our spiritual awareness and learn to listen to the Lord, but we should also be aware that our lives might be touched by many different influences, and not all of them are from the Lord.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for July 16, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 23,352.
Surplus: \$ 4,352.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections Through Week #3 in the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 57,000.
Received: \$ 58,772.
Surplus: \$ 1,772.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Albozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, John Bruce, OFS, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culkin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, 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, Bethe 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, July 22, through Sunday, July 30

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 7/22	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Fred Rogers+</i>
Sunday, 7/23	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For George & Martha Jackowski+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Carol Bever+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 7/24 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Joseph & Joan Dumm+</i>
Tuesday, 7/25 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Fr. Robert Falabella</i>
Wednesday, 7/26	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Ann of the Cross, O.P.</i>
Thursday, 7/27 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>Departed Souls in Purgatory+</i>
Friday, 7/28 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Jablonski Family+</i>
Saturday, 7/29	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Paul Bever, Jr. +</i>
Sunday, 7/30	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Fr. Timothy S. Reid</i> 5:00 pm - Mass



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

Father Pascal Kumanda of Cross Catholic Outreach, will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

OLR Parish Retreat at Look Up Lodge Saturday, September 9, 9am-7pm

This event is free, however, you may wish to make a donation to help offset the cost. Space is limited, go [HERE](#) to reserve your spot.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Good works are links that form a chain of love."
Mother Teresa

Over the weekend, I had a veteran call us at MTH needing help with food and paying for a hotel for him and his family. They had moved here with no money, in a rush, and his new job doesn't start until August. This is sadly not an uncommon story. He never explained why there was a rush to move here, but he was definitely unprepared. He was able to get food at our pantry on Saturday morning, provided by our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

I connected him with resources for both permanent housing and temporary housing (for veterans) and the hotel where he was staying gave him two nights of free lodging until he could meet with the other providers. It all started with returning a message at 8:30am on a Saturday, and after several calls, he had a direction to start walking.

It won't be easy, but he now has a pathway out, thanks to a lot of good works by many people forming the chain of love.

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The photos from 2023 Confirmation and First Communion are ready to be picked up. They are available in the Parish Office during summer office hours, 9am-1pm Monday-Friday.



SCHOOL BACKPACKS NEEDED

Please consider donating new school supplies and backpacks for the needy children in our neighborhood.

Church Without Walls will be collecting these soon, so please bring them to the Parish Office **by Wednesday, July 26.**

Come hear author, **Joseph Pearce** speak on **"The Evangelizing Power of Beauty: Converting the Culture"** Wednesday, August 16, at 7pm, in the Fellowship Hall, St. Mary Magdalene Church 2252 Woodruff Rd, Simpsonville, SC
His books will be available for purchase and signing.

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 18 July 23



Your baby now has a median breathing movement rate of 208 breaths per hour. In just nine weeks, Baby has learned to breathe. He is also continuing to grow and move.

School News



August 10 Back to School Night
4-7pm, in the Gym

August 14 First Day of Class
(2023-24 School Year)

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Hearing today's Gospel, we can trust that God knows our love and good deeds, and that he will mercifully gather us into his kingdom.

This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

All are welcome to join St. Martha's Book Club on **Monday, Aug 7, from 12:30-2:00 pm** as we discuss **"Peace Like a River"** by Leif Enger. Call Marianne 360-2406 for location.



The 3rd Annual World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly will take place on Sunday, July 23, near the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is "His mercy extends from age to age" (Luke 1:50).

OLR's Respect Life Committee will be celebrating our Grandparents and Elders at each Mass the weekend of July 22/23.



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.

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

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