



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

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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

April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Brothers and Sisters,

During the month of May, my pastor's letters will focus on different aspects of the liturgy, hoping that by understanding in more depth we will deepen our love for the Lord in our regular worship. This week a summary of a recent article I wrote about traditional worship being a "compendium of culture."

The new Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Greenville draws together a wealth of Catholic art and architecture, and when we celebrate high Mass at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings the building surges with a beautiful combination of virtually every art form. First there is the architecture: The Romanesque style flowered first just after the decline of the Roman Empire, with its round arches, soaring height and solid pillars, it developed naturally from the architecture of Rome herself, and is thus a living link with Roman history and culture. We insisted on the lofty height of the interior because verticality lifts our hearts and minds on high.

We spent time and money filling our new church with various examples of traditional Catholic art. The stained glass windows, from the famed Wilbur Burnham studios, were salvaged from a church in Massachusetts and installed in the new OLR. Jim Craft—a member of our congregation created the low-relief, ceramic tympani over the doors. Our set of antique stations of the cross were professionally restored by the same artist who painted the cherubim and the starry dome in the ceiling of the baldacchino.

Statues of the Blessed Virgin, St Joseph, St Benedict, St Francis and the angels were salvaged, restored and given pride of place. The copy of a painting from the Vatican museum painted by a local artist is in the narthex. Behind the high altar is a hand painted English, nineteenth century crucifix in the style of Duccio which we discovered in an antique shop in Utah. In the floor and on the high altar are mosaics from a workshop in Jordan. The antique font—also from the church in Massachusetts-- is a fine example of marble work, and the cover, bronze metalwork.

Sacred music is abundant with our fine pipe organ and various choirs.

Where are the other cultural art forms? Literature is there as the Scriptures are read. Poetry is represented by the psalms and the lyrics to the fine old hymns we choose. Rhetoric and logic are displayed in the homily.

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The sacred vessels and altar ware exhibit traditional metalwork skills. The textile arts are featured in the good vestments. Book-binding is there in the missals and prayerbooks we use, and even the kneelers and furniture show forth the skill of the woodworker and upholsterer.

Is there an art form that is missing from this compendium of culture? Dance perhaps, but there is even an echo of that in the formalized, ritual actions—almost choreographed—of the clergy and altar servers as they move in the sanctuary.

Why does this matter? It matters because matter matters. The foundation of the Christian faith is the incarnation of God's Son who took flesh of the Blessed Virgin. St Paul says of Jesus Christ that he is the "image (icon) of the unseen God." Consequently, all of the created order is blessed and redeemed and we are called, according to our gifts, to be co-creators with God. This creative artistic endeavor is nowhere more integrated and directed to God's glory than when it is dedicated to divine worship. In traditional Catholic worship all these artistic elements not only work together, but each is submissive to the higher aim of the glory and worship of God.

Art does this. The apprehension of beauty transports the body, mind and spirit to the source of all that is beautiful, good and true. Furthermore, what astonishes and moves me as we worship in our beautiful church day by day and week by week, is that this compendium of culture is not for the elite or those with a PhD in art history. It is available and accessible to all.

In a traditional church we live with this art, architecture, music, literature, sculpture and stained glass. Each week our school children are immersed in this compendium of culture as they come into church for our school Mass. Every day and every Sunday "ordinary folk" are there (as they should be) not gawking at these wonders as one does in an art gallery, but living with them, worshipping with them and praying surrounded by them.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Apr. 23, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 17,310.
Shortfall: \$ -1,690.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #43 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 817,000.
Received: \$ 912,366.
Surplus: \$ 95,366.

FIRST THURSDAY ADORATION

Thursday, May 4, 6-8pm in Lower Church
Please join us 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.

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, April 29, through Sunday, May 7

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 4/29	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Marie of the Incarnation</i>
Sunday, 4/30	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Nancy Bryant+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Bill & Kay Maluchnik+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 5/1 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Jude Gillen</i>
Tuesday, 5/2 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Fr. Richard & Ruth Ballard</i>
Wednesday, 5/3	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Mayra Magarino</i>
Thursday, 5/4	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i>
Friday, 5/5	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Jane Marie Darnall+</i>
Saturday, 5/6	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 5/7	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i> 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 Edmund Haggard+</i>

The **Catholic Information Center** invites you to hear an inspirational talk with the Herbeck family - Catholic evangelists, Peter, Debbie, and their daughter, Rachel, from Renewal Ministries. Their presentation will center on young adult evangelization and their own family dynamics. Admission is free. **Monday, May 1, 7:00 pm** at St. Mary Magdalene Church Center.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless." **Mother Teresa**

Recently, the Greenville County Sheriff's Department made a statement about not giving cash/gift cards/etc. to panhandlers. This statement was supported by those organizations who work with the homeless every day and by Mother Teresa House. Not all panhandlers are homeless, a lesson I learned in San Francisco more than three decades ago. They may look homeless, but not all are homeless. For some, it is their chosen profession. For those who are truly homeless, it enables them to continue to not seek the help they truly need, and in many cases, it actually does more harm than good.

I usually have small bottles of water and packs of crackers in my car to hand out when needed. I give a kind word so they know I see them but I want the best for them. I want them to seek proper help for their addictions, mental health issues, etc. and giving cash, while it makes us feel good, truly does not help them. It is hard to say no but out of love for them, like with your children, it is sometimes the best answer.

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CAMPUS CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, May 13, 8am - 12pm

Coffee and Donuts

Please bring cleaning supplies and yardwork tools.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
will be held in Lower Church on
Friday, May 5, from 11:00am-5:00pm.**



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. Once a Mom phones or emails us, we set up an appointment with her where she can receive comfort and a confidential listening ear. Whether it is applying for Medicaid, finding a food bank or clothing closet, looking into pre-natal care, delivery options or planning for childcare after delivery. Walking With Moms In Need is there to help each mom navigate resources all around us. 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!

School News

- May 4-5** Upper School Play "Sense and Sensibility"
- May 9** Formal Recital
- May 17** Headmaster's Address
- May 20** First Holy Communion
- May 23** Spring Concert
- May 26** Class of 2023 Graduation Mass
- May 28** Confirmation
- June 1** Last Day of School - Noon Dismissal



We will have High School Youth Group this Sunday 6-8pm. Mr. Phillips will be discussing "Music in the Liturgy."

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on May 3, and the discussion will be on "Catholic Devotions and Traditions."



All are welcome to join **St. Martha's Book Club** for upcoming discussions from 12:30-2:00 pm.

May 1 "Educated" by Tara Westover

May 1 (only) St. Martha's Book Club will NOT be meeting in Guadalupe Hall - Please call for location - Marianne (864) 360-2406.

"And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.' Matthew 25:40 - With the current SC legislative session ending on May 11, it is imperative that our SC Senators vote on the passage of the Human Life Protection Act (H.3774). How can this happen? With your call to your SC Senator and your email asking him or her to "set the Human Protection Act for Special Order (H.3774)." To email your SC Senator, go to: SCCatholicConference.org and click "Take Action." **This week, please take this important step to save unborn lives!** --Respect Life Committee

**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MEETING
5PM, Thursday, May 11, in Guadalupe Hall**

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY MEETING
6 PM, Thursday, May 11, in Guadalupe Hall**

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 6, April 30



Baby's esophagus and trachea are developing. His forelimbs and hindlimbs appear as paddle-shaped buds. Your baby's face begins to take shape. For a whole week, Baby's heart has been pumping.