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WEEKEND MASS

Upper Church

Saturday, 5:00 pm

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

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brothers and Sisters,

Who was St. Valentine and what does Valentine's Day have to do with our Catholic faith? It's complicated.

First of all, it was a long time ago and the stories have been muddled in the telling, but historians believe there were at least three different St. Valentines, all sharing Feb. 14, for a feast day.

The first St. Valentine was a priest and physician in Rome. He, along with St. Marius and his family, comforted the martyrs during the persecution of Emperor Claudius II. Eventually, St. Valentine was also arrested, condemned to death for his faith, beaten with clubs, and finally beheaded on Feb. 14, AD 270.

He was buried on the Flaminian Way. In the thirteenth century, his relics were transferred to the Church of Saint Praxedes near the Basilica of St. Mary Major, where they remain today. His skull can be seen in the church of St. Mary Cosmedin in Rome.

The second St. Valentine was the Bishop of Interamna (now Terni, located about 60 miles from Rome). Under the orders of Prefect Placidus, he too was arrested, scourged, and decapitated, again suffering persecution during the time of Emperor Claudius II.

The third St. Valentine suffered martyrdom in Africa with several companions. However, nothing further is known about this saint. These men, each named St. Valentine, showed heroic love for the Lord and His Church.

What does St. Valentine have to do with love and romance? During the Middle Ages it was a common belief in England and France that birds chose their mates on Feb. 14, "half-way through the second month of the year." Chaucer wrote in Old English: "For this was on Seynt Valentyne's day, when every foul cometh ther to choose his mate."

So, the exchange of "valentines" is more of a secular custom and has nothing to do with the martyr St. Valentine. However, there is a Christian message that should be remembered. The love of our Lord, depicted beautifully in the image of His most Sacred Heart, is a sacrificial, self-less, and unconditional love. Such is the love that each Christian is called to express in his own life, for God and neighbor.

When you see the hearts this Valentine's Day remember the Sacred Heart of Jesus and thank God who is the source and destiny of all Love. Remember too, the witness of the martyrs who gave their life for the faith, for Jesus said, "This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:12-13). St. Valentine fulfilled this command, and may we do the same.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Feb. 5, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 31,307.
Surplus: \$ 12,307.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #31 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 608,000.
Received: \$ 646,268.
Surplus: \$ 38,277.

Online Giving

Online giving is secure and flexible,
and it greatly reduces printing and
postage costs to OLR.

To sign up for regular online planned
giving go [HERE](#).

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Felix Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, 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, Bethe Kitchen, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, 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, Jim Wood, Louise Wood, Will Woodward, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, February 11, through Sunday, February 19

(Mass Intentions are shown in *italics*)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 2/11	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Mary C. Smith</i>
Sunday, 2/12	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Marg Schaefer</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 The People</i>
Monday, 2/13 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass <i>For Gertrude Gosenberger+</i>
Tuesday, 2/14 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass <i>For Harry & Esther Heinemann+</i>
Wednesday, 2/15	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Scott Menegay+</i>
Thursday, 2/16	10:00 am - Mass <i>For The Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Friday, 2/17 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Saturday, 2/18	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Kay Cannon+</i>
Sunday, 2/19	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Donna Hanford-Nichols+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>

The Diocesan Second Collection this week, Feb. 12,
will be for The Bishop's Annual Appeal. There will be
a basket in the Narthex if you wish to make a donation.

Please note . . .

**The School and Parish Offices will be closed on
Monday, Feb. 20, for the President's Day holiday.
The 8:30 am Daily Mass WILL be celebrated.**

On Sunday, Feb. 12, High School Youth Group will meet immediately after the 10:30am Mass, 12-2pm. We will have an Apologetics Jigsaw, dividing into 4 groups, and play "devil's advocate" to test each group on their apologetic knowledge. The four topics will be Sola Scriptura, Mariology, the Eucharist, and the Papacy.



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"If you are honest and frank people will try to cheat you. Be honest anyway."

Mother Teresa

At Mother Teresa House, we always try to be honest and frank with everyone we encounter. Our message may not always what they want to hear, but we don't want to mislead or promise what is not possible. We will sometimes be told one thing and when we are honest with what is available, folks keep adding to their story until they can get the result they want.

We listen carefully, but do checks to verify stories and rely on our years of experience – and we find that some people are not honest with us. It is difficult to find the truth and be honest with people when they try to cheat, but we love them anyway. Please pray for us to continue to receive the gift of wisdom with everyone we deal with.

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ASH WEDNESDAY
February 22, Upper Church

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

12:15pm Penitential Service

6:00pm Mass



The Knights of Columbus Co.1668 will be hosting the **Lenten Fish Dinners** served in the gym during the Fridays of Lent, starting February 24.

Adults - \$12
Kids (6-12) - \$7
Family Rate - \$45

Beer and wine will also be offered.
Dinner will be served at 6:00.

Come join the OLR parish family
for great food and fellowship.



SCHOOL NEWS

Feb. 17 NOON Dismissal
Feb. 20 NO School - President's Day



CLASSICAL COFFEE RETURNS

Classical Coffee II: *Learning to Love Poetry*

Saturday, February 18, from 9:00-11:00am
in Guadalupe Hall



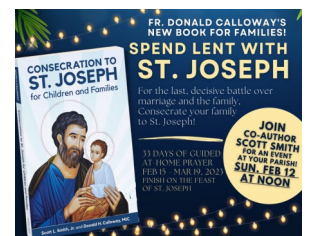
Last semester we debuted Classical Coffee and the topic then was Latin. We had a great time! Our next installment is coming up on Feb. 18, during which Mr. Curtin will convince all in attendance that poetry is indispensable to a true, good, and beautiful education.

Coffee and baked goods will be in ample supply. Look for an RSVP soon and be sure to sign up your most skeptical friends to attend!

Year End Tax Reports are now available for those who use Online Giving. Please go [HERE](#) for step by step instructions. If you use envelopes, your report will be available with Martha Mahan in the Parish Office.

Lenten Book Event
Consecration to St. Joseph
Sunday, Feb. 12
12:00pm

Join us for light
refreshments and talk
with co-author,
Scott Smith



LENT . . . WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
February 22 - April 6

Lent lasts 40 days, excluding Sundays

The 3 pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving
Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting
(one primary meal & two lesser meals) and abstinence
from meat

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat

RCIA



Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 15, discussing "*Lent, Stations of the Cross, Ash Wednesday, Fasting, etc.*".

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



Mar 6 ***The Last Original Wife***
by Dorothea Benton Frank

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the gospel of the kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty. Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support.



SAVE THE DATE

May 20	First Communion
May 26	Upper School Graduation
May 28	Confirmation



The Divine Mercy devotions play an important part in the life of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish. Our beautiful Shrine of Divine Mercy in the Lower Church exalts "God's greatest attribute" and honors Saint Faustina and Pope Saint John Paul II, who propagated this special devotion to the world. Our next meeting of the Cenacle of Divine Mercy at OLR will be on **Monday, February 13, at 11 a.m. in Lower Church.** For more information, contact Alice Baird at Alicetbaird@gmail.com.

Respect Life Committee volunteers will be taking 40 Days prayer sign-ups near the abortion clinic after all Masses the weekends of Feb. 11-12 and Feb. 18-19.



Please consider those with no one to speak for them – the unborn. Plan to spend some time peacefully praying for 1 hour there each week so that souls may be dissuaded from abortion and human lives might be saved. **Think about inviting a friend to join you and make this a Lenten practice.**



7 Basic Points: Humanae Vitae Summary: We were sorry to learn that copies of this important article ran out and some could not find a copy after Mass. With this in mind, please go [HERE](#) to find the article.

Continue Praying with 40 Days 365 – We know God answers prayers with many blessings. Now, 40 Days for Life is praying 365! We are offering an opportunity to continue our life saving work throughout the year. Please join us to pray at the abortion clinic, 8am - 3pm. Go [HERE](#) to sign up for an hour.

Please check the OLR website at olrgreenville.com for all the most recent news and announcements.