



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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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

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Monday, 8:30 am, Lower Church

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Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 pm

Or by appointment

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church

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February 19, 2023

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brothers and Sisters,

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22. The word "Lent" comes from the Old English "*lencten*," meaning "springtime" or "when days are lengthened." As Lent coincides with the season of spring, the association is obvious. The ashes used in the liturgies on Ash Wednesday come from the burned, blessed palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. Traditionally, Lent is comprised of 40 days. This period is based on Christ's fasting for 40 days in the desert. The number 40 is mentioned dozens of times in the Sacred Scriptures, and symbolizes a time of testing, trial or preparation.

As we approach this holy time in the liturgical calendar, we should be intentional about focusing upon the three traditional pillars of Lenten discipline: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this season of penance and baptismal renewal in preparation for Easter, we make time for additional opportunities to pray - for the good of our souls; to fast - for the good of our bodies; and to give alms - for the good of our neighbors in need. More attention to prayer helps draw us closer to God. Fasting helps us to achieve self-mastery and draws our attention to the Lord, who alone is the true fulfillment of all our desires. Giving alms helps us to have compassion for the plight of the needy, and to understand that when we serve "one of the least of these, His brethren," we are serving the Lord Himself who comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor.

One way of hallowing Lent is to participate more fully in opportunities for prayer, liturgical and otherwise. One of the popular prayer observances during Lent consists of praying the Stations of the Cross, done here at OLR on Wednesday evenings in Lent at 5:30 p.m., and on Fridays at 2:30 p.m. This devotion originated with the Franciscans who erected outdoor stations corresponding to the places in the Holy Land associated with our Lord's passion. Pilgrims who could not go to the Holy Land to prayerfully walk the *Via Dolorosa*, the route that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion, could thus take part vicariously in our Lord's sorrowful journey.

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The rules for fasting and abstinence from meat during Lent are as follows (from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops): "Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence from meat for all who have completed their 14th year." If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection." This year there is one exception to this rule since the memorial for St. Patrick falls on Friday, March 17. Bishop Fabre-Jeune has granted a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on that day, so feel free to enjoy your corned beef and cabbage!

Almsgiving, or charity, allows us to minister directly to those in need. Good opportunities for almsgiving this year would include a gift to the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal), to the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), or to Mother Teresa House.

Lent is also a particularly appropriate time to make a good examination of conscience and go to the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions are heard Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.; and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. A "Day of Mercy" will be offered during Lent when confessions will be heard all day (date and times to be announced) so check the weekly bulletin for that upcoming opportunity. Be sure to make your Lenten confession so that you are able to celebrate Easter fully reconciled to the Lord and his Church.

Let's all resolve to make this a holy and fruitful Lent, so that we can celebrate Easter with authentic joy!

Fr. Richard Ballard  
Parochial Vicar

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## Parish Operating Financials

### Weekend Collections for Feb. 12 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.  
Received: \$ 29,056.  
Surplus: \$ 10,056.

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #33 in the Fiscal Year  
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 627,000.  
Received: \$ 675,323.  
Surplus: \$ 48,323.

## 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 18, through Sunday, February 26**

**(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)**

**All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.**

|                                      |  |
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| Saturday, 2/18                       | 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Kay Cannon</i> +   |
| Sunday, 2/19                         | 8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i><br>9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Donna Hanford-Nichols</i> +<br>5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>               |
| Monday, 2/20<br><b>Lower Church</b>  | 8:30 am - Mass<br><i>For Sr. Maria Amata, OP</i>   |
| Tuesday, 2/21<br><b>Lower Church</b> | 12:00 pm - Mass<br><i>For Patricia Weil</i> +  |
| Ash Wednesday<br>2/22                | 12:15pm - Penitential Service (Imposition of Ashes)<br>1:30 - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration<br>4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>6:00 pm - Mass (Imposition of Ashes)<br><i>For Michael Menegay</i> + |
| Thursday, 2/23                       | 10:00 am - Mass<br><i>For Timothy James</i> +  |
| Friday, 2/24<br><b>Lower Church</b>  | 10:00 am - Mass<br><i>For Sr. Betty, OP</i>  |
| Saturday, 2/25                       | 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Ann Gibbs</i> +  |
| Sunday, 2/26                         | 8:00 am - Mass<br><i>For Joseph &amp; Jeanne Dumouchel</i> +<br>9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i><br>5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Msgr. Luigi Giussani</i> +          |

**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. 19, High School Youth Group will meet from 6-8pm.



We will be working on Lent preparation and the meaning of Fasting.

### **MOTHER TERESA HOUSE**

*"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."* **Mother Teresa**

At OLR, our pastor has decided to only speak about financial gifts to the parish once a year during our annual campaign. We are to prayerfully consider what we tithe to the parish and its many ministries, as well as our school, and our outreach to the poor or lost in our community. We have been blessed to have a very generous, sacrificial giving parish.

What you give to Mother Teresa House and our Saint Vincent de Paul Society - prayers, food donations financial donations and volunteer hours truly show our love to Him in those we serve. We try to be a light in a darkened world.

Thank you for all you have done, are doing, and will continue to do in the future for those in our community.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on  
Ash Wednesday, Feb. 22, will begin  
immediately after the 12:15pm Penitential Service.*

**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.



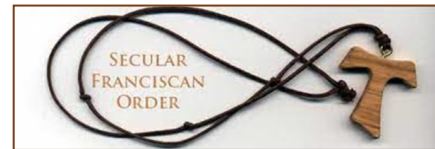
## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Feb. 20 NO School - President's Day



### **3rd Sunday Fellowship**

We will have coffee and donuts after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, Feb. 19, however, we will then pause this family fellowship time until after Lent.



**Congratulations to Alice Baird for making her Profession into the Secular Franciscan Order at Our Lady of the Rosary on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023.**

Profession is the solemn ecclesial act by which the candidate remembering the call received from Christ, renews the baptismal promises and publicly affirms his or her personal commitment to live the Gospel in the world according to the example of Francis and following the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

**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.

### **Calling all OLR Homeschool Families**

We are compiling a list of families to communicate with other OLR home-schoolers, and offer new opportunities in the parish designed just for homeschool students. For more details and be included in the group, please email [JenniferPienta@Proton.me](mailto:JenniferPienta@Proton.me).



### **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



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

## RCIA

Our next meeting will be  
**ATTENDING ASH WEDNESDAY**  
MASS ON Feb. 22, AT 6:00PM.

### Meeting the Healing Lord

Join us for a Lenten retreat based on Bob Schuchts' book, *"Do You Want to Be Healed?"* We will encounter biblical figures who received the healing words of Jesus and have an opportunity for Him to touch the deeper places of our own hearts.

**Saturday mornings 9-11am in Lower Church**  
**March 4, 18, and April 1.**

Contact Christina Mills at [ccmillsfam5@icloud.com](mailto:ccmillsfam5@icloud.com)  
or Mindy Anders at [mindyanders13@gmail.com](mailto:mindyanders13@gmail.com)

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

**Apr 3** *West with Giraffes*  
by Lynda Rutledge

### SAVE THE DATE

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

Brantly Millegan, OLR parishioner, founder of the popular ChurchPOP website, and cryptocurrency expert, will give a free talk on "Understanding the impact of cryptocurrency on the Catholic Church and how to survive the Persecution of Christians in the workplace." All parishioners and guests are welcome.

Wednesday, March 8, immediately after the 6pm Mass in Guadalupe Hall.



Did you know that we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet immediately following the Wednesday evening 6:00pm Mass every week? These prayers take only 10 minutes and bring many blessings. Please join us in the south transept after Mass.

**Respect Life Committee volunteers** will be taking 40 Days prayer sign-ups near the abortion clinic after all Masses the weekends of 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](http://olrgreenville.com) for all the most recent news and announcements.