



# 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

Sunday, 9:00-10:00 am

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## **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 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

Brothers and Sisters,

During Lent I will be writing a series of letters on the fundamentals of the faith. These are bedrock truths on which the Catholic faith is founded. If you don't have these basics right, everything else will be built on sand.

The very first words in the Bible are, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." These few words remind us of a few basic truths. First of all, God reveals Himself through His creation. The Catholic faith teaches us that it is possible, indeed it is natural, for human beings to deduce God's existence from the created world. This simple process of seeing the world around us and turning to God is called "General Revelation."

While human beings can understand certain things from general revelation it is also necessary that God reveal Himself in more specific ways. He establishes a relationship with individual people. He speaks through His actions in the world. He calls them and leads them by His commandments and by the Holy Spirit. The book of Hebrews says, "In various ways and in various times God has spoken to our fathers."

Most specifically, God has chosen to reveal Himself through the history of His relationship with the Hebrew people. The Old Testament is the story of this relationship. Through the ups and downs of their history, through signs and symbols, through direct revelation to the prophets, gradually God the Creator revealed more and more of Himself to His people.

It is vitally important to remember that history is "His Story". The events in the world don't just happen by chance any more than creation itself happened by chance.

In the modern world today, there are many who deny this truth. They think that whatever happens is simply the result of market forces, psychological forces, social pressures, and the stresses and strains of a kind of evolutionary process in which the fit survive and the weak wither away.

This is not the Catholic faith. Instead, we believe that from the beginning God created the world, and that He has stayed involved in His world-- seeking always to bring His sons and daughters in the human race out of the darkness into which they have fallen, back into the light.

As Catholics we must shake off the complacency and lethargy that comes with thinking that everything happens by chance. It doesn't. God is in charge and we are on His side. So, this Lent let's take charge with God and take control of our lives so that we might move closer to the glory that is our destiny.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

### Weekend Collections for Feb. 19, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.  
Received: \$ 29,417.  
Surplus: \$ 10,417.

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #34 in the Fiscal Year  
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 646,000.  
Received: \$ 704,740.  
Surplus: \$ 58,740.

## 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 25, through Sunday, March 5**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 2/25	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Ann Gibbs+</i>
Sunday, 2/26	8:00 am - Mass <i>For Joseph &amp; Jeanne Dumouchel+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Msgr. Luigi Giussani+</i>
Monday, 2/27 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass <i>For The Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Tuesday, 2/28 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass <i>For The Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Wednesday, 3/1	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Michael Campbell+</i>
Thursday, 3/2	10:00 am - School Mass
Friday, 3/3 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Mass
Saturday, 3/4	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Jack Allen+</i>
Sunday, 3/5	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Jane Tice+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Joan Coon+</i>

## 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](#).



The Bishop's Annual Appeal  
is now named the  
**Catholic Appeal of South Carolina.**

We ask that this be your main  
destination for Lenten Almsgiving.  
A link for a video about the appeal is  
on the parish website.

On Sunday, Feb. 26, High School Youth Group will meet from 6-8pm. Our Lenten Day of Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, March 11, at Camp Awanita. More details will be available at our meeting.



## SCHOOL NEWS



March 3 NO School - Teacher In-Service

### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Every human being comes from the hand of God, and we all know something of God's love for us. Whatever our religion, we know that if we really want to love, we must learn to forgive before anything else."*

**Mother Teresa**

I am a sinner. So are you. And, so are the people we deal with at MTH, and the people we all deal with in the world and our families. There are times when our sins have affected each other, and it is true for all those we deal with. Our sins, and those sins in all times by all people, are what Jesus took on Himself in the Garden, suffered through His scourging, and finally took to the cross. He paid the ultimate price for our sins because He forgave us and loved us each more than any of us can imagine.

As we mediate this Lent, let us remember to forgive all those who have wronged us and ask for forgiveness from those we have wronged, so we may truly know His love for us.

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### Calling all OLR Homeschool Families



We are compiling a list of families to communicate with other OLR homeschoolers, 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).

### U.S. Founding Documents Lecture Series

Beginning March 2, our Knights of Columbus Council 1668 will sponsor a 4-week lecture series on the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution, emphasizing the Christian ideals behind the founding of our nation and exposing the false ideologies that undermine our nation and religious freedom. Bill Burgess, an OLR parishioner and experienced college history instructor, will explore these topics with lively lectures and discussions designed to equip parishioners with the tools needed to respond to attacks on our faith, our history and our system of government.

The lectures will be from 6-7pm on **March 2, April 27, May 25, and June 1**, in Guadalupe Hall. Please arrive a few minutes early. All parishioners are welcome! For questions, contact Bill Burgess via email at [delburgess12@gmail.com](mailto:delburgess12@gmail.com).

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on Friday, March 3, from 11:00am-5:00pm.



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

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.



**The Diocesan Second Collection** this week, Feb. 26, will be for Aid to the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. There will be a basket in the Narthex if you wish to make a donation.

### Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 1: February 26



At Conception: Congratulations! A new human comes into existence at fertilization with 46 chromosomes. Although half of Baby's chromosomes come from each parent, he is genetically different from both parents, and his sex is genetically determined.

### 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  
on March 1, and the discussion will  
be on "Catholic Social Teaching".

### 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

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.

**SC Legislative Update:** Jan. 26, 2023 - The Human Life Protection Act (H3774) advanced to the full House Judiciary Committee. You can take action by an electronic email sent to Judiciary Members via the South Carolina Citizens for Life website. Your legislative action may save thousands of unborn lives. Compose and send your message via: <https://www.sclife.org/take-action>



**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 to [HERE](#) to find the article.

**Pray and Act:** Sidewalk Advocates at the clinic have seen as many as 50 cars in one day coming to the Greenville Womens Clinic (abortuary). Please continue to pray, offer your sacrifices in reparation for the sin of abortion, the conversion of sinners, and continued protection of sidewalk counselors.

**First Thursday Adoration:** Thursday, March 2, 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, and all who pray and counsel at the abortion clinic as well as the volunteers of OLR's Walking with Moms in Need program.

Please check the OLR website at [olrgreenville.com](http://olrgreenville.com) for  
all the most recent news and announcements.