



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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WEEKEND MASS

Upper Church

Saturday, 5:00 pm

Sunday, 10:30 am, and 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, 7-8pm, Lower Church

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You will have noticed that after Christmas an altar rail was installed in OLR Church. This beautiful addition to our church is the gift of two of our families and it is a response to requests from many of our members.

What is the reason for the altar rail and how do we use it? The altar rail has both a practical use and a symbolic significance. An increasing number of Catholics wish to kneel to receive communion so practically, the altar rail enables those who wish to kneel to do so with ease both in kneeling and in getting up again.

Those who wish to kneel also usually desire to receive communion on the tongue rather than in the hand. I encourage reception of communion on the tongue because there is less possibility of the host being dropped on the floor or mishandled in some way. From time to time non-Catholic visitors will receive the host in their hand and walk off with it - perhaps ignorant of what they received. Reception on the tongue stops this from happening.

Although I encourage reception of communion on the tongue, the church allows individual choice. If you wish to receive communion on the hand you may do so. If you wish to stand at the altar rail rather than kneel that is also permissible. It's your choice. All that we request is that you receive the Body of Christ with due reverence.

Kneeling at the altar rail is an obvious way to show your reverence. Those who receive in this way also like the fact that they are able to kneel there for a moment in the Lord's presence while waiting for the priest or deacon to administer communion to them.

The way to receive communion at the altar rail is to line up in the center aisle in two rows as usual. The usher at the front of the row will direct you to file across either to the far right or far left. Once at the altar rail you may either stand or kneel. The priest and deacon will then come to you - moving from the far right and left toward the center. Once your group of communicants have returned to their place the next group moves forward to the rail...and so forth. This method is not only more reverent, but also moves more quickly. At the masses this weekend we will start to use this method of administering communion.

The symbolic aspect of the altar rail has to do with the traditional architecture of the church. From Old Testament times onward the sacred space of the Temple was divided into three areas: the court of the people, the Holy place (where the clergy functioned) and the Holy of Holies (the location of God's presence)

In Catholic sacred architecture the nave becomes the "court of the people" the sanctuary or chancel represents the Holy Place and the tabernacle with the reserved sacrament becomes the Holy of Holies. The altar rail therefore stands as a boundary or marker between the Court of the People and the Holy Place. Does this mean that the laity may never enter the Holy Place? Of course not. This is not a literal hard and fast rule. It is a point of liturgical symbolism which informs our worship and our experience of God's presence in the church and through our liturgical action. It is a distinction that helps us affirm the complementary (but different) calling of the laity and the clergy.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker.

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Jan. 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.

Received: \$20,482.

Surplus: \$ 1,482.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #27 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 494,000.

*Collection for Jan 8, 2023
not yet published.*

Third Sunday Fellowship

Donuts and Coffee, Jan. 15
After the 10:30 am Sunday Mass
Guadalupe Hall

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 Culkin, 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 and Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Nancy and Earl Smith, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, 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, January 14, through Sunday, January 22

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 1/14	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sophia & Ray Nelson+</i>
Sunday, 1/15	8:00 am - Mass 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, 1/16 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass <i>For Walter Jarvis+</i>
Tuesday, 1/17 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Wednesday, 1/18	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Nimal Weerasekera+</i>
Thursday, 1/19	10:00 am - Mass <i>For MaryAnn Mahan+</i>
Friday, 1/20 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass <i>For Donna Hanford-Nichols+</i>
Saturday, 1/21	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Kay Cannon+</i>
Sunday, 1/22	8:00 am - Mass 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 People</i>

**Sunday Morning CCD
and Adult Catechesis**
will NOT meet through Jan. 15.

**We will resume meeting
on Sunday, January 22**

Our next meeting will be this Sunday, Jan. 15, from 6-8pm. We will be prepping for the March for Life trip. We will also be planning events for the rest of the semester.



If you are going on the March for Life, it is crucial that you attend this meeting, covering all of the logistics of the complicated weekend.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Do not allow yourselves to be disheartened by any failure as long as you have done your best."

Mother Teresa

Failure. It is a word none of us like to use, for ourselves and our actions. At MTH, we work with many people who have made unfortunate choices in their lives. Recently, we dealt with a woman who was college educated, had a good job, a family, and gave it all up for an addiction. We helped her take the first step off the streets and into a shelter and then treatment. She made it only one day. Did we fail? It is part of our work here and what we have to accept.

Unless someone is truly ready to make a change in their lives, all the best laid plans won't work. It is hard to see someone not ready to change, but it is reality. Did she fail? The answer is complicated. Moving past addiction is incredibly hard to do.

Continue to pray for us to always do our best, and pray for those we serve that they have the strength to break free from their addictions.

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Fellowship of St. Joseph

On Wednesday, Jan. 18, the Fellowship of Saint Joseph will begin gathering on the first and third Wednesday of each month in Guadalupe Hall to view episodes of Dr. Stephen Ray's "Footsteps of God" Series.

These meetings will occur immediately following the 6 pm mass. Each episode is about 90 minutes long, and packed full of great information on the history of salvation.

All parish men are invited and encouraged to attend for education and fellowship.

SCHOOL NEWS



Jan. 16 MLK Holiday - NO School

Re-enrollment DEADLINE is Jan. 31
Please remember the \$300. fee will be due for each child.

Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 16, in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

The usual Daily Mass will be celebrated in Lower Church at 8:30am.

NEW Mass Schedule

Starts the weekend of January 14/15, 2023

Saturday	5:00 pm	Anticipated Mass
Sunday	8:00 am 10:30 am 5:00 pm	Sung Mass Solemn Mass Low Mass

CONFIRMATION NEWS

If your child is registered for Confirmation and has not yet participated in our Real Life, Real Love program, they need to do so at the retreat on Jan. 27-28 here at OLR.

Please be aware that periodically, during the month of January, the new sound system in Upper Church will be installed. Some events will be moved to Lower Church, however, we intend to give as much notice as possible when changes are necessary.

Please remember to support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in 2023 so that together we can continue to bring comfort and peace to our brothers and sisters who are poor and suffering.



The Annual End of Year Report to the Parishioners for 2022 is now available in the Narthex.



RCIA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 18, discussing "*Marriage and Catholic Sexual Ethics*".

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



Feb 6 *The Reed of God*
by Caryll Houselander

Marian Tea

Join us for a cup of tea and the Rosary on **Saturday, Feb. 4**, at 10:30 am in Guadalupe Hall. Victoria Norris will be sharing with us the Marian Spirituality of our first Native American saint, St. Kateri. Please RSVP by texting your "Yes" to 864-525-7260 or click [HERE](#).

Come to an Introductory Meeting About a New Divine Mercy Cenacle at OLR

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.

We are hoping to initiate a new Cenacle of Divine Mercy at OLR beginning **Monday, January 23, at 12 p.m. in Guadalupe Hall**. Please join us for a 45-minute screening of "Divine Mercy, No Escape," a video produced by the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception. As part of this meeting, we will also explain the Cenacle program and invite you to join.

What is a Cenacle? It is a word that references the Upper Room where Jesus and His disciples ate the Last Supper, and it has come to reference a certain type of dedicated prayer group. The Cenacle program, an outreach ministry of the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Mass., incorporates readings from St. Faustina's Diary, Scripture, and the Catechism, as well as prayer, and, eventually, participation as a group in acts of mercy in the community. During a typical 60 - 75-minute meeting, participants will pray, discuss the readings, and share what they mean in their own lives.

If you are interested, contact Alice Baird at alicetbaird@gmail.com.

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. Please go [HERE](#) to sign up for an hour.



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