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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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

3710 Augusta Rd. † Greenville, SC 29605

January 29, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor's Letter from our School Headmaster, Tommy Curtin

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On the occasion of the start of Catholic Schools Week, it is my privilege to share the state of our parish school.

OLR's current enrollment is 271 students, which includes 62 in our Upper School. For context, we started last year with 208 students, and had only 136 in total the year before that. This is historic, rapid growth and one of the reasons Fr. Longenecker decided to add the new 8:00 am Sunday Mass. With the school's limited facilities, we are fast approaching maximum enrollment, not just for individual grades but for the entire school. This increase in student numbers has been accompanied by growth in OLR's educational and extracurricular programs, which require space and staffing to flourish.

Given this new reality, we have engaged Hord Architects of Memphis to conduct a master planning exercise for our campus. Hord will provide professional guidance and drawings to allow the parish community to visualize the future. Many pieces need to fall into place, but it is entirely possible OLR will welcome a brand-new school building and additional parish spaces within the next 3-5 years.

Many schools experiencing growth find their Catholic culture diluted in the process. The exact opposite is taking place at OLR. Fully 95% of our students are now Catholic and 100% of our staff. We celebrate this, not because we are exclusive, but because we see the importance of building a thoroughly Catholic environment to support the work of parents raising children within the Faith.

I am so thankful for the unwavering commitment of the parish to our Catholic, classical school. The reverence and vitality of the church's liturgies and the welcoming spirit of the community make it easy for me to help prospective school families see the value of joining us, whether that means a move across the country or just across town.

Please keep us in your prayers, that we remain grateful for Our Lord's many blessings and faithful to His plan for every student we serve.

Tommy Curtin Headmaster

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Jan. 22, 2023

Needed:	
Received:	
Shortfall:	

\$ 19,000. \$ 17,325. \$ -1,675.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #30 in the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed:	\$ 570,000.
Received:	\$ 598,778.
Surplus:	\$ 28,778.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. P. Majarais and Mr. & Mrs. R. Roxas, Sr.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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 28, through Sunday, February 5 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics) All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 1/28	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For David & Virginia Cotter</i> +
Sunday, 1/29	8:00 am - Mass, For The Holy Souls in Purgatory 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, For Rose Cousino 5:00 pm - Mass, For The People
Monday, 1/30 <i>Lower Church</i>	8:30 am - Mass, For Fr. Dwight Longenecker
Tuesday, 1/31 <i>Lower Church</i>	12:00 pm - Mass For Fr. Brian Mulcahy
Wednesday, 2/1	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Fr. Richard Ballard</i>
Thursday, 2/2	10:00 am - Mass For Jamie Summey+
Friday, 2/3 <i>Lower Church</i>	10:00 am - Mass For Sr. Marie du Christ, O.P.
Saturday, 2/4	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Kay Cannon</i> +
Sunday, 2/5	8:00 am - Mass, For The People 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, For Frank Walker+ 5:00 pm - Mass, For Bob Jackowski

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 "Yes" to 864-525-7260 or click <u>HERE</u>. On Sunday, we will have High School Youth Group from 6-8pm (pick up 8:30). This week Mr. Cayer will be taking us through some famous pieces of Music and



Art and how beauty can lead us to contemplation.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"True love is love that causes us pain, that hurts, and yet brings us joy. That is why we must pray to God and ask Him to give us the courage to love."

Mother Teresa

If you are a parent, especially of teenagers, you know this feeling. Parenting is the hardest and most joyful thing we do, because it is filled with great love. Very often, it feels the same with the people we work with at MTH.

It hurts to see people in a bad situation, but we know that enabling them to stay there is the wrong thing to do. We offer pathways out with support, but they must take the steps. Our goal is to always help and not to harm. It is the same with your children. What is often best for them is saying "No", while knowing they will not be happy, and sometimes be unkind to you.

I pray for you to always have the courage to love in your own families - please continue to pray for us at MTH to also have that same courage.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach cloewer@charlestondiocese.org

Sunday, January 29

There will be a **special St. Benedict Blessing** in the Narthex, after the 10:30 Mass with a supply of St. Benedict medals to be distributed.

If you have images of St. Benedict, medals, or crucifixes, you may bring them to receive the special St. Benedict Blessing.

The traditional **Blessing of Throats** will be given during the 10:00 am Mass on the memorial of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, on **Friday, Feb. 3**. Everyone who wishes to receive this blessing is invited to do so.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

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



Catholic Schools Week Jan. 29 - Feb. 3

SCHOOL NEWS

Feb. 17 NOON Dismissal

Feb. 20 NO School - President's Day

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

Parents are called to be the primary educators of their children, and Family Honor's **LEADING AND LOVING PROGRAM** assists parents of young children (toddler through 6th grade) by providing opportunities to learn principles to help your grow in goodness and virtue - qualities needed more than ever in our current culture! We encourage you to register today for the Family Honor Leading and Loving program, to be held on Wednesday nights at OLR.

This three-session program will **start on Feb. 1**, continue on February 8, and will end on February 15. (Parents should try to attend all sessions, if possible.) Please register <u>HERE</u>.

Start time is 6:30 pm and finish time is 9:00 pm for each session. Cost is \$45 total. (***Program is for parents only. Grandparents are also welcome to attend. No children attend).

Year End Tax Reports are now available for those who use Online Giving. Please go <u>HERE</u> for step by step instructions. If you use envelopes, your report will be available with Martha Mahan in the Parish Office.

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas

You are invited to bring your candles to be blessed at the 10:00 a.m. Mass in Upper Church on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Candlemas, **Thursday, Feb. 2.** A table will be provided for this purpose.

Lenten Book Event Sunday, Feb. 12, at Noon

Join us for light refreshments and talk with author, Fr. Donald Calloway in Guadalupe Hall.





RCIA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Feb. 1, discussing "*The Liturgy*".

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.

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



- Feb 6The Reed of Godby Caryll Houselander
- Mar 6 The Last Original Wife by Dorothea Benton Frank

PTO CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE ANNUAL Valentine's Date Might

FEB. 11, 2023, 6-9pm Guadalupe Hall Semi-Formal \$100. per couple Includes catered dinner, drinks, and childcare in the gym.

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.

Our next meeting of the Cenacle of Divine Mercy at OLR will be on **Monday, February 13, at 12 p.m.** in Guadalupe Hall.

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, con-

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 <u>HERE</u> to sign up for an hour.



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