



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 8, 2023

The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6, but in the Roman Catholic dioceses of the United States it is celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and January 8. This year (2023) it occurs on January 8. The word “epiphany” is from the Greek and means a “revealing” or a “manifestation.” It refers to the great manifestations of our Lord’s incarnate nature as truly God and truly man, “God in flesh made manifest:” His birth, the visit by the Magi (the three kings) to adore Him, His baptism in the Jordan River where the Father revealed Him as his beloved Son, and His first miracle at the wedding at Cana. At one point in Church history all of these events were celebrated on the Epiphany, but now the liturgical calendar assigns particular feasts or proper days for each.

In our day, the Solemnity of the Epiphany primarily celebrates the visit of the Magi representing our Lord’s manifestation to all the Gentiles (the non-Jewish people of the world) and the corresponding call of the Gentiles to faith in Jesus Christ. The celebration of the Epiphany predates even the celebration of Christmas, and is thus one of the oldest festivals on the Church’s calendar, dating from at least the third century.

There are several distinctive customs associated with Epiphany. On Epiphany the crèche, or nativity scene, is finished off with the addition of the figures of the three Magi that have not been added before this date. Many families move the figures of the Magi from place to place around their home as they make their way to visit the Christ Child. Some families, in imitation of the gifts of the Magi to the infant Jesus, exchange gifts on this day as well as Christmas, thus giving it the name in some places of “Little Christmas.” Christmas decorations should not be taken down until after the Epiphany, and may even be left up until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd.

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Another popular Epiphany custom is the blessing of homes, using blessed chalk for that purpose. Blessed chalk is available in the narthex after Mass. The Gospel tells us that the Magi found the Christ child “on entering the house.” You can bless those who come in and go out of your house by inscribing above the door (using the blessed chalk): the first two numbers of the year + C + M + B + and the last two numbers of the year (20+C+M+B+23). A popular tradition tells us that the letters stand for the names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. The letters may also mean the Latin phrase “Christus mansionem benedicat,” or “May Christ bless this dwelling.” A liturgy for blessing your home can be found on the web [here](#).

The evening before the traditional date for Epiphany, January 6, is the 12th Day of Christmas, and is often called Twelfth Night. A popular British custom for Twelfth Night is to toast the day with a drink called wassail. A traditional recipe for wassail uses the following ingredients: 1 gal apple cider, 8 cinnamon sticks, 1 washed, sliced lemon, 1 washed, sliced orange, 1 tbsp cloves, 1 tbsp allspice, 1 gal white wine, 2 cups rum. Simmer the nonalcoholic ingredients together for 1-2 hours, and then add the wine and rum about 10 minutes before serving hot.

In many cultures spicy foods (such as those containing curry) are eaten on the Epiphany in commemoration of the Magi who came from the Orient where spicy foods are popular. One such food is spice cake, sometimes eaten for dessert on Epiphany, while other cultures recommend eating ginger laden foods, such as ginger snaps, for dessert.

Another popular tradition found in many cultures is the baking of an Epiphany cake, often a fruitcake or a spice cake, into which a bauble (such as a coin, charm, or a hard bean) is secretly inserted. The person who finds the trinket in his or her piece of cake is crowned King or Queen of the feast, and is given special deference, privileges and gifts.

Regardless of how else you choose to celebrate this day, participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and in prayer, especially prayers and devotions in contemplation of the manifestation of our Lord to the world, should take pride of place. Happy Epiphany!

Fr. Richard Ballard
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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Dec 25, 2022

Needed: \$ 19,000. *
Received: \$ 20,482.
Surplus: \$ 1,482.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #26 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 494,000.
Received: \$ 519,374.
Surplus: \$ 25,374.

* Increased after current year budget.

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 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 7, through Sunday, January 15

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 1/7	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Kay Cannon+</i>
Sunday, 1/8 The Epiphany	9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Wally Wuebbeler+</i>
Monday, 1/9 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass <i>For Arlie & Roxie Watson+</i>
Tuesday, 1/10 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Thanksgiving for the Blessed Mother</i>
Wednesday, 1/11	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Conseulo Diaz+</i>
Thursday, 1/12	10:00 am - Mass <i>For Paul Sizemore</i>
Friday, 1/13 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass <i>For William & Irene Stockton+</i>
Saturday, 1/14	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sofia & 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 Vogt+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

**Sunday Morning CCD
and Adult Catechesis
will NOT meet through
Jan. 15, for Christmas Break.**

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

High School Youth Group - Our first meeting of the New Year will be the Winter Formal, from 6-10pm on Saturday night, January 7, in Guadalupe Hall.



RSVP at olrevents051955@gmail.com. Admission fee is \$5.00.

(We will not be meeting on Sunday night, Jan. 8.)

Solemnity of the Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2023



Please go [HERE](#) to read Fr. Richard's instructions and information about Epiphany. Blessed chalk and instructions are available in the Narthex.

CONFIRMATION is right around the corner. Registration forms are due to JohnMark Cayer by Jan. 9.

Please remember, 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.

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.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William E. Sloka.

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

SCHOOL NEWS



Jan. 13 NOON Dismissal

Jan. 16 MLK Holiday - NO School

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

NEW Mass Schedule

Starts the weekend of January 14/15, 2023

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

Please see Fr. Longenecker's letter explaining the details of our new schedule, on the OLR website and in the printed flyers available in the Narthex.

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.

If you think you may be called to serve the church as a deacon, the Diocese of Charleston is receiving applications to begin the discernment and training process. Please speak with Fr. Longenecker for more information.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

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.

May the peace and joy of the New Year be yours!



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

RCIA

Our next meeting will be
on Wednesday, January 11,
discussing "Reconciliation and
Anointing of the Sick/ God's Mercy"

All are welcome to join
St. Martha's Book Club

for upcoming discussions
in Guadalupe Hall
from 12:30-2:00 pm.



LOST and FOUND

Please check the corner hall in front of the men's
restroom door. There are many assorted large and
small items that need to be picked up. Remaining
items will be donated on Feb. 1.

Jan 9 ***Irena's Children***
by Tilar Mazzeo
Feb 6 ***The Reed of God***
by Caryll Houselander

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.