



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

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

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Brothers and Sisters,

Catholics are often accused by our separated brothers and sisters of not reading the Bible. I would like to say that they are dead wrong, and that Catholics love the Bible and know the Bible upside down and backwards. I think the reality is that we still have work to do on that one!

Do you read your Bible every day? One of the foundations of our faith is that the Sacred Scriptures are one of the ways the supernatural and the natural are woven together. The Bible-the Sacred Scriptures-are the written witness we have of the primary revelation of God in Christ Jesus. In other words, the Bible tells us about Jesus. It records the mystery of salvation history which culminates in the incarnation of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Therefore, it is a fundamental duty of all Catholics to know and love the Bible. How can you read the Bible more? Follow the daily Mass readings. Did you know that if you simply read the daily Mass readings (even if you can't get to Mass) over three years you will have read most of the Bible. A good way to do this is with the little magazine *Magnificat*. You can also follow the daily Mass readings on various websites--the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and a website called Universalis. These can both be accessed with smart phones and other gadgets.

Have you thought of joining a Bible study group? A group of Catholics prayerfully reading the Bible together can bring increased knowledge and application of the Scriptures to daily life.

Remember the other foundation of faith for Catholics. We don't believe in the Protestant idea of *sola Scriptura* or "only the Bible". For Catholics the Bible is always read within the whole life of the Catholic Church. It was the Catholic Church that first wrote the Bible, decided what books should go in the Bible, and have been the defenders of the Bible down through the ages.

St. Peter says there is no private interpretation of the Bible. Therefore, our own reading of the Bible is always subject to the final interpretation and teaching of the Church.

The Church gives us a broad overview and helps us to see within the Scriptures the Lord Jesus Christ who is God's primary revelation to us.

This Lent, why not pick up that Bible at home, blow the dust and cobwebs off it, and start reading again. Read through St. Mark's gospel or St. Paul's epistle to the Ephesians. Those are my favorite books.

Give it a try!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Mar. 12, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 13,192.
Shortfall: \$ -5,804.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #37 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 703,000.
Received: \$ 770,301.
Surplus: \$ 67,301.



Offering envelopes for
Easter flowers
are now available
in the Narthex.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, 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, Beth Kitchen, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Lisa Meyer, 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, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Will Woodward, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 18, through Sunday, March 26

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 3/18	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Tom Walsh, Ken Newman and Robert Jackowski</i>
Sunday, 3/19	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Nancy Bryant+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Sr. Ann Joseph, OP</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 3/20 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass <i>For Adolfo Cividanes-Ferria+</i>
Tuesday, 3/21 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass
Wednesday, 3/22	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For James Anderson+</i>
Thursday, 3/23	10:00 am - School Mass <i>For Special Intention</i>
Friday, 3/24 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Margaret Vanoschik+ and Family</i>
Saturday, 3/25	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Jaqueline Bricco+</i>
Sunday, 3/26	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The VanNorden Family</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Debbie Slacast+</i>

DAY OF MERCY

Wednesday, March 29

**Confessions will be held in
Upper Church, 9am-5:30pm**



Our High School Youth Group will NOT have our usual meeting on March 19.



Sunday Morning Adult Catechesis

Please join us at 9am on Sunday morning in Guadalupe Hall for our continuing studies on Church History. This week we will discuss "Age of Rebelliion 1500-2000; The Jesuits, Carmelites, and The Counter Reformation".

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Some people come in our life as blessings. Some come in your life as lessons."
Mother Teresa

How many times have you met a person who did some sort of harm to you, or failed to follow through and you learn not to let that happen again? We all learn lessons from those experiences. We can also count the many people who have changed our lives, or are positives in our life. Both are valuable as we strive to be more like Christ.

In our work at Mother Teresa House, we have had both. The person who is begging for someone to pay for a hotel room, you find them a shelter bed, give them bus tickets and they don't go and you see them the next day back on the streets. We have also had the person in the same dire situation, but they go to the shelter, get a job, save, and get an apartment and car. Both are both a blessing and a lesson. One is an opportunity to serve Him and learn that not all truly want help but to be enabled, and one to never give up doing what we do. There are people truly trying to change their lives, going to the Pool of Siloam and wash their eyes.

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The Diocesan 2nd Collection this week will be for the Catholic Relief Services. There will be a basket in the Narthex if you wish to make a donation.

Easter Baskets for "Church Without Walls"

Pastor Johnson is asking OLR parishioners to assist him with providing Easter baskets for the children of needy families living in our community. Please bring a pre-made basket to the Parish Office by Monday, **March 27**.

The Knights of Columbus Co.1668 are 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.



SCHOOL NEWS



March 20 NO School

March 30 **Classical Education Presentation**

Martin Cothran will visit on **March 30**, and give a presentation for parents at 7 pm in Guadalupe Hall. The topic of his presentation will be "What is Classical Education and How it differs from Public School "
[RSVP HERE](#).

Easter Decorations

Your help is needed to get our church ready for Easter. This is not an event for small children, however, there are many tasks for ages 10 and up.

On **Saturday, March 25**, at 10:30am in Upper Church we will cover all the statues in purple cloth. We need a team of 5-6 adults for this task.

On **Saturday, April 8**, at 10:30am Upper Church we will decorate the church to prepare for the Easter Services. Please contact Sue Bannio with any questions and to let her know she can count on you. (864) 313-4479. or 4SueBannio@gmail.com.

The Fellowship of St. Joseph will be hosting a retreat for dads and their sons at Heart Ridge Retreat Center, on **Saturday, April 1**. The retreat will feature fun activities and talks by Jason Craig, Christian author and founder of Fraternus. Dads and sons over 12, do not miss this great event! Contact Brian Hansen for details or go [HERE](#) at the OLR website.

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Looking for a Few Good Men!

The Knights of Columbus are having a membership drive **March 18-19**, after each Mass. Any Catholic gentleman, 18 years of age or older, qualifies to become a Knight. If interested, please see a Knight after Mass or contact Bob Mack at Robert.mack@kofc.org or call (864) 325-5978."

LENT . . . WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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 22, and the discussion will
be on "Commandments #6-10".

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 morning 9-11am in
Lower Church, April 1.**

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

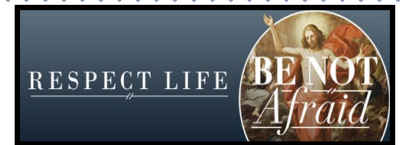
Apr 3 *West with Giraffes*
by Lynda Rutledge



WE NEED HELP . . .

Our Middle School Youth Group has grown
by leaps and bounds. Please consider being
a volunteer to ASSIST with this group,
meeting on Sunday evenings after
the 5pm Mass, from 6-8pm.
Contact JohnMark Cayer at the parish office,

ROSARY COUNTS FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Please find the Blue
Basket for Rosary Count Slips in the Infant of Prague Chapel.



40 Days for Life Closing Celebration: You are invited to join us for prayer,
music, food, and fellowship at the Closing Celebration for the spring campaign of 40 Days for Life,
Sunday, **April 2** (Palm Sunday), from 3-4:15 pm in the parking lot of the Piedmont Women's Center.
Come for the wrap-up of our spring campaign, and hear personal testimonials by women whose lives
were impacted or threatened by abortion, and how Christ has used this darkest of evils for good in their
lives and those of others.

2023 International Day of the Unborn Child: This remembrance for abortion victims was established
in Uruguay in 1999 during St. John Paul II's coronation. Parishioners are invited to join the Knights of
Columbus and Respect Life Committee with a Rosary at 9:45 am on Sunday, **March 26**, in commemora-
tion of the lives of innocent babes that have died from the cruelty of abortion.

Spiritual Adoption Sign-Up: Can you say a short prayer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for an unborn child
who is in danger of abortion? If so, find the Spiritual Adoption box in the Narthex. There, please
fill out a white card/slip and place in the basket. Then take your prayer card with the 2-sentence
prayer to say each day, **beginning March 25**, (The Feast of the Annunciation). Thereafter,
check the weekly bulletin "foot prints" to see how your baby is growing. Monthly posters in the
Narthex will show your baby's developmental progress. Our Spiritual Adoption will culminate with the No-
vember Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower for those moms giving birth in December – the arrival of our
precious infants! Please join this spiritual battle to protect human lives!



Check Out the SC Catholic Conference "TAKE ACTION" Site: It will provide you with important legis-
lation up for passage and, with the touch of a button, you can send your message to your legislators!
This TAKE ACTION site gives you a brief description of each important bill and allows you to be heard on
such legislation as Repealing the Blaine Amendment (H.3591) as well as the Human Life Protection Act
(H.3774), etc. Please copy and paste the link below or click [HERE](#) to get started.



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: This Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudg-
mental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experi-
ence and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Now is the
time! **April 14-16**, 2023-Greenville. To register, email Grace4healing@gmail.com.

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