



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 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

Brothers and Sisters,

One of the powerful images during Lent is the Lord's temptation in the wilderness. There He confronts the deceiver, the Devil, Satan, the Father of Lies.

One of the devil's favorite lies is to make people believe he doesn't exist. Furthermore, he wants us to believe that the whole supernatural realm does not exist. One of the ways he does this is to get Catholics to downplay or even deny the reality of the supernatural realm.

They usually do not do this explicitly, instead they deny the supernatural by shifting their emphasis away from the spiritual battle toward the struggles in the ordinary world. They yield to the temptation to turn their religion into a sensible method of doing good works in the world. Thus, their Catholic faith becomes a fellowship time, a time for education, or an action group to change the world.

This is not the main purpose of religion. You can be involved in good works, help the poor, campaign for justice, educate children, and work for a good cause without being religious.

One of the fundamentals of our faith is that through our religion we are involved in a supernatural transaction. We're dealing with the devil. We're dealing with the divine. We're engaged in a cosmic battle with heaven and hell, and salvation at stake. If we forget this or deny the reality of the supernatural, we have fallen prey to the devil's lies.

We sometimes think that the supernatural is only evidenced in the stupendous things like visions of Mary, exorcisms, miracles, and paranormal phenomena. However, the supernatural realm is not separate from our everyday world. It is woven in and through all that we do. There is a supernatural dimension to our ordinary conversations, decisions, and actions in life.

On the dark side, the devil is constantly tempting us to yield to greed, lust, insecurity, worry, fear, and his whole worldly agenda. On the light side, every time we say 'yes' to God, every time we pray, worship, stop to be kind to another person, and spread God's love, we are engaged in the battle and are accomplishing something good not only in the natural world, but in the supernatural realm as well.

One of the foundations of the Catholic faith is to see life as shot through with supernatural graces and supernatural temptations.

Lent is a time when we sharpen our awareness of these truths. Through prayer and fasting and almsgiving we make new connections with the supernatural reality of our faith. We remind ourselves that "we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against the spiritual forces of wickedness in high places."

Keep a good Lent, and fight the good fight!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Feb. 26, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 17,976.
Shortfall: \$ -1,024.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #35 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 665,000.
Received: \$ 722,716.
Surplus: \$ 57,716.

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, 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, Jim Wood, Louise Wood, Will Woodward, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 4, through Sunday, March 12

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

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>
Monday, 3/6 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass <i>For The Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
Tuesday, 3/7 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass <i>For Linda Schroeder+</i>
Wednesday, 3/8	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass
Thursday, 3/9	10:00 am - School Mass, <i>For Tom Michaelis</i>
Friday, 3/10 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Sr. Moira, OR</i>
Saturday, 3/11	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass
Sunday, 3/12	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Donna Dewhurst</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>



NEXT WEEKEND

**Daylight Saving
Time Begins**

**SPRING Forward
1 Hour**

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, March 5, High School Youth Group will meet from 6-8pm. Father Longenecker will be presenting to our youth group this Sunday on the historical locations of the Stations of the Cross. He will be sharing pictures and experiences taken from his sabbatical last year.



SCHOOL NEWS

March 16 Canned Goods Drive
March 17 NOON Dismissal
March 20 NO School - Solemnity of St. Joseph



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But if that drop was not in the ocean, I think the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."
Mother Teresa

Four years ago, I started at Mother Teresa House. I was new to working with the economically challenged and homeless. I quickly learned best practices, many lessons the hard way, and created relationships with other agencies who have become great resources.

Your prayers and support are what have helped me continue to add that "drop in the ocean" on those days when it feels like I am not making a difference. It is an ongoing challenge to help people who refuse to face their realities and find a path to help them.

While I celebrate four years of doing this work, I want to say thank you as we do this work together as a community.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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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 "Christendom 1000-1500; The Mendicant Orders".

The next meeting of the **OLR St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, March 6, in Guadalupe Hall. If you are a current member or someone who is interested in learning more about what SVDP is doing and how to become a member, please join us!



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.
Come join the OLR parish family for great food and fellowship.



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.

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 26**, 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.



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. Contact JohnMark Cayer at the parish office.

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 8, and the discussion will be on "Commandments #1-4".

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 18, and April 1.**

Contact Christina Mills at ccmillsfam5@icloud.com
or Mindy Anders at 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>



Check Out the SC Catholic Conference "TAKE ACTION" Site: It will provide you with important legislation 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
Healing The Pain Of Abortion
One Weekend At A Time

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: This Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness. The retreats in South Carolina are:

April 14-16, 2023-Greenville--(English)

April 28-30, 2023-Charleston--(Spanish)

For more information or registration, email Grace4healing@gmail.com

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