



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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## Church Office Hours

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## School Office Hours

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## WEEKEND MASS

*Upper Church*

**Saturday** 5:00 pm, Anticipated

**Saturday**, 8:00pm, *Neocatechumenal  
Way Mass (Lower Church)*

**Sunday** 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

## WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, 9:00-10:00 am

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## 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

May 7, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Brothers and Sisters,

Last week I wrote about our worship being a “compendium of culture”. Over the next few weeks, I will share some thoughts on the different aspects of our worship.

Architecture. The building in which we worship is important to our experience of worship. Not only that, it reflects our theology and understanding of God and our relationship to him.

I remember reading about Native American culture. The writer observed that many of the Native Americans lived in round teepees placed in a circle, and that this was a reflection of their world view: that life was a great circle, a spiral, a never ending cycle. Christianity, on the other hand, is linear—it goes from beginning to end—from Alpha to Omega. So, we build in straight lines and our churches are linear, not circular.

The traditional Catholic church is cruciform. In other words, it is in the shape of a cross with the font at the back where the Christian pilgrimage commences and moves to the sanctuary and altar where the journey is fulfilled. The sanctuary symbolizes heaven where the lamb is on the throne (the throne being symbolized by the altar)

A Catholic church is centered on the altar where the saving sacrifice of Christ is re-presented. The priest faces the altar and the crucifix thus praying with his people as they turn to the Lord together. Of course the Mass may be celebrated facing the people, but there are problems with this. Too often there is a tendency for the Mass to become a “performance” by the priest, and for the prayers to be more directed to the people than to God.

The traditional Catholic church building is also lofty. It has “verticality” because our God is above and beyond us. The lofty ceilings of Cathedrals point upward and draw our eyes, our hearts and our minds upward. These aspects of architecture work on us even when we are unaware of them. The apprehension of beauty is deeper than words and so lifts us to the transcendent and draws us into worship.

Traditional architecture does all this, but it also provides us with a bridge to the great artistic, architectural and cultural heritage we enjoy as Catholics. The Romanesque architecture is a direct link to the early Roman churches that developed out of the cultural glories of the Roman Empire. This is part of our heritage as Western Christians and we do well do maintain it and pass it on as good stewards.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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### Director of Outreach

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### Youth Ministry Coordinator

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## Parish Operating Financials

### Weekend Collections for April 30, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.  
Received: \$ 30,889.  
Surplus: \$ 11,889.

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #44 in the Fiscal Year  
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 836,000.  
Received: \$ 943,255.  
Surplus: \$ 107,255.

## Online Giving

Please remember that especially during the upcoming summer months, we have continuing financial obligations.

To sign up for regular online planned giving go [HERE](#).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, 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, 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, May 6, through Sunday, May 14**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

**All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.**

Saturday, 5/6	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 5/7	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i> 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 Edmund Haggard+</i>
Monday, 5/8 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Communion Service
Tuesday, 5/9 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i>
Wednesday, 5/10	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Louis Gessay+</i>
Thursday, 5/11	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Edith Campbell+</i>
Friday, 5/12	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Saturday, 5/13	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Lila Toca</i>
Sunday, 5/14	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Christine Jackowski+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Tammy &amp; Greg Routh</i>

## Save the Date!

Fr. Longenecker is teaming up with notable Bible teacher, Steve Ray, to lead a parish pilgrimage to the **Holy Land May 15-24, 2024**. More information later, but if you're interested mark your calendars and email Donna Craft in the Parish Office, [dcraft@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:dcraft@charlestdiocese.org).

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing.” Mother Teresa

Should you ever engage a homeless person on the streets? If they approach or interact with you first, then take time to listen, unless you can see they are clearly influenced by drugs, alcohol or mental illness. It is easy to see. You can offer to pray for them, give our number (864-412-7101) or refer them to the many fine agencies here in Greenville. I usually smile, say hello back and then talk with them (remember I have been doing this for many years).

If they do not talk to you first, then smile and move on. Many do not want to be disturbed and engaging them could have unintended consequences. We have professionals who go out in groups everyday who reach out to homeless where they, and to be sure they are not ignored. I always say, we have the best, Christ-like parishioners who always want to help those in need. Remember how far a simple smile can go into bringing someone back from a dark place.

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**CAMPUS CLEAN UP DAY**  
**Saturday, May 13, 8am - 12pm**

**Coffee and Donuts**

**Please bring cleaning supplies  
and yardwork tools.**

OLR's **WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED** program assists Moms in Need, especially those with unexpected pregnancies, by offering support for their questions and concerns as well as assisting them in providing for themselves and their growing baby. Once a Mom phones or emails us, we set up an appointment with her where she can receive comfort and a confidential listening ear. Whether it is applying for Medicaid, finding a food bank or clothing closet, looking into pre-natal care, delivery options or planning for childcare after delivery. Walking With Moms In Need is there to help each mom navigate resources all around us. If you find yourself in need of our free services, we would be so happy to connect with you via email: **wwmin@proton.me** or phone: **864-412-7101**.

**You are not alone. We are here for You!**



## School News

- May 9** Formal Recital
- May 17** Headmaster's Address
- May 20** First Holy Communion
- May 23** Spring Concert
- May 26** Class of 2023 Graduation Mass
- May 28** Confirmation
- June 1** Last Day of School - Noon Dismissal



*We will have our regular  
High School Youth Group  
this Sunday, 6-8pm.*

### RCIA

Our next meeting will be on May 10, and the discussion will be on "Being Catholic in a Non-Catholic Society."



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

### RESPECT LIFE

**Statement from the  
Diocese of Charleston  
regarding H.3774**

"The Catholic Conference is extremely disappointed in the Senate's failure to pass H.3774... The SC Senate failed to end the filibuster and pass the bill on third reading. Instead, by a 22-21 procedural vote, the Senate parked the bill until further debate takes place in 2024. Six Republicans joined the Democrat voting block to adjourn debate."

Please go [HERE](#) to see those who voted "aye" to kill the bill in 2023 vs. those who voted "nay" to pass the bill. Please contact your senator and express your extreme displeasure if they voted "aye", as well as thank those who voted "nay" to pass the bill this year.

**WALKING WITH MOMS IN NEED MEETING**  
**5PM, Thursday, May 11, in Guadalupe Hall**

**RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY MEETING**  
**6 PM, Thursday, May 11, in Guadalupe Hall**

### Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 7, May 7



Your baby's upper and lower lips are forming, and his tongue is developing. Baby's eyes are obvious, and his upper and lower eyelids begin to appear. His cardiovascular system was formed two weeks ago, and his brain and organs began forming three weeks ago.

Please see the **new** OLR websites at  
[olr.church](http://olr.church) and [olr.school](http://olr.school)  
for all the most recent news  
and announcements.



*Special thanks for the volunteer efforts of one of  
our parishioners, for the design and implementation  
of our new websites.*