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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

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

June 4, 2023

Most Holy Trinity Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every year when Trinity Sunday rolls around preachers are reminded that it is almost impossible to preach about the Holy Trinity without lapsing into heresy. This is because the Doctrine of the Trinity is so nuanced and complex, and in efforts to explain the Trinity using examples and illustrations, we invariably make minor mistakes and foster misunderstandings.

I prefer, therefore to rely on a favorite definition about "mystery"—and that is "a mystery is something that can be experienced even if it cannot be explained." So, for example, love is a mystery. How would you explain "love" to an alien from outer space? Would you say, "It is a warm feeling inside" and they would say, "You mean like when you drink hot chocolate?" Or you might say, "It is a close bond with another person." and they might say, "You mean like superglue?" You get my point. Love, like every mystery is something that can be experienced even though it cannot be explained.

Likewise with the Trinity. We experience the Trinity all around us. The whole world is structured on the Trinity. Elements have three forms: solid, gas and liquid. Music has three basic components: melody, harmony and rhythm. There are three primary colors that combine to form a vast array of colors. The examples from the world around us can be multiplied by using our powers of observation and imagination.

The Trinity we experience most simply and profoundly is the trinity of our body, mind and spirit. Like the three persons of the Holy Trinity our body, mind and spirit are distinct and yet not distinct. Body is one with Spirit and Mind. Mind is one with Body and Spirit. Spirit is one with Body and Mind.

We are healthy and whole as we experience balance and unity in Body, Mind and Spirit. We are out of balance, wounded and disordered when sin disrupts the unity and balance that God desires to build within us.

The life of faith is a life that is ordered in our Body, Mind and Spirit in an intimate, sacramental union with God Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is why the invocation of the Holy Trinity is woven into the liturgy of the church. We begin in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and end with the Trinitarian blessing. The liturgy is structured in three parts: Opening, Ministry of the Word, and Ministry of the Eucharist. We echo the trinity in the Sanctus, the Agnus Dei, and the Creed itself follows a Trinitarian structure.

Therefore, if the Trinity is "a mystery that can be experienced even if it cannot be explained" then the primary way we enter into that experience is by opening our minds and hearts to the deep truths embedded in the liturgy. If the Trinity seems remote and confusing why not set aside the quest to explain, and enter instead the quest to experience?

Your Pastor, Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials Weekend Collections for May 28, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000. Received: \$ 27,398. Surplus: \$ 8,398.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #48 in the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022

> Needed: \$ 912,000. Received: \$ 1,034,016. Surplus: \$ 122,016.

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@charlestondiocese.org.

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, Bethe 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, June 3, through Sunday, June 11 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 6/3	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, For Roman & Jane Kruk+
Sunday, 6/4	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 Holy Souls in Purgatory
Monday, 6/5 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, For Ruth & Al Caspary+
Tuesday, 6/6 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, For Frances Ann Howard Robinson+
Wednesday, 6/7	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Ray Ireland</i>
Thursday, 6/8	10:00 am - Mass, For Sr. Maria Christi, O.P.
Friday, 6/9 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, For Josephine & Murray M. Howard, Jr.+
Saturday, 6/10	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Marta Comas</i>
Sunday, 6/11	8:00 am - Mass, For Special Intention 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, For The People 5:00 pm - Mass, For Betty Daniels+

St. Martha's Book Club upcoming discussions:

June 5 - *Ordinary Grace*, by William Kent Krueger July 3 - *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt

We meet from 12:30-2:00pm.

Call Marianne 864-360-2406 for meeting location.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"If you can't feed a hundred people, feed just one."

Mother Teresa

We often think we have to do big things to make a difference. We are asked to little things with great love. Our St. Vincent de Paul Society does this every Saturday at our food pantry. They do this work through your donations of food and money and they do it with great love for Him whom they serve.

If you don't currently support them, prayerfully consider it, and if so moved, they would be glad to have you working with them.

Thank you to all the current members of SVdP and all those who support them as you are truly serving Him.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach cloewer@charlestondiocese.org



Special thanks to all the parents and staff who have assisted in many ways "behind the scenes" this past year. We will pause our HS Youth Group meet-

ings for the summer, and meet again on Aug. 13.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

As we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, we also realize the mystery of how much God loves and cares for us each day. Believing in this, our lives can then overflow in thanksgiving and praise. Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God's love for them. Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Please join us for a meeting in Guadalupe Hall on Monday, June 12, at 6:30 pm.

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. 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!

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 11, June 4

Although your baby's eyelids are currently closed, he will soon open his eyes and see the world around him. His intestines are developing in the abdomen, and his fingernails are present. Baby can now make hand-to-face contact and move his fingers.



School News

Congratulations to our Class of 2023



June 9 Deadline to sign up and pay

for Summer Camps

August 10 Back to School Night

August 14 First Day of Class

(2023-24 School Year)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



PARISH Office - 9am - 1pm Monday-Friday

SCHOOL Office - 9am - 2pm Monday-Friday

(Open until 3pm during Summer Camps)

Abortion Pill Reversal - If you have, or know someone who has, taken the first abortion pill but want (s) to save your/her baby, please call Abortion Pill Reversal at 877-558-0333.



APR Doctors/Dentists Needed - The Abortion Pill Reversal has allowed doctors to prescribe an antidote if a woman changes her mind after taking her first abortion pill. This protocol has saved over 4,500 babies from abortion.

A member of OLR's Respect Life Committee helped a mom in Greenville who had taken the first abortion pill and changed her mind. A dentist with APR training was able to prescribe the oral medicine that saved that baby's life and that child, who will be one this June, is now a joy to his mom. We need doctors or dentists that will get the training and be available for a phone call, at sometimes odd hours, to assist a mom in saving her baby.

For more info, call Sara at 614-885-7577, Ext. 236 or email her at medical@heartbeatinternational.org.

Please see the **new** OLR websites at **olr.church** and **olr.school** for all the most recent news and announcements.

