



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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## Church Office Hours

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## School Office Hours

8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Monday-Friday  
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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

August 20, 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the months to come there will be increasing opportunities to support the work of our parish financially. As the parish and school continue to grow the demands for new ministries and facilities will increase. In the light of this I would like to share a personal story about Christian giving.

My Father was a successful Christian businessman. It was his practice to give 15% of his income to the Lord's work. While I say he was a success, it was not always so. For some time in the middle of his career his business was failing. He had re-mortgaged the family home and was struggling to support a wife and five children. Through no fault of his own, the business was slowly sinking. He still gave that 15%.

When I was in eighth grade, we had to do a homework assignment for economics class. The task was to make a pie chart of our family's budget. I will never forget working on the project in class and the teacher, looking over my shoulder, said, "Dwight, I think you made a mistake here. It says your folks give 15% to their church. I think you mean 1.5%."

"No sir." I answered proudly. "My Dad gives 15%."

My Father was not just giving to support the church, pay the pastor, help pay the bills and maintain the property. It was my Dad's way of serving the Lord. It was his offering—his sacrifice. Later, when he became very successful financially, we know he gave much more than 15%.

My Father's financial generosity paid great dividends not only in financial and practical terms, but I believe I am still a Christian today because my Dad—who was not a perfect Christian—put his money where his mouth was. He may not have been perfect, but he was steady and faithful. He set an example for his children, for his fellow Christians and for many more who have heard this story.

As we embark as a parish on some ambitious plans for the future, please keep my Dad's example in mind.

I am not demanding everyone give 15% of their income! The amount you give to the Lord's work must be your own prudent, prayerful and sacrificial decision. However, I am reminding all of us that our financial sacrifices for the Lord mean far more than just money. It involves our spiritual legacy, our spiritual destiny and the impact our lives have on our children, grandchildren and our wider community.

Your pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culkin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Bridget Gracon, 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, Justin Timbers, 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, August 19, through Sunday, August 27**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 8/19	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i>
Sunday, 8/20	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For James Cronican+</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 the People</i>
Monday, 8/21 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Bren Gerten</i>
Tuesday, 8/22 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Edgar Baxter+</i>
Wednesday, 8/23	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Ladonna Sexton+</i>
Thursday, 8/24	10:00am - School Mass, <i>For Richard &amp; Elaine Stevens</i>
Friday, 8/25 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Sr. Patricia, OP</i>
Saturday, 8/26	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Adelaide Fletcher+</i>
Sunday, 8/27	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For JoAnne Bricco+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Tom &amp; Leslie DiMartino</i>

## Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for August 13, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.  
Received: \$ 19,551.  
Surplus: \$ 551.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections  
Through Week #7 in the Fiscal Year  
Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 133,000.  
Received: \$ 138,649.  
Surplus: \$ 5,649.

**OLR Parish Retreat at Look Up Lodge  
Saturday, September 9, 9am-7pm**

**Reservations for this event are  
now CLOSED.**

## OLR Capital Campaign

Please consider making a donation to help raise \$350,000. to purchase the 5.2 acre plot of land adjacent to our campus.

There are a number of ways you can do this; with a one time gift, or binding pledge, or stock donation.

Pledge cards are available in the Narthex.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Due to Youth Day Away on Saturday, we will not have a meeting on August 20. Our next regular meeting will be on August 27, after the 5pm Mass, from 6-8pm.



## School News



- Sep. 1 Mission Day, NOON Dismissal  
After Care available until 3 pm
- Sep. 4 Labor Day, NO School

Additional information such as [uniform policy](#) and [print-friendly yearly calendar](#) can be found on the Parents Tab of the [school website](#).

PTO Events & Information can be found on the [PTO page](#) of the website

### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*“Joy is one of the best safeguards against temptation. The devil is a carrier of dust and dirt and he uses every opportunity to throw what he has at us. But a joyful heart protects us from this dirt. That is because Jesus is there in our joy. Jesus takes full possession of our soul when we surrender to him joyfully.”* **Mother Teresa**

“They have their own demons to deal with” is a saying we often use when someone is facing issues from addiction, mental health, loss of faith, hope, joy, etc. These demons are real, they are the dust the devil throws at us. It is a common thread with most people we deal with at MTH - not “full on possession”, but to hear their constant voice trying to separate us from God in our thoughts and actions.

Recently, I read an article about a museum in Minnesota which had a family demon calling event and invited families to bring vessels to take their friendly demons home. We are in a spiritual war, which is why I stress prayer to help in our mission at MTH and OLR. Our spiritual joy is the best defense to keep the darkness at bay. At the end of every Mass, we say a prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. It is a powerful prayer in these dark times.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

*The Gospel today announces that the kingdom and salvation are for all people. It is our persistent calling out to Jesus and our faith that count, for Jesus always responds.*

With love for your neighbors who have nothing, through your gifts we will show them through our response that Jesus always responds.

Please join us for **Third Sunday Fellowship** immediately after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, August 20. We meet in Guadalupe Hall and the Courtyard.



The Diocesan Second Collection for the weekend of August 20, will be for Disaster Assistance.

The Tithe Committee will make a donation on behalf of OLR, however, there will also be a basket in the Narthex if you wish to make an additional donation.

St. Martha's Book Club invites you to join our discussions.

**Tuesday, Sept 5 - My Antonia by Willa Cather**  
**Monday, Oct 2 - A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles.**

### Shroud of Turin

Join us for a dynamic presentation of artifacts and artwork connected with the Shroud of Turin. Thursday, **September 7**, at 7:00pm at Prince of Peace Catholic Church in Taylors.

The speaker is Dr. Cheryl H. White, PhD, a professor of history at Louisiana State University at Shreveport. **This free event is co-hosted by Christ On Main and Prince of Peace.** Walk-ins welcome. RSVP encouraged. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP

We'll have a free-will offering to collect donations for Dr. White.



*Providing comfort and assistance to Moms in Need. Call or email for an appointment. 864-412-7101 or [wwmin@proton.me](mailto:wwmin@proton.me)*  
**[YOU COUNT and we are here to help!](#)**

### Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 22 August 20



Rapid eye movements begin for Baby. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of survival. Your baby's heart began pumping seventeen weeks ago and he began breathing thirteen weeks ago.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Catechesis registration for K4-5<sup>th</sup> grade is now open. Please submit your [registration](#) form to the parish office by Tuesday, September 5.

If you are interested in teaching Sunday Morning Catechesis, please contact JohnMark Cayer asap at [jcayer@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:jcayer@charlestdioocese.org).

We are in special need of catechists for our K4-K5 class, our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class, and our 3-5<sup>th</sup> class.

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation registration is now open. Please submit [registration](#) forms to the parish office by January 8.

### FAMILY HONOR PROGRAM

The Family Honor Program for our confirmands will meet on September 27, October 4, and October 11.

Please register [HERE](#).

### Interested in becoming Catholic?

Maybe you or someone you know might be curious to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Or you might be looking to deepen your relationship with God. Perhaps you were baptized Catholic, but never received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation.



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

For anyone who is interested in full sacramental communion with the Catholic Church, the **RCIA program** at Our Lady of the Rosary offers the opportunity to learn more. Our adult initiation program helps adults interested in becoming Catholic to decide whether they want to be received into the Catholic Church, and prepares them to be received if they are ready.

For more information, please contact JohnMark Cayer, Director of Faith Formation [jcayer@charlestdioocese.org](mailto:jcayer@charlestdioocese.org).

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2023

## Marian Eucharistic Conference



### Featured Speakers



Rev. Don Calloway, MIC



Very Rev. Thomas Petri, OP



Rev. John Bartunek, LC



Jim Wahlberg



John Martignoni

### 11th Annual Marian Eucharistic Conference Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 14 at the Greenville Convention Center

Our featured speakers include:

Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, STB, STL;  
Fr. Thomas Petri, OP, STB, STL, STD; Jim Wahlberg;  
John Martignoni; Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D.

General admission is \$125, youth is \$75, and it includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Register by October 2, by mail. Registration after October 2: \$135. All need to be registered by October 6. For more information, go to <http://www.meconferencesc.net>

### Help us to support the Bishops' Initiative on marriage!

Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy & romance in their relationships, but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger & healthier.

Have faith that your marriage can be strong. Gain the tools of a great marriage on an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Nov 10-12, 2023 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC and Jan 26-28, 2024 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://SCMarriageMatters.org> or contact us at [applications@scmarriagematters.org](mailto:applications@scmarriagematters.org) or 803-810-9602.

Please see the OLR websites at [olr.church](#) and [olr.school](#) for all the most recent news and announcements.