



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church

Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

As we prepare for spiritual battle, we should remember that we do not fight alone. Time and again the Bible reminds us that there is "war in heaven" (Rev. 12:7) Satan and his demons are in battle with Michael and the angels. This is part of the historic faith down through the ages and the lives of the saints, witness to the reality of the conflict going on in the unseen realm.

We join our prayers with those of the saints and angels as they engage in this great battle. The prayer of St Michael used to be said at the end of Mass. Pope Leo XIII established this prayer in 1886 after he had a private vision of Satan increasing his attacks on the faith for a period of one hundred years. The obligation to recite the prayer was removed in 1964, but although the obligation to say the prayer was removed it is still permitted and we say this splendid prayer after every Mass at OLR.

The prayer is simple and powerful:

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,

and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,

by the power of God,

cast into hell Satan,

and all the evil spirits,

who prowl about the world

seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

When we come to Mass, we should realize that our prayers are part of our participation in the spiritual battle. The devil hates the Mass. He hates us to worship with our whole heart. He hates Eucharistic adoration. He hates when we spend time in prayer.

The dimension of spiritual warfare can be added very easily to our usual prayer time. In addition to this there are some excellent books and online courses on spiritual warfare. You can check out my most recent book: *Immortal Combat-Confronting the Heart of Darkness*. You can also search online for books on spiritual warfare and go to the Avila Institute--a new apostolate established by my friend Dan Burke. The courses there will help equip you for the spiritual battle with a wealth of ideas and inspiration.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Sep. 24, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 18,386.
Shortfall: \$ -614.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections
Through Week #13 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 247,000.
Received: \$ 256,176.
Surplus: \$ 9,176.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
will be held in Lower Church
on Friday, October 6,
from 11:00am-5:00pm.

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 Culklin, 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, Stephanie Kaufmann, 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, 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, September 30, through Sunday, October 8

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 9/30	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Murray M. Howard, Jr.</i>
Sunday, 10/1	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Sr. Catherine Theresa, O.P.</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Anthony Gagnet+</i>
Monday, 10/2 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Roger & Wilma Bever+</i>
Tuesday, 10/3 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Maria of the Angels, O.P.</i>
Wednesday, 10/4	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Regina Woods+</i>
Thursday, 10/5 (School)	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Thomas Dashiell+</i>
Friday, 10/6 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Sr. Mary Francis, O.P.</i>
Saturday, 10/7	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 10/8	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Mary Ann Reese+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Frank Walker+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Clemente & Estella Medina+</i>



October 7, is the Obligatory Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, the patronal feast of our parish, and is therefore a Solemnity for us, observed at all weekend Masses.

The next **Adult Catechesis class** will meet this Sunday, Oct. 1, at 9:15 in Guadalupe Hall. Dr. Carolyn Watson's talk will be entitled, "*The Decoration of the Early Christian Basilica*".

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our high school youth group NOT meet after Mass this Sunday, October 1. Instead, that afternoon we will participate in **Life Chain** on Woodruff Road.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"If we want a love message to be heard, it has got to be sent out. To keep a lamp burning, we have to keep putting oil in it."
Mother Teresa

At Mother Teresa House we send our message out by the work we do, our attendance at meetings, and working in the field with others. This is funded through our parish and your generous contributions. It is the physical oil we use to keep the lamp burning. The most important oil we need is prayer.

Prayer is the love message that needs to be heard and it needs you to send it out. To keep our lamp burning, the light of Christ, we need to keep putting oil in it - our prayers.

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OLR Homecoming

Thursday, October 5, in the Gym

4:30 Middle School Volleyball game
5:30 Varsity Volleyball

Youth and Middle School Soccer and Cross Country will be honored between sets.

Knights of Columbus will be selling hamburger dinners.

Bonfire, S'mores, Praise & Worship after the games.



In the **Battle of Lepanto**, the Turks believed Christianity had become so weak, it was time to move in. Outnumbered, Pope St. Pius V called upon the world to pray the rosary. Miraculously, victory was won on October 7, 1571, which brought the Feast of Our Lady of Victory.

We need Our Lady of Rosary more today than ever today. Please join others with Rosary Coast to Coast in **praying the Rosary for our church and country at on her feast day, Saturday, Oct. 7, at 4:00pm in Upper Church.**

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 28 October 1

Baby now weighs about 2 1/2 pounds and is a tad over 15 inches long from head to heel. His muscles and lungs are continuing to mature, and his head is growing bigger to accommodate his brain, which is busy developing billions of neurons. With this rapid growth, it is no surprise that your baby's nutritional needs reach their peak during this trimester.



School News



- Oct. 5 **NOON Dismissal**, Mission Day
- Oct. 6 **No School**, Parent Teacher Conferences
- Oct. 9 **No School**, Columbus Day



Wednesday, Oct. 4, is the Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, the environment, ecologists and merchants. To commemorate this observance, there will be a **Blessing of the Animals** held that day on the lawn outside the Upper Church at 2:30pm, weather permitting.

Furry, feathery, fluffy, and spikey animal friends of all shapes, kinds and sizes are welcome. All animals must be safely secured or on leashes.

St. Martha's Book Club invites you to join our discussions in Guadalupe Hall, 12:30-2:00 pm.

Monday, Oct. 2 - **A Gentleman in Moscow**
by Amor Towles.

Monday, Nov. 6 - **There and Back Again**
by Fr. Longenecker

Call Marianne at (864) 360-2406 for information.

CLBBY (Church League for Basket Ball Youth) season is here for children age K5-5th Grade.

Go [HERE](#) for information and the sign up link.



This year OLR is again participating in a **coat drive**, sponsored by Pastor Johnson's *Church Without Walls*.

The focus is on Grove Road Elementary School, with an enrollment of 637, where 90% of the students are living below the Federal Poverty Level.

The children are not only living in squalid conditions, but are surrounded by gangs, violence, drug and sex trafficking. Very often the school is safer than their homes. *Church Without Walls* has now set up a clothing bank inside the school where the social workers distribute appropriate clothing to the most needy children. Please bring new or gently used coats, for children age K4-5th grade to the parish office **by Friday, November 17.**

**Do you have a heart for helping others?
Can you see yourself partnering with
another advisor to help a Mom in Need?**



We have 2-person advisor teams that take turns comforting and advising Moms each week about resources in the Greenville area. Training is available and your confidentiality is our priority. Our appointments with Moms will average 2 hours and advisors can decide to connect with the Mom via computer, in-person, or a phone call. [For more info, please email wwmin@proton.me.](mailto:wwmin@proton.me)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Catechesis meets from 9:15-10:00 am.

CONFIRMATION

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

FAMILY HONOR PROGRAM

The Family Honor Program for our confirmands will meet on Oct. 4, and 11. Please register [HERE](#).

Remember in the Lower Church we have a "Give and Take" library. If you have Catholic books you are finished with, place them in the basket. If you would need a good Catholic read, take what you like from the bookshelves. There is also a selection of books on the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Devotion that you may purchase. Also, remember in the Lower Church are long burning candles you may light in memory of departed loved ones.

COOKIES FOR KAIROS

Collection of cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry

Drop cookies off in the Narthex before noon on **Wednesday, Oct. 4**. Please, no powdered sugar, icing, fruit or nuts, packed by the dozen in a BOX (zip lock bags are not allowed in the prison).



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

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>

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 4, in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing "Salvation History".



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

[Respect Life Ministry's "Fantastic" First Sunday Brunch](#)

Come join us for a tasty brunch following the 10:30 am Mass on [Sunday, October 1st!](#) We will showcase all that the Respect Life Committee brings to OLR and invite you to join our TEAM! A Children's Pro-Life Table will have an educational exhibit and giveaways. Join us for coffee, tea, food, and fellowship!



FIRST THURSDAY ADORATION October 5, 2023 6-8 pm in Lower Church

Please join the Respect Life Committee as we pray for further protections for the unborn and vulnerable among us, for our priests, deacons and religious, all who pray and counsel at the abortion clinic as well as the volunteers and clients of OLR's Walking with Moms in Need program.



FIRST SATURDAY PRO-LIFE MASS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE UNBORN AND PRO-LIFE WARRIORS



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church's next First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors will be on **Saturday, October 7, at 9:30 am in Upper Church**. Sidewalk Advocates, 40 Days for Life and OLR's Respect Life Committee will provide updates on pro-life issues and all are encouraged to join us in praying the rosary at the abortion clinic afterwards located at 1142 Grove Road. For more info, please call 864-772-9020.

Be the ONE to say YES to praying for the least and most vulnerable among us! To find out more and sign up to help please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville, or contact Judy Masterson 864-506-0964 or Ingrid Ireland, 864-329-0044. Help to spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.



Life Chain – Sunday, Oct. 1, 2:30 – 3:30 PM, Woodruff Road, Greenville. Please join others across the country for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. OLR is assigned the grassy areas near the road in front of Cracker Barrel and Whole Foods all the way down to Verizon. Please pick up your signs at Whole Foods parking lot beginning at 2:00 PM. You may park there. If praying in front of Cracker Barrel you may drive over there and park in their far back area by Drury Inn. Life Chain guidelines are to be prayerful and to stand at minimum 10 feet apart to form a continuous chain. Please return signs afterwards. Call Ingrid 864-329-0044.

Rosaries for Life: Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society and for an end to other assaults on human Life. Turn in your counts at your local parish or email your count each week to familylife@charlestandiocese.org.

Sidewalk Counseling Training: Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy Masterson 864-506-0964, or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org

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