



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

September 24 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In his epistle to the Ephesians St. Paul sets out the need for spiritual warfare. He writes, "Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm...."

He speaks of "putting on the full armor of God" and thus outlines how to prepare for battle. "Having girded your lips with truth and having put on the breastplate of righteousness and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one, and take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

The battle is spiritual and the armor and weapons are spiritual. The Christian is not called to warfare in the sense of going on a crusade. We are not to be Christian jihadists—forming armies and going to war. The battle in which we engage is spiritual.

St. Paul says that we do not wrestle with flesh and blood, but with spiritual forces. This means the way we do battle is through prayer, fasting, meditation and contemplation.

Beneath, behind, in and through all the battles we see in our political, economic, and moral world there is a spiritual dimension. The attack on the family is a spiritual battle. The attack on churches is a spiritual battle. The attack on religious freedom is a spiritual battle. The attack on the Catholic faith is a spiritual battle. The attack on life is a spiritual battle.

Therefore, we are called to engage in that battle through a life dedicated to serious prayer, serious sacrifice, serious fasting and serious worship. The next two weeks I will give pointers and resources on how to participate in this battle.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Sep. 17, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
 Received: \$ 19,546.
 Surplus: \$ 546.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections
 Through Week #12 in the Fiscal Year
 Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 228,000.
 Received: \$ 237,790.
 Surplus: \$ 9,790.

FOURTH THURSDAY ADORATION

**Thursday, Sep. 28, 6-8pm,
 in Lower Church.**

Please join us in praying for the Knights of Columbus, a ministry of Catholic men focused on the principles of charity, unity, and fraternity.

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, September 23, through Sunday, October 1
 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 9/23	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Past, Present and Deceased Members of OLR St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>
Sunday, 9/24	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Maureen Bolchoz+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Sr. Dominic Mary of Mercy, O.P.</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 9/25 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Robert White+</i>
Tuesday, 9/26 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Anna Bryant+</i>
Wednesday, 9/27	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Jialin Vang, O.P.</i>
Thursday, 9/28 (School)	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Roland Luciani+</i>
Friday, 9/29 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Sr. Mary Michael, O.P.</i>
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>

Adult Catechesis will not meet on Sunday, Sept. 24. Our next class will be October 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 will meet on Sunday, Sep. 24, after the 5pm Mass, from 6-8pm.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters."

Mother Teresa

Recently, we had a disabled veteran and his family of eight in a tough situation visit us at MTH. We talked for a long while and their greatest need was housing, both immediate and long term.

Our main mission is as a referral source, in fact Greenville County Schools called me this week to find help with someone they were helping. I was able to create a list of places to call and visit that would best suited to help a veteran. I know they have worked on the list and were able to find temporary housing from one resource and they are working with another resource for permanent housing. Sometimes it feels like what we do for others is small and not enough, but do it with great love and let God take it from there.

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The Lay Carmelite is called to the Family of Carmel to be deeply involved in the mission of the Church and to contribute to the sanctification of the secular world through our charisms of prayer, community, and service. The Community meets on the First Saturday of each month from 9:00am-1:30pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 1200 Cornelia Road, Anderson, SC for Liturgy of the Hours, Mass and meeting. Catholic men or women interested in may contact Joan at joanelizabethrn@gmail.com.



Respect Life Committee'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 interested parties to join our TEAM! A Children's Pro-Life Table will have an educational exhibit and giveaways.

Bring your appetite and join us for coffee, tea, food, and fellowship!

Spiritual Adoption WEEK 27 September 24



A facial response occurs when baby is given bitter-tasting substances. Reflexes between the taste buds and facial muscles are in place. His lungs are capable of breathing air, and the central nervous system can detect rhythmic breathing and control body temperature.

School News



Sep. 28 Picture Day
Dress Uniform required

Sep. 30 Classical Coffee, 9-11am
Guadalupe Hall

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

PTO Information can be found on the [PTO page](#).

St. Vincent de Paul Society

On September 27, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

Thank you to all who donated to our Food Drive last weekend and celebrated our 30 years of service at OLR.

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.

Attn: Parents with teens preparing for Confirmation this year! An exciting part of the preparation for this Sacrament is **Family Honor's "REAL LOVE & REAL LIFE"** retreat. We provide a unique opportunity for you and your teen to come together to hear about God's gift of sexuality PLUS we give you a common language for effective communication in your family. Virtue formation, dating, vocation discernment, true worth, and peer pressure are among the other topics discussed.

This three-session program will start on Wednesday, Sept. 27, (Parents only), and continue on Oct. 4 & 11 (Parents AND Teens for sessions 2 & 3). If you have a teen in Confirmation preparation this year, **please register [here](#)**.

Parents with 9th graders or mature 7th graders (not in the Confirmation class) are also welcome to attend. Sessions are from 6:45 - 9:15 pm, in Guadalupe Hall. Cost is \$45 total per family. Want to know more about the content of the program? Visit ww.familyhonor.org, or watch this [short video](#).

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 if they wish to connect with the Mom via computer, in-person, or over a phone call. [If you would like to know more, please send us an email at: \[wwmin@proton.me\]\(mailto:wwmin@proton.me\).](#)

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Sunday Morning Catechesis meets from 9:15-10:00 am. Adults meet in Guadalupe Hall. Middle and High School students are welcome to join with the adults.

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 Sep. 27, Oct. 4, and 11. Please register [HERE](#).

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).

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Sep. 27, in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing "Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition".



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>

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 Our Lady of the Rosary on her feast day, Saturday, Oct. 7, at 4:00pm in Upper Church.**

40 Days for Life: You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort from September 27 through November 5.



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.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally: Tuesday, Sept 26th, 6:30 pm-7:45 pm, parking lot of Piedmont Women's Center, 1143 Grove Rd. We will have a special guest speaker who was a missionary in China and can compare abortion in the U.S. with what he observed in China. Music will be provided by members of the music ministry at Brushy Creek Baptist Church. Parking is at Grove Road Baptist Church a short walk south of PWC on Grove Road. Call Carolyn at 864-477-0359.

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@charlestdiocese.org.

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

Sign-ups for 40 Days for Life and answers about participation will be available after all Masses this weekend, Sept. 23-24.

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

Inspired

BY WOMEN OF THE BIBLE

St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women

Women's Fall Retreat - Saturday, October 21, 2023

SPEAKERS:

Nina Obier - *From Thirst To Transformation: Following In the Footsteps of the Woman At the Well*

Deacon Tom Whalen - *Ignatian Spirituality*

Louise Riley - *Learning From Women Of the Bible*

The Retreat will conclude with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Pazdan Hall at St. Mary's Catholic Church

8:30AM - 2:00PM / Lunch Is Included

For More Information, Please Email courtney.plyler@gmail.com

Deadline to Register: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 / Advance registration and payment required / Cost: Electronic Payment \$26.00 per person or Cash/Check \$25.00 per person / If paying by check, make check payable to St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women; mail coupon below & check to: SMCCW, P.O. Box 1505, Greenville, SC 29602 / If you wish to register and pay electronically, please use this QR code:



St. Mary's Council of Catholic Women Fall 2023 Retreat - October 21, 2023	
Name:	
Phone Number:	Email:
Additional Guest Name(s):	
Total Guests _____ x \$25.00 =	\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED =	\$ _____
Sandwich choice and # of each: ___ Turkey & Cheese	___ Ham & Cheese ___ Veggie