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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

October 15, 2023

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From time to time it is important to be reminded of the church's ministry to the sick, the dying and the dead.

All of us are to be mindful of our deaths and the deaths of our loved ones, and it is a great comfort to know that the Good Shepherd walks with us through the valley of the shadow of death.

If you or a loved one are facing a serious surgery or a serious illness please contact the parish office and request one of the priests to visit and administer the sacrament of anointing. Please let us know. We are not blessed with telepathic gifts! Usually this will be done after a daily Mass and after a brief time of instruction, but Father Richard and I are also aware that there are times of emergency and we will do everything we can to be available for you should you or a loved one be involved in an accident or find yourselves in an emergency health situation. When the parish office is closed there is an answering service that will refer your call to us.

The parish prayer list is maintained regularly and if you have a prayer request for yourself, your family or a loved one please contact Martha Mahan at the parish office to have the name added. In addition, some folks in the parish have expanded the Divine Mercy Prayer Cenacle. They have a special calling to pray the Divine Mercy chaplet for the dying. If you know of a loved one who is near to death—pass the name to Martha and she will pass the name on to the folks in the Divine Mercy Prayer Cenacle.

If a loved one passes away we are here to help. Deacon Mike Bannio organizes funerals and internments and he will work with you. Your first call should be to Thomas McAfee funeral home. The McAfees are the local Catholic funeral directors. They will advise you on all the details and work with Deacon Mike to arrange the service.

The church now permits cremation as a funeral option. McAfee's will advise on the best way forward with that procedure and Deacon Mike will advise on how to handle the funeral and internment. Remember we have a beautiful columbarium in the Lower Church for the internment of cremated remains. Martha Mahan can advise on how to secure a columbarium place. It is possible to purchase and reserve these places in advance, and it is not a bad idea to do so if you are planning your funeral arrangements.

After the death of a loved one it is important to pray for the repose of their soul. The usual way to do this is to have a Requiem Mass said for them—usually on the anniversary of their death. To have a memorial Mass said for your loved one Contact Martha Mahan at the parish office and she will advise you. It is customary to offer a small Mass stipend of about \$20.00 as your part of the offering of the Mass. This is not mandatory, but customary.

While it is not a pleasant topic for me to write about, remember that death is a part of life and our Catholic faith prepares us for this reality, and one of our jobs as pastors is to assist the faithful in both life and death. If you have any questions about any of these matters, do not hesitate to be in touch.

Your pastor, Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Oct. 8, 2023

Needed:	\$ 19,000.
Received:	\$ 19,213.
Surplus:	\$ 213.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections Through Week #15 in the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed:	\$ 285,000.
Received:	\$ 301,668.
Surplus:	\$ 16,668.

- Nov. 1 All Saints' Day 10am, School Mass 12pm Mass 7pm Mass
- Nov. 2 All Souls' Day 10am Mass at the Outdoor Chapel

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, Stephanie Kaufmann, 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, October 14, through Sunday, October 22 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics) All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 10/14	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Marta Comas</i>
Sunday, 10/15	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</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 Stephanie Kaufmann</i>
Monday, 10/16 <i>Lower Church</i>	8:30 am - Mass, For Special Intention+
Tuesday, 10/17 <i>Lower Church</i>	12:00 pm - Mass, For Matthew Craft+
Wednesday, 10/18	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Dorothy Mary Walton</i> +
Thursday, 10/19 (School)	10:00am - Mass, For Brian Wells+
Friday, 10/20 <i>Lower Church</i>	10:00am - Mass, For Emerson Whipple+
Saturday, 10/21	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stanley Oleysyck Family</i> +
Sunday, 10/22	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Robert Reese</i> + 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For John Warga, Jr.</i> +



Christ On Main, the new Catholic storefront in downtown Greenville, is co-hosting a free event at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church on November 8, at 7:00pm with guest speaker Fr. John Riccardo. Please go <u>HERE</u> to register.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our High School Youth Group will meet at our regular time, this Sunday, October 15, from 6-8pm. Dave Haggard will be discussing "The Fear of the Lord".

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

People are often unreasonable, irrational, and selfcentered. Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives. Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and sincere people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway.

What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, will often be forgotten. Do good anyway.

Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway.

Mother Teresa

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach cloewer@charlestondiocese.org

MARIAN TEA



Please join us for a cup of tea and the Rosary on **Saturday**, **October 21**, at 10:30am. Our speaker is Kate O'Hare, long time LA-based entertainment journalist and creator of the Pax

Culturati blog at the Catholic Channel at <u>Patheos.com</u>.

Kate will look at the media phenomenon that happened in the wake of a young NFL player's on-field emergency and how the power of prayer broke through. She has her hand on the vibe in Hollywood and you will not want to miss this event. Please reserve your spot today by texting "Save me a cup" to 864-525-7260 or by signup genius <u>HERE</u>.

To learn more about Kate O'Hare visit her portfolio here: <u>Kate O'Hare's Portfolio (authory.com)</u>

Also, we are looking for several people to help with this event. If you want to help, please text "I can Help" to 864-525-7260.

School News

- Nov. 1 All Saints' Day Mass
- Nov. 2 Saints' Showcase K4-5th Grade 6pm, in the Gym

St. Vincent de Paul

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus say: "Many are invited, but few are chosen." To give thanks for all that God has given to you, have you considered answering the call to help serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

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

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

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

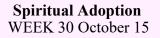


This year OLR is again participating in a **COAT DRIVE**, sponsored by Pastor Johnson's *Church Without Walls*.

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.**





Your baby continues to grow. He weighs about 3.5 pounds, and crown-to-rump length is 11.2 inches. His total length is 18 inches. Baby's heart has been beating for 25 weeks and he has been breathing for 21 weeks.



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.

Every Sunday after Mass a small group of parishioners meet to count the collection and prepare it for deposit. They have been doing so faithfully for many years, but some of them are ready to step down. Therefore, we need about fifteen new volunteers. This would take about an hour once a month after the 10:30 Mass. School parents can count these hours toward the volunteer hours requirement at the school. If you can help, please be in touch with Martha Mahan in the parish office.



Special thanks to all who came out to support our school. Our annual Fall Festival was a great success.

RCIA Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 18, in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, with Fr. Richard discussing "Saints and Relics".



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

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, email wwmin@proton.me

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT'S NEARING 7 MONTHS SINCE WE BEGAN OUR SPIRITUAL ADOPTION FOR UNBORN BABIES?

Well, the babies you are praying for are well on their way to delivery and in need of a few earthly possessions. Please help us shower these Moms and Dads who chose life with our Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower. Throughout Respect Life Month, you may drop your donation off in the Pack 'n Play in the Narthex. Birthright tells us they're in need of the following: Baby bottles, small and large (new only); pacifiers, diaper rash cream, cotton/muslin baby blankets, baby wash, baby shampoo and diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6.

40 Days for Life: It is not too late to join other Christians throughout the Upstate and take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort with a vision to change hearts and minds about abortion through prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach.



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 Closing Celebration: Friday, Nov. 3, from 7:00 pm to 8:15 pm, Piedmont Women's Center parking lot, 1143 Grove Road. We are excited to announce that Attorney Matt Britton, General Counsel to 40 Days for Life, will be our guest speaker. We will wrap up the event with door prizes and refreshments. Parking is at Grove Road Baptist Church. Do not park at the shops immediately south of Piedmont Women's Center, as construction is underway there. You are welcome to bring chairs. Contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-329-0044.

Rosaries for Life: Pray the rosary during the 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@charlestondiocese.org.

Sidewalk Counseling Training: Online, virtual, or in-person training available. 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.