



# 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

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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

October 22, 2023

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*This week the Pastor's Letter is from Brian Hansen, Deacon in Training*

### ***Explaining the Ministry of Lector***

By way of introduction, I am a long-time parishioner of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and a candidate for the Permanent Diaconate. God willing, I will be ordained as a deacon for the Diocese of Charleston in February 2026.

Formation for the Permanent Diaconate in our diocese is a five-year process involving a period of discerning God's calling followed by formal education leading to a Master of Arts degree in theology, along with ministry-focused courses facilitated by members of the clergy. Along the path to ordination, candidates for the permanent diaconate pass through the ancient rites of Candidacy, Lector, and Acolyte. This month, I begin my third year of the five-year journey and I will be receiving the Ministry of Lector conferred by the Bishop of Charleston.

The Ministry of Lector is rooted in church tradition as one of the minor orders of the ancient church and is conveyed to all candidates for ordination still today. In the ancient church, one passed through the hierarchical orders of porter, lector, exorcist, and acolyte along his progression to ordination. Only after holding each of these offices could an aspirant to the priesthood be ordained in the hierarchical orders of sub-deacon, deacon, and finally presbyter.

Lectors in the ancient church read all the scripture for the Mass, including the Gospel. They sometimes even expounded on what they read (these were not homilies. Bishops were responsible for homilies). Lectors also kept and protected the sacred books on behalf of the church.

In a society where not all could read, being a lector involved a higher standard of education than most church offices. Lectors were therefore respected and set apart from other laypeople. Perhaps the first written mention of lectors in the church was by Saint Justin Martyr in his First Apology during the second century AD. We know from Saint Justin that the office of lector was honorable and dignified, and that lectors were instituted through prayers and ceremony.

Through history, the office of lector has evolved. Gradually, reading the Gospel became a deacon's duty, and after the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI transformed and modernized the ancient orders. In the modern Latin Rite church, only the ministries of lector and acolyte remain. The positions are no longer called "orders" (In fact, lector and acolyte have never been conferred through ordination) and are no longer considered formal church offices. The ancient orders now exist as two new ministries: lector and acolyte, which are open to all laypeople and are no longer reserved just for ordination candidates. They remain, however, traditional stepping-stones for those in the ordination process.

According to today's liturgy for the institution of lectors: "The lector is responsible for reading the Scriptures (except for the Gospel) during the liturgical assembly. The lector may also direct the singing and present the general intercessions when the deacon is absent. The lector may also prepare another member of the faithful to read the Scriptures on a temporary basis."

Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune will convey the Ministry of Lector to all twelve members of the diaconal ordination class of 2026 at an afternoon Mass on October 28, at Our Lady of the Hills Parish in Columbia. During the rite, each candidate will hold a lectionary in turn, and the Bishop will say the words: "Take this book of holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people." I am honored and joyful as I receive the Ministry of Lector and as I pursue my calling to serve the Church of Christ through word, liturgy, and charity.

May Christ's peace be with you all.

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## Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Oct. 15, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.  
 Received: \$ 18,652.  
 Shortfall: \$ - 348.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections  
 Through Week #16 in the Fiscal Year  
 Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 304,000.  
 Received: \$ 320,319.  
 Surplus: \$ 16,319.

### Nov. 1 All Saints' Day

10am, School Mass  
 12pm Mass  
 7pm Mass

*Adoration in Upper Church, 1-5pm*

### 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, 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, October 21, through Sunday, October 29**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

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>
Monday, 10/23 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Communion Service
Tuesday, 10/24 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Communion Service
Wednesday, 10/25	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Communion Service
Thursday, 10/26 (School)	10:00am - Mass
Friday, 10/27 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Cheryl Trimarco+</i>
Saturday, 10/28	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Mary Jude, O.P.</i>
Sunday, 10/29	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For LeeAnn Wells+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Leslie Flory</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

**THE HOLY LAND**

MAY 15 - 24, 2024

**Come meet Steve Ray,**  
 Catholic author, Bible teacher  
 and host of the *Footprints of*

*God* video series on **Saturday, Oct. 28**, at 10:00am in Guadalupe Hall. Steve will be leading our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Fr. Longenecker in May. He will give a talk on "Defending the Eucharist" with time for questions and answers.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our High School Youth Group will meet at our regular time, this Sunday, October 22, from 6-8pm. Fr. Longenecker will be presenting on "Moralistic Therapeutic Deism".

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Confession strengthens the soul"* **Mother Teresa**

I recently read this on a sign outside a confessional at La Sagrada Familia. It caused me to pause and reflect in the midst of the over-the-top grandeur of a place designed by a man who loved his faith above all else. Every detail of the church has deep spiritual meaning.

We are all temples/churches of the Lord . . . is every detail of "our church" deep with spiritual meaning? Do we take active and regular part of the sacraments with deep spirituality or are we just going through the motions? Our mission at MTH requires a deeply spiritual and prayerful community of support. Our upcoming work within the parish and school require a deeply spiritual and prayerful community.

"Confession strengthens the soul". Let us strengthen our souls for the great work we have in front of us.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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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**.



## Mass Schedule This Week

Due to our priests attending the annual Diocesan Priests' Retreat, we will have Daily Communion Services on October 23-25.

We will have our usual Daily Masses on Thursday and Friday.

## School News



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

## St. Vincent de Paul

*In the Gospel today Jesus says: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." When God is the center of our lives there is no problem with giving others their due.*

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to bring the love and mercy of Jesus to those who feel left out and abandoned.

**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.

Kahdalea and Chosatonga are Christian camps that foster adventure, friendship, and faith. Since our founding in 1963, we have provided programs that positively challenge and inspire young men and women as well as opportunities for worship that develop a rich, personal faith through reflection and strong role models.



Here your child will be part of a special camp family. Careful teaching of new challenging disciplines and skills help to enhance a child's self esteem while broadening his or her horizons. In this happy setting, with a host of new friends and opportunities, we'll encourage your child to laugh and play and live life to the fullest. Whether in arts & crafts, riding, and field sports or in rock climbing, mountain biking, whitewater paddling, caving, and backpacking, our campers start at a beginning level and can advance according to their ability and desire.

Our commitment to your child is the same as for our own: to create a place where they can grow physically, spiritually, and emotionally within a consistent framework of Christian ideals. Please allow us the privilege of including your child in our camp family. Go [HERE](#) for more information.

**Come to a presentation and Q&A in Guadalupe Hall on Sunday, October 29, after the 10:30am Mass.**

**Congratulations to Brian Hansen, who will receive the ministry of Lector, and to Eric Bricco, who will receive the ministry of Acolyte, at a Mass on Saturday, October 28, in Columbia.**

**Please keep these men, and their families, in your prayers as they continue their formation for ordination to the Diaconate.**

The Diocesan Second Collection for the weekend of October 22, will be for World Mission Sunday.

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.

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.

Go [HERE](#) to see the updated MercyWorks website.



### RCIA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Oct. 25, in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing "Mary, the Mother of God".



## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

### Spiritual Adoption WEEK 31 October 22



By this week, Baby weighs almost 4 pounds. He has tiny toenails now, and his fingernails have grown in too. Some babies have a head of hair already; others have only each fuzz. He is moving around a lot and getting ready for his big day.



*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!*

### 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](http://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@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:familylife@charlestandiocese.org).

**Sidewalk Counseling Training:** Online, virtual, or in-person training available. Contact Judy Masterson 864-506-0964, or [info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org](mailto:info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org).

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