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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 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*This week the Pastor's Letter is from Eric Bricco, Deacon in Training
Explaining the Ministry of Acolyte*

My friends in Christ,

This weekend is particularly joyous for our Parish as diaconate candidate Brian Hansen will receive the instituted ministry of lector and I will receive the instituted ministry of acolyte. These ministries hold for us a profound meaning as they are the steps taken toward ordination into the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese. In the Vatican II Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, St. Pope Paul VI re-instituted the permanent diaconate setting the necessary parameters for formation. In his motu proprio, *Ministeria Quaedam*, he suppresses the original minor orders and institutes the ministries of lector and acolyte.

The ministry of acolyte beckons the man in his vocational discernment closer to the altar, the focus of the Sacrifice of the Mass. "As one set aside in a special way for the service of the altar, the acolyte should learn all matters concerning public divine worship and strive to grasp their inner spiritual meaning..." (MQ). We read in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), "The acolyte is instituted for service at the altar and to assist the Priest and Deacon." During the Mass it is the acolyte who would properly hold the Roman Missal for the Collect and the Prayer after Communion. The acolyte acts as the Master of Celebrations during the Mass directing the altar servers in their duties at the altar. In the case where a deacon is not present for Mass the acolyte performs some of those particular duties. He can prepare the altar for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. If incense is used during Mass he can assist the priest with the thurible during the preparation of the altar, incensing the priest then the people. After distribution of Holy Communion, the acolyte can carry the sacred vessels to the credence table and purify them there or in the sacristy after Mass. The duties an acolyte cannot perform are those proper to the deacon: co-mingle the wine and water, elevate the chalice, invite the congregation for the Sign of Peace, and dismiss the faithful.

This weekend, my fellow classmates and I will present ourselves to Bishop Jacques Fabre-Jeune taking solemn promises for the ministry of acolyte. When called we will kneel before His Excellency and place our hands on a paten, the sacred vessel for the bread. He will say, "Take this vessel for the celebration of the Eucharist. Make your life worthy of your service at the table of the Lord and His Church." After this we are instituted as acolytes for life until ordination to the Permanent Diaconate which will occur on February 1, 2025, God willing.

I ask you to continue to pray for us who are in formation for the Permanent Diaconate, and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in the Diocese of Charleston. Also, I ask you to pray for the wives who support their husbands in their discernment and journey through diaconate formation. This is not a process the man does alone, but hand in hand and step by step with this wife. According to St. Paul, God says, "My grace is sufficient." His grace is manifest through the love and encouragement of our wives. Our journey began in 2019 which seems like a distant memory, but I can attest to the sweet blessings God has bestowed on us along the way. Please be assured of my prayers for all of you in our Church Family. May God continue to bless you and keep you.

Eric Bricco

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Oct. 22, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
 Received: \$ 25,742.
 Surplus: \$ 6,742.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections
 Through Week #17 in the Fiscal Year
 Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 323,000.
 Received: \$ 346,061.
 Surplus: \$ 23,061.



Nov. 1 All Saints' Day

Holy Day of Obligation

10am, School Mass
 12pm Mass
 7pm Mass

Relics of the Saints will be present for veneration.

Adoration in Upper Church, 1-5pm

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, Ma'May Grimm, 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 28, through Sunday, November 5

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

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>
Monday, 10/30 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i>
Tuesday, 10/31 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i>
Wednesday, 11/1 All Saints' Day <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) 12:00 pm - Mass 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 5:30 - 6:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 7:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Josephine & Murray M. Howard, Jr., The Suit, Howard, Votava, Sokol, Ayers, Hornaday, and Bagwell Families+</i>
Thursday, 11/2 All Souls' Day	10:00am - Mass, <i>For All the Faithful Departed</i> Held in the Outdoor Chapel
Friday, 11/3 Lower Church	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Winnie Clardy+</i>
Saturday, 11/4	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Ron Menegay+</i>
Sunday, 11/5	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

Nov. 2 - All Souls' Day, Thursday, 10am Mass

Held in the Outdoor Pro-Life Chapel



The Book of the Dead will be in the Narthex throughout the month of November for you to record the names of your departed loved ones. The book will then be placed on the altar during Mass and the faithful departed will be remembered in prayer.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will be continuing our conversation on JPll Healing Center's work and looking at our identities as God's sons and daughters, 6:00-8:00pm.



School News



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

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much."

Mother Teresa

How many times when life is hard and our trials seem unsurmountable do we remember this quote from Mother Teresa? When things are going poorly, there always seems to be that one extra straw on the camel's back to weigh on us and our strength. It is in those times we need to trust in Him and His plan for us and, with guidance through prayer, come out on the other side, stronger than before.

Many people we deal with face troubles, but none of the hope and faith we possess. It makes doing the hard work of getting past their problems nearly impossible with no hope. It is why so many fail to even take the first step. Continue to pray for those we serve, that they may have the hope you and I have through Him. It really will strengthen you and change the world of someone you might never meet.

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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**.



Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, Nov. 5.**

Remember to "FALL BACK" one hour.

St. Vincent de Paul

In this Sunday's Gospel we find the truth that loving God isn't merely a matter of fervor in our hearts, but that it must be expressed in doing good for the sake of others.

Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are showing your love and helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that they belong to God.

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. 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.

Information on the "Divine Mercy for the Dying" ministry can be found [HERE](#).

Please remember that the Nov. 1, Mass at 10:00am is a School Mass, and seating is very limited.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on Friday, Nov. 3, from 11:00am-5:00pm.



RCIA - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 1, in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing "The Four Last Things - Death, Judgement, Heaven, Hell".

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

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, November 4, 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 info, call 864-772-9020. Thank you!



First Thursday Adoration

November 2, 6-8pm, 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.



Life Saver Alert! All interested parties are invited to join OLR's Respect Life Committee with comments, questions or suggestions on **Thursday, Nov. 9**, in Guadalupe Hall from 6-7 pm! Bring a friend! Info? 864-772-902.

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 32 October 29



With less than ten weeks to go, your baby weighs about 4.4 pounds, and his total length is approximately 19.4 inches. Baby's heart has been beating for 27 weeks and he has been breathing for 23 weeks.

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, until Nov. 5, 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. **Thank you! Respect Life Committee**



Providing comfort and assistance to Moms in Need. Call or email for an appointment. 864-412-7101 or wwmin@proton.me YOU COUNT and we are here to help!

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.

The Ministry of Divine Mercy for the Dying at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

The bedside of a dying loved one is an anguished place to be. We are torn, hoping and praying for healing, trying to think of everything we can do to bring comfort: spoon-feeding for nourishment, fetching another blanket for warmth, offering assistance to sit up or get out of bed. We resist the thought that our loved one *will* die, that it *is* time to call a priest.

Yet of all the things you could do in these moments, the most important is to pray for the soul of your loved one in the final days of life. And one of the best ways to do that is to pray the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, even if—especially if—your loved one is estranged from the Church.

Why is that?

In a series of private revelations beginning in 1931 to an obscure Polish nun named Faustina Kowalska, Jesus entrusted to her three keys to His unfathomable mercy: the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the Divine Mercy Image, and Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus proclaimed:

Encourage souls to say the chaplet that I have given to you. It pleases me to grant everything they ask of Me by praying the chaplet.... Write that when they say this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the Just Judge but as the Merciful Savior.

Jesus also showed her that even by saying the chaplet outside a dying person's presence, the effect is the same. Appointing St. Faustina as "the secretary of my mercy," He said, "I have chosen you for that office in this life and the next life." Today St. Faustina is venerated as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy."

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church is blessed to have a Shrine of Divine Mercy in the Lower Church, unique in the South. In this shrine are first-class relics of St. Faustina and Pope Saint John Paul II, who canonized St. Faustina as the first saint of the Third Millennium. And in the center of the shrine is the Image of Divine Mercy, with rays emanating from Jesus' heart signifying the Blood and Water that poured from His side on the Cross. On the back wall of the shrine is our columbarium, symbolically entrusting those interred there to God's Divine Mercy. All are encouraged to pray and visit this beautiful shrine.

A New OLR Ministry of Prayer for the Dying

In response to this extraordinary grace given to a dying person when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed, OLR has formed a new prayer ministry called the "The Ministry of Divine Mercy for the Dying." It is the fruit of eight faithful OLR parishioners who have been meeting twice a month to pray, study scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and The Diary of St. Faustina in what is called a Cenacle of Divine Mercy.

Here is how this new ministry will work. To make a request that the Cenacle pray for someone who is dying, contact Martha Mahan in the church office. Please tell her if you are a parishioner and the name and relationship of the person for whom you wish the chaplet to be prayed. (Even non-parishioners are welcome to call on this ministry.) She will then give this information to the Cenacle so that its members may begin praying the chaplet, with love and urgency, every day for a week for this person, thus offering 56 chaplets for mercy on the soul of your beloved. Be assured that, to protect your privacy if you wish this information to remain confidential, it will remain among the Cenacle members.

We hope that this ministry will bring hope and comfort to all who are facing the anguish of anticipating the death of someone they love.

For more information, contact Karen Waldrop at kwaldrop28@gmail.com or Alice Baird at alictbaird@gmail.com.

May God bless you and yours.