



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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## **School Office Hours**

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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 8, 2023

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

St. Michael the Archangel is always pictured skewering Satan with his spear, but the other great warrior in the spiritual battle is the Blessed Virgin.

She is pictured trampling the serpent under her feet in fulfillment of the prophecy in Genesis 3:15 where God tells the serpent that there will be enmity between him and the woman and she will trample the serpent underfoot. This is why our image of Our Lady of the Rosary shows her holding her son and trampling the serpent.

Popes and saints down the ages have all agreed that the rosary is the ultimate weapon for spiritual battle. Time and again they cry out to us, "Pray the rosary! Pray the Rosary! Pray the Rosary!" Our parish is dedicated to the Holy Rosary and this should be part of our special calling as members of this parish.

Why is the rosary important? Why is it strong in the battle against Satan? The rosary is important because through the rosary we use our minds and imaginations to work with God to remind the spirit world of the presence of Christ and his mother. They shared the passion that brought redemption to the world. They shared in the ultimate battle of Christ against Satan and as we pray the rosary we bring those events to mind and participate with Jesus who defeated Satan and Mary who is his partner in the plan.

If you like, the rosary is a way we use the spiritual gifts God has given us in a focused way in the spiritual battle. You can think of the weapons God provides, and the rosary is the sharp edge of the sword or the tip of the spear.

In the Lower church we have a little bookshop specializing in books on the Rosary and the Divine Mercy. You can visit the bookshop and purchase books, but we also have a Give and Take Library--where you can donate Catholic books and take home any that you would like to read. No need to bring them back. Give and take freely to build up your spiritual life!

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Oct. 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.  
 Received: \$ 26,278.  
 Surplus: \$ 7,278.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections  
 Through Week #14 in the Fiscal Year  
 Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 266,000.  
 Received: \$ 282,454.  
 Surplus: \$ 16,454.

## 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 7, through Sunday, October 15**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

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 &amp; Estella Medina+</i>
Monday, 10/9 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Linda Hood+</i>
Tuesday, 10/10 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i>
Wednesday, 10/11	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Most Reverend Joseph E. Strickland, Bishop of Tyler, Texas</i>
Thursday, 10/12 (School)	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Maria Eche+</i>
Friday, 10/13 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Rev. Phillip Max Johnson+</i>
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>



The School and Parish  
 Offices will be closed  
 on Monday, Oct. 9, for the  
 Columbus Day holiday.



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.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Our high school youth group will attend "Saturday Night Life" at Prince of Peace CC, Oct. 7, starting at 6:15pm.

We will NOT meet after Mass this Sunday, our next regular meeting will be on Sunday, Oct. 15.

### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"If you do your work with joy, you can bring many souls to God. Joy is prayer, a sign of our generosity, evident in our eyes, our faces, our actions."*

**Mother Teresa**

How often do we walk around without a smile and not exuding joy? In our work at MTH, it can be very difficult at times to work with joy. There are so many in need already and more arriving every day. There are many who don't want to improve their lives and are just looking for a handout. We do our best to find resources and offer ways to improve their lives.

I have a note on my phone prompting me to smile, as it reminds me to show joy, to show love, even when it is difficult. Always remember to smile and show your joy to those around you.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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### 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 [Patheos.com](http://Patheos.com).

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 sign-up genius [HERE](#).

To learn more about Kate O'Hare visit her portfolio here: [Kate O'Hare's Portfolio \(authory.com\)](http://Kate O'Hare's Portfolio (authory.com))

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.

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

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



## School News



**Oct. 9 No School, Columbus Day**

**Oct. 14 Fall Festival, 12-4pm, in the Gym**  
Please park in the field across Frontage Road

### St. Vincent de Paul

*The good news of this Gospel is that all we need to do is let God tend us and bring us to produce good fruit. All we need to do is be faithful; God will take care of the rest.* In September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to show that we indeed are faithful and love our neighbors, by assisting 267 families, providing food, and \$2,334 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

**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.**

### Spiritual Adoption WEEK 29 October 8

Baby is completely formed and has been since eight weeks after conception. All Baby is doing now is gaining weight and getting ready to be born. He is also able to distinguish between light and dark, and he can even follow a light source back and forth. Once he is born, he will keep his eyes closed for a good part of the day.



## 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.



### 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.

<http://www.meconferencesc.net>



### SUPPORT OLR SCHOOL

Come to our annual Fall Festival  
Saturday, October 14, 12-4pm.

### RCIA

Our next meeting will be on  
Wednesday, Oct. 11, in  
Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing  
"The Four Marks of the Church".



## 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 wmin@proton.me](mailto:wmin@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.

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.



**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](mailto: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](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.