



# 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

November 12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I most often address local issues in my pastor's letter because it is not my place to pontificate about politics or international affairs. However, the current conflict in the Middle East is an issue of interest for all people of the three Abrahamic faiths.

The three Abrahamic faiths are Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Jews look to Abraham as their Father of Faith through their descent from Abraham's son Isaac. Muslims look to Abraham as their Father of Faith through Ishmael, Abraham's son by his concubine Hagar. Christians regard Abraham as our Father of Faith by being grafted into Judaism through the New Covenant established by Christ's redemptive work in his life, death, resurrection, and ascension.

Consequently, what happens in the Holy Land—where these three faiths share common ground—is important to everyone who adheres to these three faiths. This was impressed upon me especially during my recent sabbatical in Jerusalem. Every day I would walk through the old city to pray in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher—the site of Our Lord's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. To do so I made my way through the Muslim quarter guarded by uniformed and armed Israeli soldiers. We were regularly warned of violence within various parts of Jerusalem as tempers flared between Muslims, Jews, and Christians.

What should be our response to the troubles in Israel? Firstly, we are called to "pray for the peace of Jerusalem." Ironically, the name "Jerusalem" actually means "foundation of peace". While we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, we are aware that, from a human point of view, peace seems impossible. The deep roots of resentment, rivalry and revenge are too deep for quick or easy solutions. While we pray for the peace of Jerusalem, we should also do what we can to assist the victims of violence and war.

While we may have compassion on all who suffer it is impossible to assist everyone. During my visits to Bethlehem, I became aware of one group of people who suffer in the present conflicts who are neglected. These are the Palestinian Christians. It is important to distinguish these Palestinians from Muslim Palestinians—and certainly from the Islamic terrorists.

The Palestinian Christians are descendants of the first Christians in the Middle East. Our Palestinian Christian brothers and sisters (the majority of them either Catholics or in communion with the Latin Church) are marginalized and persecuted by the Muslim Palestinians because they are Christian and restricted and distrusted by the Israeli authorities because they are Palestinian.

The friends I made during my time there actually live in Bethlehem. Last Christmas we took a special collection for them. I would like to do so **at the Christmas Masses again this year**—knowing that in this small, personal way, while we may not be able to solve the complex problems, we can at least help to ease the suffering of those afflicted by the repercussions of war.

Your pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Nov. 5, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.  
Received: \$ 28,253.  
Surplus: \$ 9,253.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections  
Through Week #19 in the Fiscal Year  
Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 361,000.  
Received: \$ 394,748.  
Surplus: \$ 33,748.

**Parish and School Offices will be  
closed November 22-24, for the  
Thanksgiving Holiday.**

## 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, November 11, through Sunday, November 19**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 11/11	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Norma &amp; William Jackowski+</i>
Sunday, 11/12	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Anne Credon+</i>
Monday, 11/13 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Gerard Condron+</i>
Tuesday, 11/14 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For English Family</i>
Wednesday, 11/15	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Rosemary Schiller+</i>
Thursday, 11/16	10:00am - Mass (School), <i>For Harper Hutson</i>
Friday, 11/17 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Saturday, 11/18	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Marta Comas</i>
Sunday, 11/19	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Jay Hutson</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Peggy Sue Bowles+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

## THIRD THURSDAY ADORATION

**Thursday, November 16, 7-8pm, Lower Church.**

Please join us in praying for the Cursillo Movement, an organization within the church, focused on personal faith renewal.



## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular meeting on Nov. 12, 6:00-8:00pm., discussing the interpretation of Rev. 2:17, "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."



### **MOTHER TERESA HOUSE**

*"Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness."* **Mother Teresa**

What do you do if you are approached in a parking lot or the around the church? A lot depends on the person approaching you, time of day, and are you by yourself?

Most of the time, they are just looking for a handout, usually money or some food. Never give any money or gift cards, as it is rarely for the purpose of the request. I usually carry crackers and small bottles of water with me for food requests.

Your personal safety is always first, but if you do speak with them, remember to smile and be kind, but direct them to MTH. We have a board outside the house with information about local services for various things and they can always leave a phone message (864-421-7101) which I check all the time.

Even if the purpose for their request is not good, they are still "Jesus in our midst" and we will always do the best for them by sending them to MTH.

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.

*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.**

## School News



- Nov. 21** NOON Dismissal  
**Nov. 22-24** Thanksgiving Holiday - NO School  
**Nov. 27** Classes Resume

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

*In the Gospel today, we hear the good news that when we keep our focus on God and serve one another, God exalts us!*

Your donations are needed now more than ever. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them, and know that your donations are helping many families during these hard times.

### **Please Note . . .**

We have seeded the new 5 acre lot across Frontage Road to prevent erosion. Please do not park there until further notice.

### **Thanksgiving Mass Schedule**

The 6:00 pm Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 22, will be celebrated as a Mass of Thanksgiving.

There will be NO daily Mass on Thursday, Nov. 23.

The daily Mass on Friday, Nov. 24, will be celebrated as usual in Lower Church.

RCIA - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 15, in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing "Catholic Devotions and Traditions".



### **Thanksgiving Day Meal Delivery**



We need OLR parishioners to assist *Church Without Walls* Ministry to deliver Thanksgiving Day Meals.

Meals on Wheels does not deliver to regular recipients on Thanksgiving Day.

Hot boxed meals will be prepared by Long Branch Baptist Church, we just need to deliver the meals.

For more information or to sign up call Marianne 360-2406.



**Knights of Columbus®**

## Spaghetti Dinner Special Needs Fundraiser

The Knights of Columbus will hold a spaghetti dinner fundraiser on **Saturday, November 18, after the 5:00pm Mass in the OLR gym.** Proceeds will benefit special needs charities including Special Olympics.



Beer and wine will be available.

Adult meals are \$10, children under 12 are \$7, families are \$45.

Please RSVP [stephen.gans.jr@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.gans.jr@gmail.com) - not required but appreciated.

Young Moms "REPLENISH"  
*Advent '23 Retreat*  
Friday Evening, December 8-  
Saturday Evening, December 9

www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MomsAdvent



In Sunset, SC at Heart Ridge Retreat Center.  
Check out our other events:  
[www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Events](http://www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/Events)

**Diocese of Charleston, Office of Family Life**  
**Saturday, November 18, 2023**  
**8:30am - 6:30pm, The Oratory in Rock Hill, SC**

**A Spiritual One-Day Retreat for Parents Who Have Experienced the Death of a Child of Any Age, By Any Cause, No Matter How Long Ago**

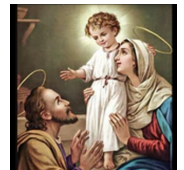
"Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously."

To register, contact Christy Brown at [cbrown@charlestondiocese.org](mailto:cbrown@charlestondiocese.org) (803) 554-6088

## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

**To Our Spiritual Adoption & Birthright Baby Shower Participants! THANK YOU!!!**

Your spiritual adoption in prayer and gifts for unborn babies in danger of abortion have been a true blessing! Baby lives have been saved as parents' hearts opened to receive them. As we approach Advent and the birth day of Baby Jesus, we know that God will remember your generosity and we ask for His continual blessing upon you and your families. **-OLR Respect Life Committee**



### Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 34 November 12



Your baby now weighs over 5.5 pounds. His crown-to-rump length by this week of pregnancy is about 13.2 inches, and his total length is 20.25 inches. Because it is so snug in your womb, he is not likely to be doing somersaults anymore, but the number of times he kicks should remain about the same. His kidneys are fully developed now, and his liver can process some waste products.



**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!**

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.