



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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**Saturday 5:00 pm, Anticipated**

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Way Mass (Lower Church)**

**Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm**

## **WEEKEND CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm

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## **DAILY MASS**

Monday, 8:30 am, Lower Church

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*Upper Church*

Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 pm

Or by appointment

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church

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November 5, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Every year in October the folks at the Diocese require us to take attendance at all the masses. This is a good opportunity to gather statistics to see how we're doing. This year's October Mass count included the new weekend Mass at 8 am.

The average number of people attending the Saturday vigil Mass was 193. On Sunday at 8:00 the average attendance was 170. At 10:30, an average of 438 attended Mass and at 5:00 on Sunday the average number was 271. This indicates a total average weekly attendance of 1,071 which is an increase of 156 per week.

One takeaway from these numbers is that there is still plenty of room at the 8 o'clock Mass and the two evening Masses. If you feel crowded out at 10:30, maybe adjust your weekend schedule!

Our Lady of the Rosary parish continues to grow. Part of the growth can be attributed to the general growth of Upstate South Carolina; however, it is also clear in talking to new parishioners, that folks choose Our Lady of the Rosary for some definite strengths. Families are attracted to the strong family emphasis in our parish and school. Folks are also grateful for traditional Catholic culture and liturgy which is also accessible. They also appreciate our emphasis on Catholic education, evangelization, our Pro-Life emphasis, and outreach to the needy.

As pastor I can witness to the fact that these strengths are provided not so much by the clergy, but by our terrific parish and school staff and by you—our faithful and joyful people. Thank you for your support, your prayers, and your joy in the Catholic faith!

Also during October we have usually had a three-week Stewardship Campaign. We suspended the campaign this year to give everyone a break, but I should remind you that as the parish continues to grow the financial needs of the parish also continue to grow.

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You may notice a substantial increase in our weekly financial need that will be announced soon in an upcoming bulletin. This is due primarily to a large increase in our insurance premiums; a sizable increase in the Diocesan assessment; the addition of new staff members; an increase in the priests' health and medical benefits; modest staff pay increases; and unavoidable small increases in church operating expenses.

I realize with inflation times are hard for many families, but please at least maintain your level of giving, and if you can make an increase, it helps keep us afloat. Also remember to use online giving if possible.

Last year we stepped out in faith to acquire the vacant five-acre lot across Frontage Road from our campus. We will close that transaction before the end of the year. At that point I will publish a survey asking your opinions and ideas about the eventual use of that property. Some ideas have already surfaced, but once we gather all the ideas, we can discuss together what the long term plans might look like.

October has also been a month of consultation about the new building project. We have had a good bit of excellent feedback and based on that, we are working with the architects on some exciting revisions to the plans which I think will be satisfying to everyone.

Please continue to keep our parish in your prayers as we move forward into the end of the year and an exciting new year.

Your pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Oct. 29, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.  
Received: \$ 20,534.  
Surplus: \$ 1,534.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections  
Through Week #18 in the Fiscal Year  
Beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 342,000.  
Received: \$ 367,390.  
Surplus: \$ 25,390.

**Not liberal.**

**Not conservative.**

*Simply Catholic.*

Please go [HERE](#)  
for a voting guide  
published by  
the Diocese of  
Charleston.

## 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 4, through Sunday, November 12**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

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, <i>For Freda Brubaker Hutson+</i>
Monday, 11/6 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i>
Tuesday, 11/7 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Robert Masson+</i>
Wednesday, 11/8	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufman</i>
Thursday, 11/9	10:00am - Mass (School), <i>For Ma'May Grimm</i>
Friday, 11/10 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Katherine Menegay+</i>
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>

## SECOND THURSDAY ADORATION

**Thursday, Nov. 9, 7-8pm,  
in Lower Church.**

Please join us in praying for the Young Adults group.  
This group regularly meets for prayer, fellowship,  
and spiritual growth.





## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular meeting on Nov. 5, 6:00-8:00pm. Mr. Cayer will be leading us in prayers for the dead at the columbarium in honor of the season.



### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely and the unwanted according to the graces we have received and let us not be ashamed or slow to do the humble work."* **Mother Teresa**

The work I do at MTH is the most difficult work I have ever done. It is only by His grace, my family's support, and your prayers that I can continue. It is His plan for me and He gives me what I need. Not everyone could do it. Mother Teresa knew this as she also struggled, but always found joy in being His instrument.

The work at times is very slow as the broader community does not have the resources to meet the overwhelming requests, and there are more people coming to Greenville daily in need of assistance. It is humbling - I do not like to fail, but often it is the reality of decisions and circumstances of their lives. We do the best we can for everyone, which at times seems never enough. Continue your prayers for the slow and humbling work this parish allows us to do for "Jesus" in our community.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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### Please Note . . .

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

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.**



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

RCIA - Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Nov. 8, in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing "Angels and Catholic Cosmology".

## School News



- Nov. 9** Picture Day #2, Makeups
- Nov. 11** OLR Band Veteran's Day Program 10:00-11:00am, Guadalupe Hall
- Nov. 18** Classical Coffee, 9:00am, Guadalupe Hall

### 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.

**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.

*In Honor of*  
**VETERANS DAY**  
*And all those who have served*  
**Our Lady of the Rosary School Band invites you to a Patriotic Program in recognition of our vets**  
**Saturday, November 11th**  
**10-11am**  
**Guadalupe Hall**  
*Everyone is Welcome!*  
*Coffee, Juice, Bagel Bar & Baked Goods Served*

### 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.

## **RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS**

### **Spiritual Adoption WEEK 33 November 5**



Your baby's fat layers, which he will need to regulate his body temperature once he is born, are filling out. If you have been nervous about going into preterm labor, you will be happy to know that 99 percent of babies this age can survive outside the womb, and most have no long-term problems related to premature birth.

### **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!

### **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](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.