



# 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

February 4, 2024

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the solemn High Mass, the congregation joins the choir in singing or saying certain parts of the Mass in Hebrew, Greek and Latin. Every Alleluia and Amen are from the Hebrew. The Kyrie Eleison is in Greek. The Gloria, Sanctus, Agnus Dei, and Paternoster are sung in Latin to Gregorian Chant. Why do we use ancient languages in worship?

First, I should point out that there is nothing particularly sacred about Hebrew, Greek or Latin *per se*. There are many languages that traditional worshippers in various religions and denominations consider to be special or even sacred. Conservative Evangelical Protestants, for example, venerate the King James Version of the Bible and speak in "thees" and "thous" and add "eth" to the end of verbs. Conservative Anglicans love the seventeenth century language of Cranmer's prayer book. Russian Orthodox believers venerate Old Slavonic. Copts use Coptic, Georgian Orthodox Old Georgian. The examples could be multiplied in other religions too. Some sects of Buddhism use the "sacred" language of Pali. Zoroastrianism- Avestan. Hinduism - Old Tamil or Sanskrit.

So Hebrew, Latin and Greek are not intrinsically sacred any more than Avestan, Old Tamil, Old Slavonic or seventeenth century English. So then, why use Hebrew, Latin and Greek in the liturgy? Doesn't it make more sense to use language everybody understands? When we use the ancient languages of the church, we immerse ourselves more fully into the antiquity and deep roots of our faith. We use the words our ancestors used and join with them in a common tongue. This helps us to transcend our ordinary, daily lives. Furthermore, the ancient languages have a nobility and dignity to them that helps us transcend the vulgarity of our everyday speech.

There is another aspect to consider: what happens when you use another language? When I speak French or Spanish or German, I experience another culture, another world and I see my own world and my life from a fresh perspective. To learn another language is therefore a way to transcend my world--to open up to a new way of seeing and a new way of being. This is a subtle thing, but a powerful experience nonetheless.

This use of a different language takes me beyond the ordinary straightforward meaning of the words. In using a language, I "don't understand" I understand it more deeply. I understand it with the heart not just the head. An analogy is attending an opera in Italian. I don't understand what the fat lady is singing word for word literally, but it's ok. I know the basic story. I know she has been betrayed by her lover and her heart is broken. I connect with the story at a deeper level than simply understanding the literal word for word lyrics, and when music and words combine (as they do in opera and the liturgy) the effect in the mind and heart is subtle and powerful.

Finally, the three languages used on the inscription: Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews which Pilate placed over Our Lord's head on the cross were written in Hebrew, Latin and Greek. The use of these three languages therefore helps to echo the fact that every Mass is a re-presentation of the death of Our Lord.

All of this is packed into the simple use of ancient languages in worship and oh, I forgot the other thing: To use ancient languages in worship is totally Vatican 2. The Vatican 2 document on worship--*Sacrosanctum Concilium* directs us to use Latin as the primary language of the Mass. If you want to learn what the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council really taught about liturgy go online to read *Sacrosanctum Concilium*.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Jan. 28, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 16,673.

Deficit: \$ 5,327.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week  
#31 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 682,000.

Received: \$ 695,673.

Surplus: \$ 13,673.

## Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$1,214,057. Diocesan  
Loan (total interest & principal remaining)  
2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 593,115.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 412,903.

Needed: \$ 620,942.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, 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, Carolyn Watson, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday, February 3, through Sunday, February 11**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 2/3	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Andre Nadeau+</i>
Sunday, 2/4	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 The Bradshaw Family</i>
Monday, 2/5 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass
Tuesday, 2/6 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Pat Kinsey+</i>
Wednesday, 2/7	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufman</i>
Thursday, 2/8	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For John &amp; Anne Sokol</i>
Friday, 2/9 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Nela Marin+</i>
Saturday, 2/10	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Marta Comas</i>
Sunday, 2/11	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For James Cronican+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i>

***Family Fellowship - Coffee and Donuts***  
***Join us after the 10:30am Mass in***  
***Guadalupe Hall this Sunday, Feb. 4***

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



Our next regular meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 4, from 6-8pm.

### **MOTHER TERESA HOUSE**

“We hear so many terrible things happening. But never lose heart. We always — thank God — I can smile. At least you can smile, if nothing else” **Mother Teresa**

There is much suffering in this world, our country, and our community. We see this every day at Mother Teresa House. Homelessness has exploded with nowhere to shelter all of them. The inflation and economy have put many more at risk as costs continue to rise over the last few years. Our parish community helps as many as they can through our work at MTH and many great organizations. We are not alone, locally, in this relief of some suffering. Never lose hope. Never lose heart. Remember to always smile. A smile is contagious to those around you

*Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach*  
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**A major relic of St. Jude**, the Apostle of impossible causes and desperate situations, will be coming to OLR on **Friday, Feb. 16**. Veneration of the relic begins at 2:00 pm. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm, and veneration will continue until 10:00 pm. This will be a once in a lifetime opportunity for many to venerate this relic that is normally kept in Rome. Reserve the date so that you don't miss this important event! **We need 35 volunteers to assist with the many visitors on campus for this event.**

Please email Thomas at [tsohler@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:tsohler@charlestandiocese.org) or call the parish office if you can help.

**St. Martha's Book Club invites you to join our discussions in Guadalupe Hall, 12:30-2:00 pm.**



Monday, Feb. 5 - **All the Light We Cannot See**  
by Anthony Doerr

Call Marianne at (864) 360-2406 for information.

**Diocesan Second Collection for the weekend of February 4, will be for the Catholic Appeal of SC.**

### **RCIA**

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, February 7**, in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing “Stations of the Cross, Ash Wednesday, Fasting, etc”.



## School News

**Feb. 19** NO SCHOOL, Presidents Day

**Feb. 21** “Problem with the Pill” Presentation

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

*In the Gospel today, we find that Jesus would rise very early before dawn and go to a deserted place to pray and then he went out to preach and to heal.*

Please pray for the poor and suffering, knowing that you are bringing the love and peace of Jesus to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

### **SHROVE TUESDAY** **February 13**



Please join us for coffee and donuts in the Narthex, after the 12:00 pm Daily Mass. Mass will be held in **Upper Church**.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY** **February 14**

The evening Mass will be at the usual time of 6:00 pm, with confessions at 4:30 and Stations of the Cross at 5:30.



The penitential service, with the deacons presiding, remains at 12:15 pm, and school Mass at 10:00 am. Please remember that seating at the school Mass is very limited.

### **ALL ABOUT LENT . . .**

Lasts 40 days, except Sundays  
February 14 - March 28

Focus on Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

2 Days of Fasting:

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday

(one primary meal and 2 lesser meals and abstinence from meat)

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

# RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

**40 Days for Life:** 40 Days for Life is a national, and international, campaign of prayer and fasting, of public vigil at abortion facilities, and of community outreach for the purpose of ending abortion. You are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign,



**February 14 – March 24.** With the S.C. Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Fetal Heart-beat Bill we have seen a dramatic drop in abortions in our state. However, abortions are still performed before a heartbeat is detected, for rape and incest, and fetal anomalies. We must continue to pray and draw attention to this human tragedy until life is protected from conception to natural death. God tells us to deliver the helpless from destruction: "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter" (Proverbs 24:11). Will you join us in fasting, and praying outside the Greenville abortion facility?

The National Organization requires that those participating in a campaign sign a promise to conduct themselves in a peaceful, respectful manner. Be the ONE to make this a priority in your life and join us. Please visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/greenville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/greenville), or contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-329-0044. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

**40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally: Tuesday, Feb. 13, 6:30 – 7:45 pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Guadalupe Hall, 3710 Augusta Road.** (enter by way of Frontage Road)> Guest Speaker will be Mary Anne Moroney, registered nurse with a story to tell. Pastor Johnson of Greenville's Church Without Walls will offer the opening prayer. Amy Schiera, mezzo-soprano and professional soloist and choral musician, will lead us in song. Deacon Bill Hudson from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church will lead the closing prayer. Please join us! Parking is on the premises. Please visit: [www.40daysforlife.com/greenville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/greenville) to sign up or contact 864-506-0964 or 864-329-0044. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

**Sidewalk Counseling Training:** Online/virtual and in-person training are offered. Email [info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org](mailto:info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org)

**JAN 2024 Pro-Life Legislative Update:** Since the Fetal Heartbeat and Protection from Abortion Act became effective in September of 2023, South Carolina saw a tremendous reduction in abortions. Abortion clinics located in Greenville, Columbia and in Charleston had averaged a combined total of 900 abortions per month. Once the bill went into effect in September 2023, the total fell to 161 abortions. Thank you for your prayers, actions and witness.

## Christian Authors Course

Fr. Longenecker is teaming up with well known author, Joseph Pearce, to teach a twelve week course on "*Four Christian Writers of the 20th Century: T.S. Eliot, Evelyn Waugh, C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.*"

The weekly sessions begin on **Feb. 19, in Guadalupe Hall at 7 pm.** This is an opportunity to learn about these famous writers and their work, and to be informed about a new educational initiative in Greenville coming soon in Fall 2024. The sessions will last one hour and a \$100 donation per person for the whole course is requested.

Register at Sign Up Genius [HERE](#).

## The Problem with "The Pill"

Have you ever wondered why the Church teaches against contraception? Do you know the effects hormonal contraception have on women? On relationships? What about other forms of contraception? What about the deceptive practices involved in the development of "The Pill" decades ago?

Join parishioners Jeannie & Vincent Weaver for a presentation and discussion on all of these questions and more in Guadalupe Hall on **Wednesday, February 21**, after the 6pm Mass (starting at about 6:45pm). This event is free and open to the public, but would not be appropriate for anyone under 16. Feel free to bring an appetizer, drinks, or a dessert to share. Contact Vincent with any questions at: [upstatefamilyhonor@protonmail.com](mailto:upstatefamilyhonor@protonmail.com). Parents who have attended Family Honor programs in the past should find this to be a particularly helpful follow-up on this topic. Recent RCIA participants will likely also benefit from this discussion.

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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.