



# 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

January 14, 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

You have heard me say, "The Church does today what Jesus did when he was here." When he was here Jesus 1) taught the truth 2) took authority over evil 3) forgave sins 4) healed the sick.

These four actions are one of the marks of authenticity for a church. The Catholic Church teaches the truth through the proclamation and promulgation of Sacred Scripture and the historic Magisterium of the Church. She teaches the Truth through evangelization, preaching, Catholic education, as well as through the arts, culture, and literature.

The Catholic Church takes authority over evil through the blessing of people and objects, through the deliverance ministry (praying for people to be delivered from obsessions and influences of evil and through the ministry of exorcism (expelling evil spirits that have infested a victim's mind and body).

The Catholic Church forgives sins through the sacraments of reconciliation, through the ordinary confession in an act of contrition and the Confiteor at Mass.

The Catholic Church heals the sick through the ordinary ministry of Catholic health and medical services, through prayer and the laying on of hands and through the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

It is easy to see that these four ministries are interlocking. The proclamation of the Truth helps to stamp out evil, forgive sin and heal the sick. Likewise taking authority over evil involves the proclamation of the Truth and it forgives sins and heals the wounded.

The ministry of healing is often neglected in the active ministry of the church. Doctors and nurses do healing work and priests offer the sacrament of anointing the sick, however there is often insufficient opportunity for those who are sick to come to the priests to receive laying on of hands and prayers for healing. Many priests hesitate to offer this ministry for fear that they will do so and "nothing will happen." This is to misunderstand the nature of the ministry. We invite the faithful to receive these prayers and we offer these prayers with them in faith—trusting in God's providence that he will wonderfully provide the complete healing we *need* not just the physical healing we desire. That means the healing will sometimes mean the healing of relationships, the forgiveness of sins, the healing of memories or the healing of the mind and emotions.

In order to provide an opportunity for the faithful to receive this ministry we are incorporating this intention into the monthly first Saturday pro-life Mass at OLR. After this Mass at 9:30 am on the first Saturdays there will be a time for the faithful to receive healing prayers with one of the priests and a small team of laypeople. The first Pro-Life Mass with healing prayers will be Saturday, February 3. As it happens, this is also the memorial of St Blaise—a day when we will be offering the blessing of throats.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Jan. 7, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 25,268.

Surplus: \$ 3,268.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #28 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 616,000.

Received: \$ 631,509.

Surplus: \$ 15,509.

## Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$1,230,439. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal to be paid) 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 589,410.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 409,603.

Needed: \$ 641,029.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, 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, January 13, through Sunday, January 21**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 1/13	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For William &amp; Irene Stockton+</i>
Sunday, 1/14	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Marta Comas</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 People</i>
Monday, 1/15 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass
Tuesday, 1/16 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - <b>NO Mass</b> Our priests will attend the Priest Convocation in Charleston.
Wednesday, 1/17	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - <b>NO Confessions</b> 6:00 pm - <b>NO Mass</b>
Thursday, 1/18	10:00am - <b>NO Mass</b>
Friday, 1/19 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Saturday, 1/20	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sophia &amp; Ray Nelson+</i>
Sunday, 1/21	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Mark Finkel+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Carissa Wascher</i>

**School and Parish Offices  
 will be closed on Monday, January 15,  
 for the MLK holiday.**

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



Our next regular meeting will be on Jan. 14, from 6-8pm, reviewing plans for the *March for Life* trip. This meeting is mandatory if you are attending *March for Life*.

We would like to combine our pro-life witness to a local group in Greenville. We will be holding a diaper drive for St. Clare's House. Please see the email from Dave Haggard for details.

### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop."* **Mother Teresa**

In Greenville, our homeless population has more than doubled over the last two years. Others on very meager fixed incomes are facing increased rent, soaring utilities, and skyrocketing food prices. Those of us who do this work daily can feel at times, like we are drowning in an ocean of suffering. It seems like we can make so little difference, but for the person in front of us, the one we are serving, it can mean the world.

It is in those small acts of kindness we find our joy and bring hope to many. My hands and actions are an extension of your prayers and support. Please continue that prayer and support, and we will continue to bring hope, one person at a time.

*Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
cloewer@charlestdiocese.org*

**Pray for those attending the March for Life on January 19. OLR has a group of 94 students and adults that will travel January 18 - 20.**

### Catholic 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 **February 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](#).

## School News



- Jan. 15** NO School (MLK Day)
- Jan. 18-20** *March for Life* in Washington DC
- Jan. 26-27** Middle School Play "The Secret Garden"
- Feb. 1** Hard Deadline for re-enrollment and new sibling students.

### St. Vincent de Paul

*In the Gospel today, Jesus asks "What are you looking for?" Often, we are looking for happiness in very selfish ways, but we find that when we look for ways to make others happy, it is then that we truly become happy.*

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

### ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS HELD AT OLR

If you are planning a meeting or event of any size, please reserve your room or space at least 2 weeks prior. Simply send an email to Donna Craft at [dcraft@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:dcraft@charlestdiocese.org), with the name of the group or event, the date, and start and end times. You will receive a reply confirming your reservation.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

### RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 17.** in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing "Marriage and Catholic Sexual Ethics".

### THIRD THURSDAY ADORATION

**Thursday, January 18, 7-8pm, Lower Church.**

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



**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

If you are the mother of a tween daughter, you know how precious and important these years are. Build a stronger bond by communicating and having fun together at the Arise and Shine Mother/Daughter retreat at Heart Ridge.

Fri-Sat., FEBRUARY 2-3. We'll have some short talks about puberty and becoming a woman, as well as opportunities for hikes, games, and crafts. Like a slumber party, but with comfortable beds, healthier foods, and much more sleep!

For more information, see:

<http://www.HeartRidgeMinistries.com/MotherDaughter>



## ADULT SUNDAY MORNING CATECHESIS



Starting Sunday, January 28  
9:15 am in Guadalupe Hall

Jim Craft, Professor Emeritus  
and local artist, will present

**“Seeing Jesus in History, Culture, and Context”**

### 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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## RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY NEWS



**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.