



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

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 7, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the start of a new calendar year it is natural to look forward to the months ahead, and for those of us who are at the later stages of life, we not only think of the months ahead, but the years ahead—and wonder how much time we have left on this earth.

I will be seventy years old in a few years' time and my heart is full of gratitude for the many blessings God has given me. One of the most important blessings has been the opportunity to serve as your pastor. It has been a great joy and privilege to see the Catholic witness and life of Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenville grow and prosper over the last thirteen years.

What has been accomplished has been built on the faithfulness, loyalty, generosity and hard work of all the people and priests who have labored at OLR since its founding in the early 1950's.

They built a good foundation for the future, but we must always be looking further into the future and planning accordingly. That is why this year we will launch an ambitious new building project for the parish and school facilities. To do so is to plan for God's work in this place for the decades to come.

I hope as we move forward together that this project will unify the parish in new ways and that we will take pride in what we are able to do with the help of God. Planning effectively for this project will require us to think strategically about every aspect of our future. There are three categories of future planning we should keep in mind for ourselves, our families, and our parish.

The first and most important is spiritual. Are you doing any long term planning for your spiritual future? We should not only think about our final destiny, but also how to work with God's grace to come ever closer to the sanctity he has planned for us. In other words, "Take your spiritual life seriously!" My grandmother had a cross stitch over her kitchen table, "Only one life 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last."

Second is our mental state. Plan to grow mentally this year and in the future. Read more. Turn off the screen. Attend adult education classes. Take advantage of the mind God gave you and use your mind, emotions, and memories to grow closer to Christ.

The third category is physical. This includes the material blessings God has given. This year we will embark on a major capital campaign and we will be presented with some real financial challenges that will empower our witness at OLR church and school for decades to come.

Please keep all this in mind as you plan for a prosperous and abundant 2024!

Your pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for 2 weeks, ending Dec. 31, 2023

Needed: \$ 44,000.

Received: \$ 59,813.

Surplus: \$ 15,813.

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

Needed: \$ 594,000.

Received: \$ 606,241.

Surplus: \$ 12,241.

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: \$ 589,390.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 409,458.

Needed: \$ 641,049.

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, 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 6, through Sunday, January 14

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 1/6	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Ralph Lackey Hardin, III+</i>
Sunday, 1/7 Epiphany of the Lord	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Michael Menegay+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Jake & Riley Valente</i>
Monday, 1/8 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Frances Ann Howard Robinson+</i>
Tuesday, 1/9 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For John Warga, Jr.+</i>
Wednesday, 1/10	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i>
Thursday, 1/11	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Lynn Northam</i>
Friday, 1/12 Lower Church	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Josephine Howard Furman</i>
Saturday, 1/13	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Marta Comas</i>
Sunday, 1/14	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For William & Irene Stockton+</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>

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will NOT have our regular meeting this week, as we will attend the Epiphany Family Dance on Saturday, January 6.



Our next regular meeting will be on January 14, from 6-8pm, reviewing plans for the *March for Life* trip.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Every human being has a longing for God. Christians go one step further—not only do we long for God but we have the treasure of his presence always with us.”

Mother Teresa

God, truly knowing Him, is what is missing with so many people we deal with at Mother Teresa House. We all know people who only pay lip service to their faith. It sounds good, but really, they are hollow words.

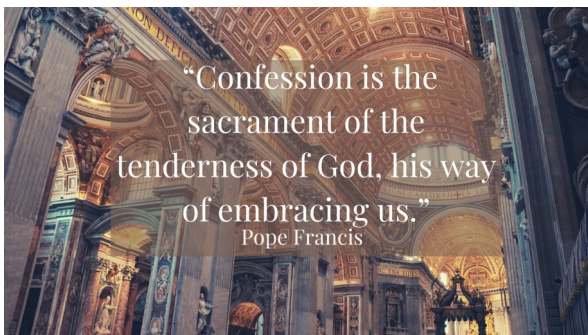
Let us pray for the Holy Spirit to cover this land, this world, and convert so many lost souls. As Catholics, we have the opportunity to pray in front of Him in Eucharistic Adoration. We receive all of Him: body, blood, soul, and divinity when we receive the Holy Eucharist. Let us not take this gift for granted.

*Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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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.

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 - 10:00 am



“Confession is the sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us.”
Pope Francis

School News



- Jan. 13** Winter Formal
- 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

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can again be given to those in need.

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@charlestandiocese.org, with the name of the group or event, the date, and start and end times. You will receive a reply confirming your reservation.

Please Note!



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 10.** in Guadalupe Hall at 7pm, discussing “Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick”.

SECOND THURSDAY ADORATION

**Thursday, Jan. 11, 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.



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>



Is God calling you?

Men's Discernment Retreat
Ages 18-49
January 12-14, 2024
Cost: \$25 (Scholarships available)
Camp Gravatt, Aiken, SC

To register or for more information:
vocations@charlestondiocese.org



Marriage Troubles? If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring; if you might have grown cold and distant; or even if you are divorced or separated, or are thinking about it, Retrouvaille can help...as it has already helped tens of thousands of others.

Our next program begins **January 19-21, 2024**. For information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org, or call (727) 343-6701. Not counseling or group therapy. All contacts and names held in absolute confidence.

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

YOU COUNT, and we are here to help!

Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.