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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

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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 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brothers and Sisters,

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. The word “Lent” comes from the Old English “lencten,” meaning “springtime” or “when days are lengthened.” As Lent coincides with the season of spring, the association is obvious. The ashes used in the liturgies on Ash Wednesday come from the burned, blessed palms from the previous year’s Palm Sunday.

Traditionally, Lent is comprised of 40 days. This period is based on Christ’s fasting for 40 days in the desert. The number 40 is mentioned dozens of times in the Sacred Scriptures, and symbolizes a time of testing, trial or preparation.

As we approach this holy time in the liturgical calendar, we should be intentional about focusing upon the three traditional pillars of Lenten discipline: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this season of penance and baptismal renewal in preparation for Easter, we make time for additional opportunities to pray - for the good of our souls; to fast - for the good of our bodies; and to give alms - for the good of our neighbors in need. More attention to prayer helps draw us closer to God. Fasting helps us to achieve self-mastery and draws our attention to the Lord, who alone is the true fulfillment of all our desires. Giving alms helps us to have compassion for the plight of the needy, and to understand that when we serve “one of the least of these, His brethren,” we are serving the Lord Himself who comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor.

One way of hallowing Lent is to participate more fully in opportunities for prayer, liturgical and otherwise. One of the popular prayer observances during Lent consists of praying the Stations of the Cross, done here at OLR on Wednesday evenings in Lent at 5:30 p.m., and on Fridays at 2:30 p.m. This devotion originated with the Franciscans who erected outdoor stations corresponding to the places in the Holy Land associated with our Lord’s passion. Pilgrims who could not go to the Holy Land to prayerfully walk the Via Dolorosa, the route that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion, could thus take part vicariously in our Lord’s sorrowful journey.

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The rules for fasting and abstinence from meat during Lent are as follows (from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops): "Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year.

Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence from meat for all who have completed their 14th year." If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection."

Almsgiving, or charity, allows us to minister directly to those in need. Good opportunities for almsgiving this year would include a gift to the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal), to the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), or to Mother Teresa House.

Lent is also a particularly appropriate time to make a good examination of conscience and go to the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions, including additional Lenten opportunities, will be heard Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.; after the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Thursdays; Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.; Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; and again, Sundays at 3:30 p.m. Be sure to make your Lenten confession so that you are able to celebrate Easter fully reconciled to the Lord and his Church.

Let's all resolve to make this a holy and fruitful Lent, so that we can celebrate Easter with authentic joy!

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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, Bethe 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 10, through Sunday, February 18

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

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>
Monday, 2/12 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For John Lesley</i>
Tuesday, 2/13 Upper Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Scott Menegay+</i> (<i>Shrove Tuesday</i>)
Wednesday, 2/14 Ash Wednesday	7:00 am-5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 10:00 am-School Mass with distribution of ashes 12:15 pm - Penitential Service with distribution of ashes 4:30-5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Bradshaw Family,</i> with distribution of ashes
Thursday, 2/15 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Scarlett Fox</i> 11:00 am - Confessions (Lower Church)
Friday, 2/16 Upper Church	10:00 am - Mass 2:00-10:00 pm - Veneration of the Major Relic of St. Jude 7:00 pm - Mass
Saturday, 2/17	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Sunday, 2/18	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Frank Walker+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass 3:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Feb. 4, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 39,338.

Surplus: \$ 17,338.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #32 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 704,000.

Received: \$ 735,011.

Surplus: \$ 31,011.

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: \$ 418,153.

Needed: \$ 596,310.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



Our next regular meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 11, from 6-8pm.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."
Mother Teresa

Five years ago this month, Fr. Longenecker asked me to direct Mother Teresa House. It was a world I knew little about, outside of some chance meetings with those working with homeless in various cities. I knew it would require compassion, which is a charism I did not have in abundance. I was a problem solver which was what was needed, but it also required compassion and humility. It required me to lean on Him in my weakness, and he gave me guides to help me here in the parish. After five years of growing through close work with other providers, failing, falling, getting back up, through despair and joy, I can truly say it has been the hardest and most rewarding work I have done. I think about the more than 10,000 calls I have received, the thousands of people I have seen and met, and I continue to pray to not get tired and not give up hope. He always gives me what I need, as do you. I am thankful for your prayers, your work with helping to serve the poor (especially SVdP), and your financial support. Let us pray to not get too tired to send out His love.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach



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. **We still need volunteers to assist with this event.**

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Recently baptized was
Alec Mortel Moen,
son of Lars and Marisa Moen.



We welcome Alec as a new member of the OLR family.

Diocesan Second Collection for the weekend of February 11, will be for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe.

RCIA

We will NOT meet on **Wednesday, February 14**, due to Ash Wednesday.



School News



- Feb. 16** NOON Dismissal
- Feb. 19** NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day
- Feb. 21** "Problem with the Pill" Presentation

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today Jesus moved with pity, touched the leper and healed him. Let us pray today for the grace to be generous with our gifts to help those who are suffering.

By your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, you indeed put your faith into action as you bring healing to the poor and hungry in our local community.

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.

Ashes will be distributed at all the liturgies.

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.

During Lent, additional Confession times will be held after the Thursday 10:00am Daily Mass, and at 3:30pm on Sundays.

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 Heartbeat 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, 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 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. Please send an email to: info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org

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. 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.

Sponsored by Fellowship of St. Joseph

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