



# 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

Sunday, 3:30-4:30 pm

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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

Thursday, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Or by appointment

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church

February 18, 2024

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Some folks have noticed that we only have boys serving the altar at Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenville. Why is that? Girl altar servers are permitted. Are we trying to be mean and oppress girls? Are we misogynists? Don't we believe in equality of the sexes?

Of course, we believe in every person's equality before God, but equality does not mean uniformity. We are equal, but as men and women we are different. Complementarity between the sexes is a beautiful part of God's creation.

We have gradually moved over to having only boys serving the altar for several reasons. First, I should say that when we had girl altar servers they did a great job, but it has been my experience that when boys and girls are in the same groups of service or society very often the boys leave. Guys are lazy. It's typical of men to shrug their shoulders and say, "It the gals want to do it, let them do it!"

This is why we first segregated the boy and girl servers. Boys served some masses. Girls served others. Eventually as fewer and fewer girls volunteered, we decided to train only boys to serve the altar.

When serving the altar is "Boys only" the boys bond together more and support one another. The older boys help to train the younger ones and they interact as brothers. At OLR we encourage the girls to serve at Mass by singing in one of our choirs. But there is more to it than these practical matters. Some folks have observed that the Catholic priesthood is reserved to men, so having only boys serving the altar helps to reinforce this doctrine of the church and provides an encouraging environment for boys and young men to begin considering a priestly vocation.

In our current society--where so many are confused by the results of radical feminism and the sexual revolution--having activities separated by gender helps boys and girls to be clear about the differences in gender roles. Human sexuality is a complex and multi-faceted dimension of the human person and lack of clearly defined gender roles in childhood can contribute to gender confusion later on. Having boys do some jobs and girls do others helps boys and girls develop in a healthy way.

It is a joy to see our boys and girls participate so enthusiastically in worship. The boys run in to church saying, "Can I serve today, Father!" The girls turn up early to practice and sing beautifully. Together they glorify God with their youth, their beauty and their love of the Lord and so remind each one of us that to enter the Kingdom of God we must become again like little children.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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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 17, through Sunday, February 25**  
 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

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| Saturday, 2/17                       | 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>  |
| Sunday, 2/18                         | 8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Frank Walker+</i><br>9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Kathryn Connelly Hearn+</i><br>3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i> |
| Monday, 2/19<br><b>Lower Church</b>  | 8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Thomas Armantrout+</i>   |
| Tuesday, 2/20<br><b>Lower Church</b> | 12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Mary Pozydaev</i>   |
| Wednesday, 2/21                      | 7:00 am-5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration<br>4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross<br>6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Daniel Earl Hakes+</i>  |
| Thursday, 2/22                       | 10:00 am - School Mass, <i>For Jack English+</i><br>11:00am-12:00pm - Confessions (Upper Church)  |
| Friday, 2/23<br><b>Lower Church</b>  | 10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann</i>  |
| Saturday, 2/24                       | 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Dillon Holtz+</i>   |
| Sunday, 2/25                         | 8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Donald Moran+</i><br>9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i><br>3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church)<br>5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Robert Sullivan</i>         |

## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Feb. 11, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 16,083.

Deficit: \$ 5,917.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #33 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 726,000.

Received: \$ 751,094.

Surplus: \$ 25,094.

## Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$1,189,425. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal remaining)  
 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 593,115.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 418,528.

Needed: \$ 596,310.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



This Sunday, Feb. 18, we will have a joint meeting with St. Mary's youth group here at OLR, from 6-8pm, discussing the differences between dating and courtship.

### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Wash the plate not because it is dirty, nor because you are told to wash it, but because you love the person who will use it next."* **Mother Teresa**

Water is used throughout the Bible for cleansing, especially cleansing from sin and impurities. Why do we need to go to confession? Why do we need to wash in the grace of His mercy? Confession shouldn't be a once-a-year obligation because we are told to, but regular and frequent, for love of Him. We need to "wash our plate" so that everything we do, every little thing, can and should be done in love for God and for others.

*Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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Please note . . .

School and Parish offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 19, for the Presidents' Day holiday. Daily Mass WILL be celebrated in Lower Church at 8:30am.

If you are dismayed by the two main political parties, what do third parties have to offer? Pete Sonski is the Presidential candidate for the small, but growing American Solidarity Party. Pete's a faithful Catholic, and will be visiting OLR on **Sunday, Feb 25**. After the 10:30am Mass he'll be meeting in the Guadalupe Hall with anyone who would like to know more about the challenges and chances of third party campaigns.

Each year the **Bishop of Charleston** raises funds for various Catholic charitable efforts across the diocese. This annual appeal is now called "The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina." We encourage you to direct your Lenten almsgiving to this appeal. Information and envelopes are available in the Narthex. We will have a special collection the **weekend of March 17**.



### RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, Feb. 21**, discussing "Catholic Social Teaching and Anthropology".

## School News



- Feb. 19** NO School, Presidents' Day
- Feb. 21** "Problem with the Pill" Presentation
- Mar. 1** NO School, Teacher In-Service

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

In January, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 271 families, providing food each Saturday and \$1,567 for utility payments. God Bless You!

Recently baptized was  
**Veronica Rose Bergen,**  
daughter of  
Gabriela and Darren Bergen.



*We welcome Veronica as a new member of the OLR family.*

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



Monday, March 4 - **Then Came Heaven**  
by Lavyrle Spencer

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

**Diocesan Second Collection for the weekend of February 18, will be for Black and Indian Missions.**

### 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](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.

## The Knights of Columbus #1668 will be hosting the Lenten Fish Dinners at 6:00pm in the gym during the Fridays of Lent, **starting March 1**.



Adults - \$12  
Kids (6-12) - \$7  
Family Rate - \$45



Beer and wine will also be offered. Come join the OLR parish family for great food and fellowship.

## 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.

*Sponsored by Fellowship of St. Joseph*

## 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](#).

Please see the OLR websites at [olr.church](#) and [olr.school](#) for all the most recent news and announcements.