



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

Sunday, 3:30-4:30 pm

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 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Catholic Church teaches us that, as Catholics we have both privileges and responsibilities. The privileges and responsibilities go hand in hand. You can't have one without the other. The basic responsibilities of Catholics are laid down in the seven precepts of the Church. My letter in the parish bulletin during these weeks of Lent will remind you.

The first precept is to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and resting from servile works. Notice that the obligation is to attend Mass, not necessarily to receive Holy Communion. If a Catholic is in an irregular marriage, or is in a state of mortal sin or believes he might be, then he or she should not receive communion. However, he or she is still obliged to attend Mass.

The obligation to attend Mass is a serious obligation. Remember the saying, "You can miss Mass, but you can't skip Mass." In other words, if there is a serious reason for not attending Mass--like looking after a sick relative or young child, then it is not a serious sin, but to skip Mass for any other reason is a serious sin because you are putting something else before God. If parents do not take their children to Mass, they compound their sin by causing scandal to the young and setting a bad example. Put simply, you are saying to your children, "Mass doesn't really matter. We can let it slide sometimes."

This first precept of the church is linked with the first three of the ten commandments to 1) Have only one God 2) To honor and reverence the Lord's name and 3) To keep holy the "Sabbath Day" for the Jews of the Old Covenant the Sabbath was Saturday. We honor the first day of the week as a celebration of the Lord's resurrection.

The second aspect of keeping the Lord's Day holy is to rest from servile work. This means you should not do hard labor or work on a Sunday. These days when so many businesses are open it is hard for some people to avoid work on Sundays. Try to keep the principle of the Sabbath and at least get some extra rest and relaxation and time with friends and family on Sundays.

When you put God first by making Mass attendance a priority, and making a special day for rest and recreation you immediately establish the right priorities in every aspect of your life.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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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 24, through Sunday, March 3

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 2/24	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Dillon Holtz+</i>
Sunday, 2/25	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Donald Moran+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Robert Sullivan</i>
Monday, 2/26 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For William & Mary Coker Joslin+</i>
Tuesday, 2/27 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Chris & Carol Hoffman</i>
Wednesday, 2/28	7:00 am-5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:30 pm - Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Mary St. John of the Lamb of God, OP</i>
Thursday, 2/29	10:00 am - School Mass, <i>For Carol & Chris Hoffman</i> 11:00am-12:00pm - Confessions (Upper Church)
Friday, 3/1 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann</i>
Saturday, 3/2	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Edith Unsworth+</i>
Sunday, 3/3	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Shawna Fesler</i>

Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Feb. 18, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 25,036.

Surplus: \$ 3,036.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #34 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 748,000.

Received: \$ 776,130.

Surplus: \$ 28,130.

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: \$ 598,115.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 423,603.

Needed: \$ 591,310.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular meeting this Sunday, Feb. 25, from 6-8pm.



School News

- Feb. 26** Financial Aid Application Deadline
- Mar. 1** NO School, Teacher In-Service

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"A sacrifice to be real must cost, must hurt, and must empty ourselves. Give yourself fully to God. He will use you to accomplish great things on the condition that you believe much more in His love than in your weakness." **Mother Teresa**

How often do we dwell on our weaknesses and let them dominate our lives? It is a problem we see many times in the people we deal with at Mother Teresa House. We are often unwilling to turn our entire lives over to Him, holding back something for us to control. It's hard to give up our vices. It is those items we "enjoy", like with those we serve here, that separate us from true joy. Trust in His love, empty yourself, believe in Him and let Him use you to accomplish great things.

*Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Lent is a call not just to "give up something" but more important to "give something for the poor." We continue to see increasing numbers of families needing food and assistance in our area.

Your almsgiving in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box as well as your donations of food will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Easter.

Please remember that Easter Baskets will be collected after each Mass on March 9-10, for the underprivileged children in our community.

Call Marianne (864) 360-2406 to make other arrangements for pick up. Details on the OLR website [HERE](#).

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.

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**.



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.

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, Feb. 28**, discussing "Ten Commandments, #1-4".



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on Friday, March 1, from 11:00am-5:00pm.



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?



It is not too late to join other Christians throughout the Upstate and take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort with a vision to change hearts and minds about abortion through prayer and fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach. Be the ONE to say YES to praying for the least and most vulnerable among us!

To find out more and sign up to help, go to www.40daysforlife.com/Greenville or contact Judy Masterson 864-506-0964 or Ingrid Ireland 864-329-0044.

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for the Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors



OLR's next First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors will be on **Saturday, March 1, at 9:30 am** in Upper Church. Sidewalk Advocates, 40 Days for Life and OLR's Respect Life Committee will provide updates on pro-life issues and all are encouraged to join us in praying the rosary at the abortion clinic afterwards located at 1142 Grove Road. For info, call 864-772-9020. Thank you!

First Thursday Adoration

MARCH 7, 6-8pm, in Lower Church. Please join the Respect Life Committee as we pray for further protections for the unborn and vulnerable among us, for our priests, deacons and religious, all who pray and counsel at the abortion clinic, as well as the volunteers and clients of OLR's Walking with Moms in Need program.



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.