



# 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

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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

March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The second precept of the Church is to observe the days of fasting and abstinence. 'Fasting' means having only one full meal a day. 'Abstinence' means giving something up—usually meat. Both fasting and abstinence are required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday of all Catholics over 18. Abstinence from meat is required every Friday in Lent for Catholics over the age of 14. Fasting in some way is also required on every Friday in honor of the Lord's passion. While giving up meat is still recommended as the easiest way to observe abstinence on Fridays, other forms of 'giving something up' are also permitted.

What is the point of fasting and abstinence? First of all, we don't fast and abstain because we think food and drink and physical things are wicked in some way. God has given us the physical world and the gifts of food and drink to enjoy and share. We fast and abstain in order to do penance for our sins, to discipline ourselves, to become more alert in prayer and to identify with Christ the Lord who recommended fasting and himself went out into the desert to fast.

The practice of fasting and abstinence helps us know how to keep Lent and remember the Lord's passion on Fridays properly.

Observing the rules for fasting and prayer is really only a start to a whole life of discipline, penance and prayer. It's a bit like a piano student who is given scales to do for practice. The scales are necessary, but they are a means to an end, not an end in themselves. Likewise, fasting and prayer are the means to a more powerful life of prayer and a closer relationship with Christ.

All the saints made great spiritual progress by taking the call to prayer seriously, and along with the call to prayer is always a call to the self discipline of fasting and abstinence. If it works for the saints, and is recommended by Jesus himself, and commanded by the church, then it will benefit us to take this precept seriously. Believe me, there will be far greater benefits as a result than you can now imagine!

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, March 2, through Sunday, March 10**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

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>
Monday, 3/4 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Jack Allen+</i>
Tuesday, 3/5 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Ted &amp; Marge Conroy</i>
Wednesday, 3/6	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 Jack &amp; Emily Kyle Watson+</i>
Thursday, 3/7	10:00 am - School Mass, <i>For Frank Fusare+</i> 11:00am-12:00pm - Confessions (Upper Church)
Friday, 3/8 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Ted Stewart</i> 2:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (Upper Church)
Saturday, 3/9	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Joan &amp; Mike Macalka</i>
Sunday, 3/10	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Robert &amp; Virginia Gerten+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Feb. 25, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 24,281.

Surplus: \$ 2,281.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #35 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 770,000.

Received: \$ 800,411.

Surplus: \$ 30,411.

## Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$1,168,917. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal remaining)  
2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 598,164.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 423,653.

Needed: \$ 570,753.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular meeting this Sunday, March 3, from 6-8pm.



## School News



**Mar. 9** NO Confirmation Retreat (canceled)

**Mar. 11** Confirmation Class, 7:30-8:30pm

### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"We think sometimes that poverty is only being hungry, naked, and homeless. The poverty of being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for is the greatest poverty. We must start in our own homes to remedy this kind of poverty."* **Mother Teresa**

Recently, I had the gift of showing a young nursing student homelessness. It was an eye-opening experience for her and she got to see the love of those who work with them every day. While we did hand out hygiene and food bags, the true need is just showing care. The push wasn't to get them off the street, that will come with time and their desire to work together to get housing. He seemed glad to have a good spot near his daily activities and was truly happy we stopped by his "place". Continue your prayers for not only us here at Mother Teresa House but for all those who serve the unwanted, unloved, and uncared for.

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

**The Knights of Columbus #1668 are hosting the Lenten Fish Dinners at 6:00pm in the gym during the Fridays of Lent. Join us on March 8.**



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



Beer and wine will also be offered. Join the 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**.



### St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In today's Gospel Jesus is asked "What sign can you show us?" Every day we can see signs of how God has visited us in the blessings of our lives. Let us be a sign of God's love by being a blessing to others.*

Your continued support of St. Vincent de Paul, through volunteering, and the generous gifts of food and donations, has helped our ministry feed the hungry and help the poor and has been a blessing to so many. Our next meeting is on Monday, March 11, at 6pm in Guadalupe Hall. Please join us and learn more about our ministries. Thank you and God Bless You.

**Easter Baskets** will be collected after each Mass next weekend, **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](#).

**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.

Recently baptized was

**Isla Cynthia Althoff,**

daughter of

Wesley and Alexandra Althoff.



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

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

### 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.



### RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 6**, discussing "Ten Commandments, #5".



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

**40 Days for Life:** You are invited to join Christians throughout the Upstate in our spring campaign, **February 14 – March 24**. 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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/Greenville) or contact Judy Masterson 864-506-0964 or Ingrid Ireland 864-329-0044. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

Sidewalk Counseling Training: Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy Masterson at 864-506-0964, or [info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org](mailto:info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org).



Don't forget, next Sunday, **March 10**, spring forward one hour.

### Easter Decorations

We need many hands to help get our church ready for Holy Week and Easter!

- March 16 10:30am Wrap statues in purple cloth
- March 23 11:45am Prepare for Palm Sunday
- March 30 10:30am Prepare for Easter Sunday

Please contact Sue Bannio with any questions and to let her know she can count on you. (864) 313-4479, [4SueBannio@gmail.com](mailto:4SueBannio@gmail.com)

*This is not an event for small children, however, there are tasks for ages 10 and up.*

The Diocesan Second Collection for next weekend, March 10, will be for Catholic Relief Services.

### Holy Week and Easter Mass Schedule

All services are held in Upper Church except on Palm Sunday when the 8am Mass Procession begins in the Courtyard, and the 10:30am Mass Procession begins in the Lower Church parking lot.

Palm Sunday Anticipated Mass	March 23	5:00 pm
Palm Sunday	March 24	8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm
<i>Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday and Spy Wednesday will follow the usual schedules.</i>		
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (foot washing, stripping of the altar, procession to Lower Church, Adoration until 11:00 pm)	March 28	7:00 pm
Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion (with distribution of Holy Communion)	March 29	3:00 pm
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	March 30	8:00 pm
Easter Sunday	March 31	8:00 am, 10:30 am

*NO Confessions on Saturday, March 30*

*On Easter Sunday, NO Confessions at 9:00 am, and NO 5:00 pm Mass*

*NO Mass or Communion Service on Easter Monday, April 1*

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.

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