



# 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

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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

Or by appointment

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church

Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Saint Faustina was born with the name Helena Kowalska on August 25, 1905 in Poland, the third of ten children. Her father was a carpenter and they were poor, but very devout Catholics. Helena felt the call to the religious life at the age of seven. When she was nineteen, she and her sister went to a dance. While she was at the dance, she had a vision of a suffering Jesus. She then went to the cathedral, where she says that she was told by Jesus to leave for Warsaw immediately and join a convent. She packed a small bag that night and the next morning took a train for Warsaw (85 miles away), without the permission of her parents and without knowing anyone in Warsaw.

After she arrived in Warsaw, she entered the first church she saw and attended Mass. The priest there recommended staying with a local woman until she found a convent. Faustina approached several convents in Warsaw, but was turned down time after time. Eventually the mother superior at the convent of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy gave her a chance. She worked for a year to save money to buy her religious habit, and then on April 30, 1926, aged 20, she received her habit and took the name in religion of Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament. She was a nun for just over a decade, dying at the age of 33 on October 5, 1938.

Sister Faustina worked as a cook and maid in the convent. Throughout her life, she reported having visions and conversations with Jesus. On the night of Sunday, February 22, 1931, while she was in her cell, Jesus appeared to her as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale blue rays emanating from his heart. She wrote that Jesus told her: "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You'. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and then throughout the world. I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish."

Not knowing how to paint, Faustina approached some other nuns for help, but received no assistance. Three years later, after her assignment to another convent in Vilnius, the first artistic rendering of the image was performed under her direction. Faustina also wrote that Jesus told her that he wanted the Divine Mercy image to be "solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy. When she moved to Vilnius the priest who was the confessor at the convent listened as she told him of her visions. He sent her for a mental examination and when the doctor said she was in sound mind the priest began to support her ideas for devotion to the Divine Mercy. By 1935 the first Mass of the Divine Mercy was held. In 1936 the first brochure with the Divine Mercy image and devotion was printed. By 1938 Sister Faustina had died of tuberculosis, but the devotion spread over the next decades. In 1959, because of faulty translations, the theologians came to a negative conclusion about her writings. The devotion was suppressed for twenty years.

Then in 1978 a Polish cardinal was elected. Pope John Paul II had Faustina's writings examined again and this time the misunderstandings were cleared up. All negative decisions were lifted and the devotion surged in popularity worldwide. So did devotion to Sister Faustina. Pope John Paul II declared her a saint in April of the Jubilee year 2000 saying, "The message she brought is the appropriate and incisive answer that God wanted to offer to the questions and expectations of human beings in our time, marked by terrible tragedies." Jesus said to Sr. Faustina one day: 'Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to the Divine Mercy.'

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Mar. 31, 2024

*Not Yet Announced.*

*Will be published in the April 14, 2024 bulletin.*

Needed:

Received:

Surplus:

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #40 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed:

Received:

Surplus:

## 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:

Pledge Payments Received:

Needed:

## 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, Emily Stiffler, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Justin Timbers, Cheryl Wallace, Carolyn Watson, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wittberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday, April 6, through Sunday, April 14**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 4/6	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 4/7 <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Claudia Murphy+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Genevieve Spisak+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass
Monday, 4/8 <i>Upper Church</i>	<b>10:00 am</b> - School Mass, <i>For Gerard Condon+ Solemnity of the Annunciation</i> (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)
Tuesday, 4/9 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For William &amp; Mary Coker Joslin+</i>
Wednesday, 4/10	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Thursday, 4/11 <i>Lower Church</i>	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Mike Culbertson+</i>
Friday 4/12 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Saturday, 4/13	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Mayra Magarino</i>
Sunday, 4/14	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Frank Walker+</i> 9:00 am - 10:00 am - Confessions 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Jake &amp; Riley Valente</i>

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our annual Divine Mercy Party on April 7, 6-8pm.

Please see details in our email announcements.



### **MOTHER TERESA HOUSE**

*"Do not imagine that love to be true must be extraordinary. No, what we need in our love is the continuity to love the one we love. See how a lamp burns, by the continual consumption of the little drops of oil. If there are no more of these drops in the lamp, there will be no light. ... What are these drops of oil in our lamps? They are the little things of everyday life: fidelity, punctuality, little words of kindness, just a little thought for others; those little acts of silence, of look, and of thought, of word, and of deed. These are the very drops of love that make our life burn with so much light"*

**Mother Teresa**

Let us recommit, in imitation of Mother Teresa, to our one thing. Let us take up our Rosaries and offer one Divine Mercy Chaplet, one Rosary, for the Church and the world, for peace on earth and peace in every heart. Let us pray for a successful new evangelization, transforming our culture into a culture of life, and thereby ushering in a civilization of love. And let us work while the light lasts, lighting candles in the darkness by performing works of mercy, sharing the Divine Mercy message and devotion to one person at a time, persistently, patiently, planning to continue across the rest of our lives, and beyond.

Let us do one good thing with love. And then another. And another. (from Divine Mercy website 09-04-18)

*Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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### **Adult and Family Sunday Morning Catechesis SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Class for April 7, is **canceled**.

We will resume on Sunday, April 14, at 9:15am.

### **Spiritual Adoption WEEK 1, April 7**



At Conception: Congratulations! A new human comes into existence at fertilization with 46 chromosomes. Although half of Baby's chromosomes come from each parent, he is genetically different from both parents, and his sex is determined genetically.

## School News



**April 8**

Classes Resume

Mass at 10:00 am in Upper Church

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

*In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"*

As you place your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul poor box you say "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.

**The First Saturday Pro-life Mass for April has been canceled. We will resume the First Saturday Pro-Life & Healing Mass on May 4, at 9:30 am in Upper Church.**

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 7**

**Service at 2:00 pm in Upper Church**

Adoration  
Benediction  
Divine Mercy Chaplet  
Reflection



Our speaker will be Mary Dudley,  
"My Personal Experience of Spiritual Growth  
Through Devotion to Divine Mercy"

Go [HERE](#) for information on OLR's Divine Mercy Shrine in Lower Church.

School and Parish offices are closed for Easter Break, and will reopen on Monday, April 8.

Daily Mass on Thursday, April 11, will be held in Lower Church.



### **SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION**

Monday, April 8, Mass will be held in Upper Church at 10:00am

This is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

### **RCIA**

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 10**, discussing "Catholic Morality and Conscience: Loving God and Loving Our Neighbor".



## Monday, April 8 - the Feast of the Annunciation!



To mirror Jesus' conception at the Annunciation and his growth as an "unborn child", OLR's Respect Life Ministry, we began our Spiritual Adoption Campaign on April 6, by praying to save those babies in danger of abortion. Can you say this short prayer?

"Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg of you to spare the life of (give the baby a name), the unborn baby I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion. Amen." You will see the babe-in-the-womb's progress thru monthly posters in the Narthex and OLR's bulletin footprint notices. Come December, we will have a Baby Shower for Birthright of Greenville to bless those who Chose Life for their child. Please join us in prayer as we adopt these unknown babies whose fate will be decided in the next nine months. May God bless us as we pray for their lives to be saved. Thank you!

*OLR's Respect Life Ministry*



**The Annual Gala for OLR School  
will be held on  
Saturday, April 20, 2024  
at the Hyatt Regency, Downtown Greenville.  
Our theme this year is Monopoly!**



Join us for a 3 course seated dinner, drinks, music and dancing, silent and live auctions and more!

If you are interested in attending or being a sponsor, please pick up an invitation with details and RSVP card at the school office.

### **OLR is working to revitalize our Prison Ministry!**

We have opportunities for people who want to help both inside and outside of the prison walls. If you are interested in helping with this very important Work of Mercy, go [HERE](#), or pick up a flyer in the Narthex. Please contact Brian Hansen [bphansen65@gmail.com](mailto:bphansen65@gmail.com) or Tom Kenny ([tpkenny64@gmail.com](mailto:tpkenny64@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

This Post Abortion Healing Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion. On the retreat you can find peace and closure and strengthen your relationship with God. Come discover God's love, mercy and Forgiveness.

The next retreat in South Carolina is:

April 19-21, 2024-- Fort Mill-English

May 31-June 2-Fort Mill- Spanish

For more information or registration

Christy 803 554 6088 Kathy 803 546 6010

[Grace4healing@gmail.com](mailto:Grace4healing@gmail.com)

## **We Are the Lord's - End of Life Seminar**

Saturday, April 20, 1:00pm, Guadalupe Hall

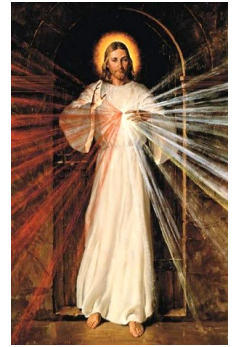
To register please email Victoria Norris, at [gvnorris@outlook.com](mailto:gvnorris@outlook.com). If you have any specific questions about the workshop, please call Kathy Schmugge, at [803.547.5063](tel:803.547.5063) or email [kschmugge@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:kschmugge@charlestdiocese.org)

**We are the Lord's** is a workshop on Catholic Bioethics and End-of-Life to help clarify our Catholic understanding of human dignity and moral discernment and explain various end-of-life documents. During the workshop, participants will be giving the church's teaching on death, examine some common situations and how to discern the many choices, and lastly information on the Catholic Health Care Power of Attorney form and other hospital forms related to end of life treatment.

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.

*Donna Craft, Director of Communications, [dcraft@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:dcraft@charlestdiocese.org)*

## Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7



The Sunday after Easter is designated in the Catholic Church as Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus Himself gave this special feast day to St. Faustina, saying, “I desire that the Feast of Divine Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.” (*Diary of St. Faustina, 699*) Jesus also made the extraordinary promise that “whoever approaches the Fount of Life on this day will be granted complete remission of sins and punishment.” (*Diary, 300*)

### **OLR will offer a Divine Mercy Sunday Special Program in the Upper Church.**

The schedule is as follows:

2 p.m. Adoration & Benediction

3 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10 p.m. Guest speaker Mary Dudley

*"My Experience of Spiritual Growth through Devotion to Divine Mercy"*

3:30 Closing Remarks and Blessing

## Divine Mercy Novena Begins on Good Friday, March 29

Jesus also gave the prayers of this special novena to St. Faustina, promising, “By this Novena I will grant every possible grace to souls.” (*Diary, 796*) Each day a different group of saints and sinners is invited to “immerse... in the ocean of My mercy....I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of my mercy.” (*Diary, 1209*) In the 1990s Pope St. John Paul II popularized devotion to the Divine Mercy Novena, which, with its special graces, is to be recited beginning on Good Friday. The novena will be prayed each day in the Lower Church according to the schedule below:

*Good Friday, March 29, 2:00 pm (before the 3 pm Good Friday Liturgy)*

*Holy Saturday, March 30, 3:00 pm (The Hour of Great Mercy)*

*Easter Sunday, March 31, (parishioners are invited to pray Day 3 of the Novena at home)*

*Monday, April 1 – Saturday, April 6, 3:00 pm*

Brochures will be available with the Divine Mercy Novena prayers, or you may access them at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> Those who cannot attend each day of the Novena may call in to a special conference line to participate remotely in the prayers: 425-436-6331, follow voice message and enter CODE: 535563.