



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

March 10, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Holy Mother Church gives us a third precept to help advance our spiritual life: "To Confess our sins to a priest at least once a year." The **additional Lent confession times** at OLR are Thursdays from 11:00am – 12:00pm, and Sundays from 3:30 – 4:30pm in Upper Church.

One of the main reasons why so few Catholics go to confession is that they really are not aware of the sin in their lives. Our society encourages us to make excuses. "I just made a mistake." or "I'm only human after all." or "I didn't do anything really bad like killing someone!" Many Catholics have forgotten how to make a good confession and have forgotten how to examine their conscience fully. Worst of all is the fact that the most insidious sin is the sin we are unaware of, or the sin we have explained away. The third precept--that we should go to confession at least once a year--is a rule that should not only get us to confession, but get us to make a good examination of conscience first. The way to make a good examination of conscience is to be very objective and thorough.

Remember, the rule to go to confession once a year is not there to be a burden to you, but a benefit. In confession your burdens are lifted, you receive Christ's healing and forgiveness and you are restored once again to your original baptismal purity.

The fourth precept of the Church gives us another minimum requirement: "To receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during the Easter Season." In the Early Church, and even up to recent times many of the faithful would only receive communion once a year. They 'heard Mass' each week, but to receive the Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist was considered so sacred and wonderful that they considered themselves too unworthy. Only after a good and full confession would they feel ready to receive the Lord.

Happily, times have changed and the Church now encourages frequent reception of the sacrament. However, there is a down side to frequent reception of the Eucharist. We see many people come to receive the Lord, but not many people coming to confession. Can it really be that there are so few people in our churches who are guilty of mortal sin? I think not, therefore I think many people are receiving the Lord unworthily.

I think frequent reception of the Body and Blood of Christ is important, but I also believe that whenever we receive the Lord, we should be doing so having cleared our consciences with a good confession--making sure that we are not living in a state of sin and so receiving the Lord unworthily.

Finally, the precept states that if we receive the Lord only once a year it should be during the Easter Season. This is a reminder that we are an Easter people and that the revolutionary fact of Christ's resurrection is what gives meaning to our lives for it is through his passion and resurrection that we are redeemed. Receiving the Lord at Easter is also a reminder that every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection, and that we should be there to worship him and, if possible, receive Christ the Lord every week.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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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, Emily Stiffler, 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 9, through Sunday, March 17

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 3/9	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Joan & Mike Macalka</i>
Sunday, 3/10	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Robert & 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>
Monday, 3/11 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Paul Wegman+</i>
Tuesday, 3/12 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i>
Wednesday, 3/13	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. Ruth Marian, OP</i>
Thursday, 3/14	10:00 am - School Mass, <i>For Carter Reinstein</i> 11:00am-12:00pm - Confessions (Upper Church)
Friday, 3/15 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Michelle Moody</i> 2:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (Upper Church)
Saturday, 3/16	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Mari Bozard</i>
Sunday, 3/17	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For David & Jennifer Parrish</i> 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>

Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Mar. 3, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 25,227.

Surplus: \$ 3,227.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #36 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 792,000.

Received: \$ 825,638.

Surplus: \$ 33,638.

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: \$ 599,635.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 423,653.

Needed: \$ 569,282.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



There will be NO regularly scheduled Youth Group meeting this Sunday, March 10. Please pray for those attending Diocesan Youth Conference.

School News



- Mar. 11** Confirmation Class, 7:30-8:30pm
- Mar. 14** Strings/Band Recital, 6:30pm, G. Hall

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"We interfere with God's plans when we push in someone or something else not suitable for us. Be strict with yourself, and then be very strict with what you are receiving from the outside." Mother Teresa

Today's readings deal with darkness and light, blindness and seeing. Many of the people we deal with may take a step or two to make their lives better, but then they get caught up in the darkness again. The influences from outside overwhelm them and they fall back. We often see people get cleaned up but run back into their old "friends" and again they fall back. The environment they are in leads them to more opportunity to allow darkness in, the lion looking for someone to devour. We ourselves allow darkness into our lives which pulls us from Him. Pray that we continue to return to Him in confession and we all continue to walk to the light, away from the darkness.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, God demonstrates great love for us by sending his Son so that we may believe in him. We demonstrate our great love for God by doing good works: reaching out to others, acting in justice and charity.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Know that your donations placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box are being used to assist many of our neighbors in this area of Greenville. We would love to have more volunteers help in the food pantry and financial assistance ministry. We will meet on **Monday, March 11, at 6:30pm** in Guadalupe Hall. Please join us.

Easter Baskets will be collected after each Mass this 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](#).

The Knights of Columbus #1668 are hosting the Lenten Fish Dinners at 6:00pm in the gym during the Fridays of Lent.



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



Beer and wine will also be offered. Join us for great food and fellowship.

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, or contact Brian Hansen (bphansen65@gmail.com) or Tom Kenny (tpkenny64@gmail.com) for more information.

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 **next weekend, March 17**.



Recently baptized was **Jordan Kelly Kercheval** daughter of Samuel and Sara Kercheval.



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



RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 13**, discussing "Ten Commandments, #6-10".



Offering Envelopes for Easter flowers are now available in the Narthex.

40 Days for Life Closing Celebration: Sunday, March 24, 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm, Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Guadalupe Hall, 3710 Augusta Road. (enter by way of Frontage Road). Pastor Mark Wills, Pastors for Life, will give the Opening Prayer and he and the *For Life Praise Band* will lead the music. Prayer Warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign. We will draw for door prizes and enjoy refreshments as we celebrate life with some of our former moms and their little ones. Deacon Bob Connor will close our gathering with uplifting, encouraging words, lead the Prayer for Life, and send us off with a Blessing. Please join us! Parking is on the premises.



Please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up for 40 Days, abortions are occurring all year long. Contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-329-0044 for more information. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

40 HOURS - LENTEN DEVOTION

March 13-14, in Lower Church

From 7am on Wednesday through
11pm on Thursday.

All are welcome to this special Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please email smithtommy255@gmail.com or go [HERE](#) to sign up for specific time slots.

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

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

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

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 and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.

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