



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 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The fifth precept of the Church is "to contribute to the support of the Church."

At this season of Lent, I would like to draw your attention specifically to the "Bishop's Annual Appeal" (now called The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina). You should already have received a mailing from the diocese about this worthy cause, and this week at Mass may also pick up an envelope and brochure about the appeal.

The Catholic Appeal of South Carolina funds the Bishop's work for many worthy causes across our diocese. Here at OLR we would like to direct your Lent almsgiving to the Catholic Appeal of SC. We will have a final push for this again at Advent at the end of the year.

The sixth precept of the Church is to obey the church's laws of matrimony. The church's laws concerning marriage are simple in principle, but complex in application. The simple principle is that a Catholic marriage is between one Catholic man and one Catholic woman and the union is for life. All sexual relations outside marriage are forbidden. There. You can't get much simpler than that!

However, life is messy, and love is messy, and while the principle is simple the application is not. Catholics want to marry non Catholics. Marriages break down. People want to re-marry. Couples live together before marriage. People get involved sexually outside marriage. The Church is there to help couples live within the marriage law of the church. If a marriage breaks down the tribunal exists to help them examine whether the marriage was valid in the first place. If it was not a decree of nullity may be granted.

Like the other precepts of the church, the sixth precept is there for our protection and guidance. Love is difficult and marriage is a great sacrifice. The Church protects the precious, beautiful, and delicate sacrament of marriage by mandating that Catholics live within the fullness of the sacrament--not just obeying the law of the Church, but using the law as a way to understand the whole teaching of the Church about human sexuality, marriage and life.

Our contemporary society tramples on marriage and considers the Catholic rules on marriage to be out of date, irrelevant and harmful. The Church, on the other hand, sees the sadness, loneliness, and heartache that the modern sexual free for all causes, and calls men and women to share in the beautiful sacrament of marriage as the only way to a lifelong, loving, and happy relationship.

Each Catholic is obliged to uphold the church's teaching on marriage because this sacrament can only be upheld with the cooperation of the whole community. This means each one of us must lead chaste lives. We must discourage living together before marriage. We must support and strengthen marriages that are in trouble. We must encourage and develop strong, loving relationships. We must teach our children the principles of Christian love and true masculinity and femininity. This is the work of the whole church, and our happiness, and the happiness of our children and families depends on it.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Mar. 10, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 19,431.

Deficit: \$ 2,569.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #37 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 814,000.

Received: \$ 845,069.

Surplus: \$ 31,069.

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.

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 16, through Sunday, March 24

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

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>
Monday, 3/18 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For William Brigham, Jr. +</i>
Tuesday, 3/19 <i>Solemnity of St. Joseph</i>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Renee Baldowski</i> Mass held in Upper Church
Wednesday, 3/20	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 Marta Comas</i>
Thursday, 3/21	10:00 am - School Mass, <i>For Gina Wente+</i> 11:00am-12:00pm - Confessions (Upper Church)
Friday, 3/22 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i> 2:30 pm - Stations of the Cross (Upper Church)
Saturday, 3/23 Palm Sunday Anticipated Mass	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Bradshaw Family</i>
Sunday, 3/24 Palm Sunday	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Kevin Malena</i> Procession begins in the Courtyard 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Yanoschik Family</i> Procession begins in Lower Church Parking Lot 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

HS Youth Group will have our regular meeting on Sunday, March 17, from 6-8pm.



School News



March 29-April 7
April 8

Easter Break
Classes Resume

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Obedience makes us most like Jesus and one with him. If we really obey, it is a constant crucifixion.”

Mother Teresa

In today’s second reading from Hebrews, it says *“He learned obedience from what he suffered”*, in reference to Jesus. How often are we not obedient to the teachings of Jesus and His Church? In my pride, I felt that I knew better in this modern world, and questioned everything. It was not until I heard a local priest reference his surrender to the faith saying, *“the Church is older and wiser than I am”*. In the deep ocean that is our Catholic faith, one cannot know or understand every beautiful thing she holds for us, it is in that surrender, that obedience to the teachings, that we truly get closer to Christ and His crucifixion. We must become that *“grain of wheat”* and fall to the ground and die to ourselves to truly follow Him.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.” When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

In the month of February, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by providing food to 265 families and assisting 7 families with \$1,467 in utility payments.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Service on April 7, 2:00 pm in Upper Church

Adoration
Benediction
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Reflection



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

Easter Decorations

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

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.

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.

Adult and Family Sunday Morning Catechesis SCHEDULE CHANGE

March 17, 24, and 31, and April 7, are **canceled**.
Classes will resume on Sunday, April 14, at 9:15am.

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.

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 **this weekend, March 17**.



Recently baptized was

Jovie Ann Taylor

daughter of

Michael and Asetin Taylor.



We welcome Jovi Ann as a new member of the OLR family.

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

Solemnity of St. Joseph - Daily Mass on Tuesday, March 19, will be held in Upper Church.

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 20**, discussing "Triduum and the Pascal Mystery".



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.



On Monday, April 8th We Celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation!



To mirror Jesus' conception at the Annunciation and his growth as an "unborn child", OLR's Respect Life Ministry, will begin 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." Sign-ups for Spiritual Adoption will be after Masses the weekend of March 24, and all who sign up will receive a free prayer card! Thereafter, 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 Committee

The Annual Gala for OLR School will be held on Saturday, April 20, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency in 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.

Thank you for your generous donation of 50 Easter Baskets for Pastor Johnson's ministry to the children at Belle Meade Apartments. If anyone would still like to donate, please contact Marianne, 360-2406.

St. Martha's Book Club invites you to join our discussion of **Rules of Civility by Amor Towles** on Monday, April 1, from 12:30-2:00 in Guadalupe Hall.



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.

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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