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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

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

March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, on this Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, we enter into the celebration of the Great and Holy Week, wherein the mystery of our salvation was accomplished. We walk with Jesus along the processional way from the Mount of Olives to the Holy City of Jerusalem where he enters in triumph and is hailed as King of the Jews. But only a few days from now, on Spy Wednesday, he will be betrayed by one of his own disciples and handed over to the Jews and Romans. Soon, the very same people who welcomed him as their Messiah will cry out for his crucifixion, and we, along with all of humanity, are included in that number.

This week, we will also recline with Jesus and his disciples on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper, and ponder the mystery of humility and service, the mystery of the priesthood and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday we will walk with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa, the Way of Sorrows, the Way of the Cross, and stand with his Blessed Mother and St. John beneath the instrument of his crucifixion, as the sacrifice for our salvation is made complete. We will walk with his Mother, Joseph of Arimathea, and Nicodemus to the darkness of the tomb into which his lifeless body is placed. And we will wait, and watch, and hope, and pray during that holy night until the light of the new day dawns and the glory of the Resurrection is revealed.

This entire week, and especially the Three Days of the Sacred Triduum, are a unified movement and a singular moment in time, the center of the Church Year and the center of all time - past, present, and future. We do not merely remember or observe these happenings as if from a distance, but through the sacred liturgies and ritual of the Church we truly participate in these holy events, we are actually there, as if in a time out of time, as we enter into and experience the paschal mystery of our Lord.

Let us be faithful this Holy Week, so that when the Lord asks us, as he did his first disciples, "could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matt. 26:40) we can reply with confidence, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:68). And then, with an integrity born from this faithfulness, arrive at Easter morning to truly share in the triumph of Christ and his resurrection.

The Rev. Richard Ballard
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PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 23, through Sunday, March 31

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

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>
Monday, 3/25 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Jacqueline Bricco+</i>
Tuesday, 3/26 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Communion Service
3/27 Spy Wednesday	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 Lissette Toca</i>
3/28 Holy Thursday	7:00 pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper (Adoration in Lower Church until 11:00pm)
3/29 Good Friday	3:00 pm - Liturgy of the Passion (With distribution of Holy Communion)
3/30 Holy Saturday	3:30 - 4:30 pm - NO Confessions 8:00 pm - Easter Vigil
3/31 Easter Sunday	8:00 am - Mass, For Josephine & Murray M. Howard, Jr. and the deceased members of the Suit, Howard, Votava, Sokol, Ayers, O'Barr, Hornaday, and Bagwell families+ 10:30 am - Mass, For The People (NO 9:00am Confessions and NO 5:00pm Mass)

Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Mar. 17, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.
 Received: \$ 23,855.
 Surplus: \$ 1,855.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #38 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 836,000.
 Received: \$ 868,924.
 Surplus: \$ 32,924.

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

This week, our Palm Sunday Youth Group Session will be about loving God's will. Our own Ma'May Grimm will be presenting on the topic. We will be in the Lower Church for the talk, starting immediately after the 5pm Mass.



Upcoming Dates: We will not have our youth group meeting on March 31, for the Easter Holiday. Our next session will be our annual Divine Mercy Party on April 7. More details to come.

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.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Suffering has to come because if you look at the cross, he has got his head bending down — he wants to kiss you — and he has both hands open wide — he wants to embrace you. He has his heart opened wide to receive you. Then when you feel miserable inside, look at the cross and you will know what is happening. Suffering, pain, sorrow, humiliation, feelings of loneliness, are nothing but the kiss of Jesus, a sign that you have come so close that he can kiss you."

Mother Teresa

We start this week with people singing "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" and end this week with many of the same people turning away yelling "Crucify Him!" We need to remember our salvation comes through His Cross and the true joy His kiss brings.

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

March 24, 31, and April 7, are **canceled**.

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

RCIA

We will pause our meetings due to the Easter Break. Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 10**, discussing "Catholic Morality and Conscience: Loving God and Loving Our Neighbor".



School News



**March 29-April 7
April 8**

Easter Break
Classes Resume

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life.

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box, or make a donation of food, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them Easter hope and joy.

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

Please contact Sue Bannio 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.

We need help especially on Saturday, March 30, starting at 10:00 am.

The school PTO is hosting an **EASTER EGG HUNT** immediately following the 10:30 am Mass on Easter Sunday. Remember to bring baskets for your children, although paper bags will be available for anyone who needs one. Please reserve the courtyard just outside the upper church for children 4 and under; older children can find more challenging hiding spots around the corner and through the gate, in the grassy areas around the lower church and parish office.

Please place pre-filled eggs in the baskets which will be located in the Narthex and the school office by Holy Thursday, March 28.

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.
For info call Marianne 360-2406.



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 this 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.

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 or Tom Kenny (tpkenny64@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

Donna Craft, Director of Communications, dcraft@charlestandiocese.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:

2:00 pm Adoration & Benediction

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:10 pm Divine Mercy Sunday Speaker: Mary Dudley

3:30 pm Closing Remarks & 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.