



# 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

March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!  
He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

St. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that if Christ is not raised from the dead, our faith is in vain. As our society drifts further into immorality, uncertainty, and unbelief, it is our duty and joy to explain and defend our Christian faith.

The cornerstone of our faith is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. During the weeks of Eastertide in my pastor's letters I will be explaining various ways modern people deal with the Resurrection and I will give you some answers to their questions.

The first thing we must get clear is that the Resurrection of Jesus Christ was an actual historical event. The New Testament makes no bones about it. The disciples met Jesus Christ in the flesh. He was dead. Then He was alive. He was not a ghost. They touched Him. They ate meals with Him.

The first attack on the Resurrection is an attack by modernist Christians who do not believe this. Instead, they say that Jesus' Resurrection was a story the disciples made up to explain the fact that they still held Jesus' memory as something precious.

The theory goes like this: "The Resurrection story is a way of saying that despite Jesus' tragic death His disciples still loved Him and tried to follow the beautiful teachings He had given them." This is harder to believe than the Resurrection itself! These were hard headed, sensible, working class men. They knew that when a person died, he didn't rise again. They knew the difference between a beautiful story and cold, hard facts.

Furthermore, are we to believe that these men gave up everything and eventually died martyrs' deaths for a mere story or fairy tale? Don't you think when they were about to be tortured and killed that they would have said, "Hold on! It was only a story. We didn't mean for you to take that Resurrection stuff literally!"

No. Jesus' disciples recorded in the New Testament what they actually experienced. There were hundreds of witnesses. If they had been making up a meaningful story about their dead friend, plenty of people would have corrected them.

Instead, we have to take the Gospel accounts at face value. The disciples experienced something that had never happened before: a man had risen from the dead. This is why they went on to change the world--because the event of the Resurrection really does change everything.

Alleluia Christ is Risen!

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Mar. 24, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.  
 Received: \$ 30,914.  
 Surplus: \$ 8,914.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #39 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 858,000.  
 Received: \$ 899,838.  
 Surplus: \$ 41,838.

## 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 Wittberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

## PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 30, through Sunday, April 7

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 3/30 <b>Holy Saturday</b>	3:30 - 4:30 pm - NO Confessions <b>8:00 pm - Easter Vigil</b>
Sunday, 3/31 <b>Easter Sunday</b>	<b>8:00 am - Mass, For Josephine &amp; Murray M. Howard, Jr. and the deceased members of the Suit, Howard, Votava, Sokol, Ayers, O'Barr, Hornaday, and Bagwell families+</b> <b>10:30 am - Mass, For The People</b>  (NO 9:00am Confessions and NO 5:00pm Mass)
Monday, 4/1	8:30 am - <b>NO Mass</b> (Easter Monday)
Tuesday, 4/2 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, For <i>Sr. Maria of the Angels, O.P.</i>
Wednesday, 4/3	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, For <i>Barbara Cavanagh+</i>
Thursday, 4/4 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Mass, For <i>Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Friday 4/5 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Mass, For <i>Joseph Stoddard</i>
Saturday, 4/6	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions 5:00 pm - Mass, For <i>The People</i>
Sunday, 4/7 <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	8:00 am - Mass, For <i>Claudia Murphy+</i> 9:00 am - 10:00 am - Confessions 10:30 am - Mass, For <i>Genevieve Spisak+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

**Upcoming Dates:** We will NOT have our youth group meeting on March 31.



Happy Easter-Christ is Risen.

Our next session will be our annual Divine Mercy Party on April 7, 6-8pm.

**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**

“Lord, help us to see in your crucifixion and resurrection an example of how to endure and seemingly to die in the agony and conflict of daily life, so that we may live more fully and creatively.

You accepted patiently and humbly the rebuffs of human life, as well as the torture of the cross. Help us to accept the pains and conflicts that come to us each day as opportunity to grow as people and become more like you - make us realize that it is only by frequent deaths of ourselves, and our self-centered desires that we can come to live more fully, only by dying with you that we can rise with you.”

**Mother Teresa**

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

March 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 as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your many gifts so that we can continue to serve the poor in our area. May the blessings of the risen Christ bring you peace and joy. Happy Easter!

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**April 7**

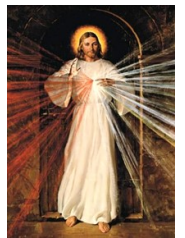
**Service at 2:00 pm in Upper Church**

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 will be closed March 28 - April 5, for Easter Break, and will reopen on Monday, April 8.

Daily Masses on Thursday, April 4, and 11, will be 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.

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.



## 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, 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." 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*



**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)

**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.

### **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)

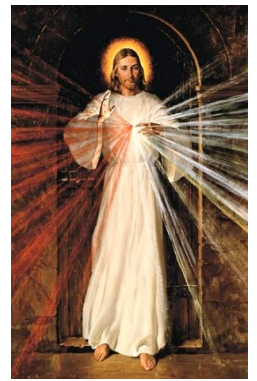
**We are the Lord's** is a workshop on Catholic Bioethics and End-of-Life to help clarify our Catholic understanding of human dignity and moral discernment and explain various end-of-life documents. During the workshop, participants will be giving the church's teaching on death, examine some common situations 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.

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## 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.