



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

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

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Catholic faith is abundant with symbolism, sacraments and sacramentals. The more we understand them, the richer and deeper our participation in the faith will be. Some of the symbols and sacramentals are actually part of the furniture and fittings in the church. The Paschal Candle is an important one, for it is there not only at Easter, but throughout our journey of faith.

At the Easter Vigil the Holy Fire is blessed and the Paschal candle is lit and solemnly carried into the darkened church as the Holy Deacon sings out, "The Light of Christ!" To which all respond, "Thanks Be to God!"

The candle is then blessed with incense, and the ancient hymn The Exultet is sung praising God for his wondrous act of redemption through salvation history and recognizing the imagery of fire and light that symbolizes the Light of God's beauty, truth, and goodness in a sin darkened world.

During the Easter season the Paschal Candle remains by the pulpit and is lit at every Mass. It remains by the pulpit because the readings and preaching during the Easter season continue to proclaim the mighty light of the resurrected Lord. Now, at Pentecost the Paschal Candle is extinguished and moved to the heart of the church next to the font.

The symbolism continues because at Pentecost the fiery power and light of the resurrection comes down and dwells in our hearts and in the heart of the Church—which is the Body of Christ. The Paschal Candle stands by the font because it is through the waters of baptism that we are plunged into the saving death and resurrection of the Lord. When a child is baptized the Paschal Candle is lit again and a small candle is lit from the Paschal Candle and given to the godparents with the exhortation to help the child shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father. Thus, the Paschal Candle stands for the new light, new life, and new love that baptism imparts.

Finally, when there is a funeral Mass in church the Paschal Candle is moved again. This time to the head of the central aisle to stand like a sentinel in front of the coffin. Once again, the Paschal Candle symbolizes the resurrection and the life, but this time applied specifically to the person who has died. In the funeral Mass we claim God's promise for our departed brother or sister. We claim them for their Lord who died and rose again for them and claim the promise of their baptism when they too received the Light of Christ.

And to this we add our acclamation—as we do at the Easter Vigil:
"Thanks be to God!"

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for week ending May 12, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 19,950.

Deficit: \$ 2,050.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #46 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$1,012,000.

Received: \$1,088,741.

Surplus: \$ 76,741.

Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$1,127,903. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal remaining) 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 612,185.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 442,993.

Needed: \$ 515,718.

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, Sarah Destefano, 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, 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, May 18, through Sunday, May 26

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 5/18	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 5/19 Pentecost	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Mike Culbertson+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Joseph Miller Brubaker, II+</i>
Monday, 5/20 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Lawton Harris Salley, Jr. + and Family</i>
Tuesday, 5/21 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Mary Parrella+</i>
Wednesday, 5/22	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:30 pm - Benediction 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Mariedu Christ, OP</i>
Thursday, 5/23	10:00 am - School Mass, K4-8th Grade (limited seating) <i>For LorenAnn Young+</i>
Friday, 5/24 Upper Church	10:00 am - Graduation Mass (limited seating) <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Saturday, 5/25	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Sunday, 5/26 The Most Holy Trinity	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Faith Reinstein</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Rosemary Schiller+</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular Youth Group meeting on Sunday, May 19, 6-8pm. In honor of the Solemnity of Pentecost, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Imagine for a moment that we are living in Jesus' time and He has invited us to visit with Him and spend some quiet time getting to know Him better. Being aware who He was, we would be humbled and honored by such an invitation. The good news is that Jesus is here with us TODAY - body, blood, soul and divinity – in the Holy Eucharist. Although Jesus comes to us under the appearance of bread and wine, His presence is as real to us NOW as He was flesh-and-blood-real to His disciples when he walked this earth. He can perform miracles, heal us, teach us, and love us. We can talk to Him and He can speak to us through His Word and through the Holy Spirit who lives in us through our baptism and confirmation."

Mother Teresa

*Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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St. Martha's Book Club invites you to join our discussions in Guadalupe Hall, 12:30-2:00 pm.



Monday, June 3 - "*The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*" by Alexander McCall Smith

Call Marianne at (864) 360-2406 for information.

School News



- May 20 Monday** Rehearsal for First Communion, 7pm Upper Church
- May 23 Thursday** School Mass, K4-8th Grade, 10am Upper Church
- May 24 Friday** Graduation Mass, 10am Upper School Students and Families
- May 25 Saturday** First Communion, 10am, Upper Church
Photos at 9am, Reception following - G. Hall
- May 27 Monday** Memorial Day—NO School
- May 29 Wednesday** Confirmation, 7pm, Upper Church
- May 31 Friday** Last Day of School—NOON Dismissal

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today as we celebrate Pentecost the Holy Spirit wants to make us advocates of God's presence to bring new life to others, especially those who do not know the love of God in their lives.

Please pray for those in need and those of us who serve them. As Vincentians, we see the face of Jesus in all those we serve. In April we helped 203 families receive food through the food pantry. We could not provide this food without your gifts. Thank You!

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a beautiful ministry praying for our parish priests.

We are looking for women to make a weekly prayer commitment for Fathers Longenecker and Ballard.

This ministry involves one woman praying one holy hour on her assigned or predetermined day of the week, every week for a one-year commitment. It can be done at home or in any nearby Catholic Church, and does not need to be in an adoration chapel.

Please go to <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/> for more information; brochures about the Apostolate are also available in the narthex.

If you are interested, please contact Jeanine Maillet, j9nmorris@yahoo.com.

Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of May 19, will be for the Catholic Communications Campaign.

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

School Mass on Thursday, May 23, at 10:00am will be for K4-8th Grade.

On Friday, May 24, the usual Daily Mass is moved to Upper Church for the Graduation Mass at 10:00am for Upper School students and families (limited seating).

RESPECT LIFE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

· **Support the Age Verification Act (H3424)** This bill would protect minors from the harms of pornographic content by requiring porn sites to prove that those viewing their content are not minors.

· **Support the Help, Not Harm Bill (H4624).** This bill would protect children from harmful gender reassignment surgeries, hormonal treatments and other experimental treatments that can leave them permanently scarred for life. Contact your SC Senator (the bill has passed the SC House).

South Carolina's Catholic Conference: Can provide you with weekly email updates on legislation in Columbia. To sign up, go to: <https://sccatholicconference.org/> Scroll down to Action Center and hit "click here" button. Then join the Catholic Advocacy Network! You'll get updates and electronic letters to send to your legislators. Thanks!
--Respect Life Committee

The Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life, ended March 24, 2024, with much good fruit produced.



On an international level,

Record for a campaign – 6 abortion facilities confirmed closed – total since 2007 (154)
505 babies saved - total since 2007 (24,768)
4 more workers quit – total since 2007 (260)
5 sets of twins were saved

We are especially grateful for the **3 lives saved in Greenville** that we know of. ***We can truly say that prayer and fasting is the answer.*** A big thank you to all who participated for your sacrifice and dedication.

Abortions continue to be performed daily at the Greenville Women's Clinic. If you are able, select a day and time that works for you and continue with us for 40 Days 365 at the abortion facility. We are there from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Please sign up on the 40 Days for Life 365 Calendar at www.40daysforlife.com/greenville. We need sidewalk advocates and prayer warriors there daily, beyond the 40 Days Campaigns. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. For more information, please call Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-329-0044.

Sidewalk Counseling Training:

Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy Masterson at 864-506-0964, or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 7: May 19



Your baby's upper and lower lips are forming, and his tongue is developing. Baby's eyes are obvious, and his upper and lower eyelids begin to appear. His cardiovascular system was formed two weeks ago, and his brain and organs began forming three weeks ago.

We have a great selection of OLR Summer Camps for students aged rising 3rd-12th grades.



The signup genius [HERE](#) has all the camps listed.

Please send questions to david.haggard@olrschool.net or individual camp director for specific questions about each camp (see link for info)

Spiritual Adoption Campaign



Please join us in praying for the defenseless souls of these children by going to the display box in the Narthex, filling out your unborn adoption slip and taking your prayer card.

One day, the Lord will tell us how many children we saved from the culture of death and the gifts they brought to a needy world.

Thank you! --Respect Life Committee

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Fr. Longenecker has been invited to be the spiritual leader for a short pilgrimage to **Our Lady of Guadalupe, June 28 - July 1**. This pilgrimage includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Private Masses and a visit to Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children—the ministry established by Venerable Aloysius Schwartz. This dynamic ministry among the poor is an exciting, authentic fruit of an amazing American missionary priest who is on the road to sainthood. If you would like to learn more about joining Father Longenecker on this pilgrimage contact Susan Driscoll: sdriscoll@worldvillages.org. Susan organizes regular pilgrimages for world villages in Mexico. If you would like to go, but can't join this pilgrimage, there is another one in September.

Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.

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