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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, Lower Church Friday, 10:00 am, Lower Church

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Upper Church Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 pm Or by appointment

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

3710 Augusta Rd. † Greenville, SC 29605

July 21, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Continuing this series of factual letters about the sacraments of the church, we finally come to the two sacraments of service. The first of these is Ordination.

There are three holy orders into which a man may be ordained. The first is the Order of the Diaconate. The first deacons were chosen by the apostles to assist them in practical ministry. In the Acts of the Apostles seven men were chosen to administer the charitable work of the church, releasing the apostles to preach the gospel.

A deacon is therefore ordained to service and is answerable directly to the bishop, the successor of the apostles. A deacon may be any Catholic man in good standing with the church. His function in the church is one of service, and his work of service is seen liturgically in the preparation of the altar, the reception of the gifts, and in preaching--both in reading the gospel and preaching at Mass.

Because of their work of service, the deacons show the whole church the model of servanthood. Liturgically and theologically they also stand for Christ the suffering servant, who did not come to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. In addition to these duties, a deacon may also officiate at weddings, funerals and be an ordinary minister of baptism.

The priest is a Catholic man who is free to be ordained. The priest does all that a deacon may do, but in addition, he is authorized to celebrate Mass, hear confession and administer holy anointing. Because he shares in Christ's forgiving work, the priest stands in persona Christi capita -- representing Christ Himself at the altar, both priest and victim.

Because he represents Christ in the symbolism of the liturgy, the priest also represents the different roles of Christ in the story of redemption. As the deacon stands for the Suffering Servant, the priest stands as Christ the Priest and Victim. He also represents Christ the Bridegroom of His bride the Church, and if a bridegroom, then also husband and father. This is why a woman is unable to be ordained as a priest.

The sacrament of holy orders is fulfilled in the bishop who gathers up all these functions in his role as the successor of the Apostles.

Finally, the bishop, priests, and deacons remind us that, by virtue of our baptism we all share in the priestly service of Christ and His church. "The priesthood of all believers" means that while we are not all sacramentally ordained priests, all of us are called to serve and "offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God which is our reasonable service."

Your Pastor, Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending July 14, 2024

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 24,156.
Surplus:	\$ 2,156.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #3 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed:	\$ 66,000.
Received:	\$ 72,800.
Surplus:	\$ 6,800.

Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$ 289,444. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal remaining) 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made:	\$ 564,990.
Pledge Payments Received:	\$ 412,293.
Needed:	\$ 136,747.

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, 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, July 20, through Sunday, July 28 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics) All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 7/20	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Elizabeth MacIvor</i>
Sunday, 7/21	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Gilbert Barclay</i> + 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Andrew Darby</i> + 5:00 pm-Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 7/22 <i>Lower Church</i>	8:30 am - Daily Mass For Fred Roberts+
Tuesday, 7/23 <i>Lower Church</i>	12:00 pm - Daily Mass For Carol Bever+
Wednesday, 7/24	 7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:30 pm - Benediction 6:00 pm - Daily Mass For Sr. Catherine Theresa, OD
Thursday, 7/25 <i>Lower Church</i>	10:00 am - Daily Mass For Robert Adams
Friday, 7/26 <i>Lower Church</i>	10:00 am - Daily Mass For Jeff & Katie Gabrelick
Saturday, 7/27	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Frank Littleton</i> +
Sunday, 7/28	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Christian Frank</i> + 5:00 pm-Mass, <i>For Evelyn Ellman</i> +

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



Save the date for these upcoming events:

July 21 - Senior Sendoff Bonfire: Bonfire at the Millegan Family property for a huge game of capture the flag, a bonfire, and the rosary. Dinner will be provided. This will be the last official meeting with our seniors, and will allow us to say goodbye before they head out into the world.

August 25 - Annual YG Day AWAY, with Sunday Mass at Look-up Lodge.

September 6-9 - Junior/Senior Pilgrimage St. Augustine Florida to the La Leche Shrine, and in commemoration of the first Thanksgiving Mass in America.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"One thing is necessary for us — confession.

Confession is nothing but humility in action. We call it penance, but really it is a sacrament of love, a sacrament of forgiveness. That is why confession should not be a place in which to talk for long hours about our difficulties. It is a place where I allow Jesus to take away from me everything that divides, that destroys. When there is a gap between me and *Christ, when my love is divided, anything can come* to fill the gap. We should be very simple and childlike in confession. 'Here I am as a child going to the Father.' If a child is not yet spoiled and has not learned to tell lies, he will tell everything. This is what I mean by being childlike. Confession is a beautiful act of great love. Only in confession can we go as sinners with sin and come out as sinners without sin." **Mother Teresa**

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Weather permitting, we will have a School Campus Cleanup Day on Saturday, July 27, in preparation for the start of the school year.

Please join us in front of the school office at **8am** Saturday morning (coffee, water and donuts will be provided). The chief projects will be relocating large amounts of school storage, and removing debris from the field across the street so its ready for athletic use. There will also be gardening, cleaning and painting. Please bring old work clothes that might get stained. Providing a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.



SAVE THE DATES

September 11, 18, and 25 "Real Love & Real Life" retreat at OLR for 7th and 8th graders and their parents. Guadalupe Hall, each session, 6:45-9:15pm \$45 per family, Register <u>HERE</u>

SCHOOL NEWS

August 5 Back to School Night



August 12 First Day of School NOON Dismissal

School Office Summer Hours 9am-1pm Monday - Thursday, and by appointment

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Vincent de Paul, a great man of action was also a contemplative. His contemplation of God's love overflowed into practical love for the poor.

Please say a special prayer for the poor and forgotten, as you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box.



Please go <u>HERE</u> to access all the forms and information needed for fall classes and registration.

Interested in becoming Catholic? Our fall session of classes will begin in September. Please contact JohnMark Cayer at <u>jcayer@charlestondiocese.org</u>.



Spiritual Adoption WEEK 16: July 21



You might begin to feel Baby move

around. The first day that movement is noticed by the mother is called quickening. Although this is the first time you are feeling the baby move, he has been moving and stretching for six whole weeks.

CALLING ALL GARDENERS!



The OLR St. Vincent de Paul Group will be sponsoring a Farmer's Market for the needy in our area on **Saturday morning, August 27.** You can assist SVdP directly by serving those in need with any extra fresh produce you have from your gardens.

This would be a good opportunity for volunteer hours for your middle or high school children.

You can set up your own table of produce and we will provide bags for patrons to use according to household size. If you can provide produce but can't set up a table, please let us know and we will take care of it – but the mission here is to connect parishioners with those in need in our area.

There is a sign up genius <u>HERE</u> where you can sign up so that we will know how many will be providing produce. Once we know who will be participating, we will send more information on the set up details.

> Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of July 21, will be for Infirm Priests.

We are especially grateful for the **3 lives** saved in Greenville that we know of. We can truly say that prayer and fast-



ing 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. Sign up on the 40 Days for Life 365 Calendar <u>HERE</u>.

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 here.

CONFESSION TIMES

Held in Upper Church

Wednesday Saturday Sunday



SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

4:30 - 5:30 pm

3:30 - 4:30 pm

9:00 - 10:00 am

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 <u>HERE</u> for more Information. If you are interested, contact Pat Wilder at <u>patwilder@verizon.net</u>.

Please see the OLR websites at <u>olr.church</u> and <u>olr.school</u> for all the most recent news and announcements. Donna Craft, Director of Communications, dcraft@charlestondiocese.org