



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, Lower 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

July 28, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The last of the seven sacraments is Holy Matrimony. When it comes to marriage, the church's teaching is simple in theory, but complicated in application. For a marriage to be valid in the eyes of the Catholic Church it must be between one man and one woman who are both free to marry. Being "free to marry" means they are not married to someone else, and they are not related by blood. Clearly, so called "gay marriage" is therefore impossible.

The man and woman must understand the seriousness of Catholic marriage and make their commitment freely without any kind of constraint or pressure.

In addition, if they are Catholic, they must marry another Catholic in a Catholic Church, according to the Catholic rite, with the marriage officiated by a Catholic priest or deacon. If these criteria are not met the marriage may be invalid due to lack of proper form. A Catholic may request a dispensation from the bishop to marry another baptized person and to be married in a church other than a Catholic Church, and by a non Catholic minister. Dispensations are rarely granted to marry a non-baptized person or to marry outside of a place of Christian worship.

The proper minister of the sacrament is the bride and groom. The priest or deacon merely officiates at the wedding. The marriage act constitutes the matter of the sacrament. Therefore, if a marriage cannot be consummated the sacrament is invalid.

Catholics believe that marriage is for life and cannot be broken. When a divorce takes place the church recognizes it only as a civil agreement. A divorced Catholic is not free to marry again unless the previous marriage was declared null. An "annulment" is not the proper terminology. Instead, after thorough examination by the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal, a decree of nullity may be granted. This recognizes that a valid marriage never existed. If one receives a decree of nullity after a civil divorce, that person is free to marry.

Because marriage is a sacrament, it is a physical means of receiving God's grace. This is true not only at the wedding, but throughout the couples' married life. Therefore to do anything that soils or breaks marriage is a serious sin because it is not simply a sexual sin, but a sin against marriage--which is a sacrament. Most Catholics would not dream of blaspheming or desecrating the Blessed Sacrament, but how many commit sins against marriage without even considering them to be serious!

The seven sacraments are given so that we might know objectively that we have received God's grace. They are the physical means by which we connect with God and know His love. The seven sacraments are one of the aspects of the faith distinctive to Catholics. Non Catholic Christians have baptism and holy communion and they honor marriage, confession and confirmation, healing and ordination, but they do not consider the last five to be sacraments.

Each of the sacraments has an element of thanksgiving, so that as we receive and practice the sacraments, we give thanks. We give thanks that God has provided this way to be religious and spiritual, and to know Him as our maker and Father in Heaven.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending July 21, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.
 Received: \$ 22,260.
 Surplus: \$ 260.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #4
 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 88,000.
 Received: \$ 95,060.
 Surplus: \$ 7,060.

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 27, through Sunday, August 4

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

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>
Monday, 7/29 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Paul Bever, Jr. +</i>
Tuesday, 7/30 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Christian Frank+</i>
Wednesday, 7/31	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 <i>For Annette Sullivan+</i>
Thursday, 8/1 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Special Intention</i>
Friday, 8/2 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Joseph & Michelle Hoff</i>
Saturday, 8/3	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 8/4	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Joseph Gribbon+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Richard Kroeger+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Lepper Family</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



Save the date for these upcoming events:

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.

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 [HERE](#)

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.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"The hunger for love is much more difficult to remove than the hunger for bread." **Mother Teresa**

In the first reading and the gospel this weekend, it talks about taking a little and feeding many. Jesus did this, yes to fill the physical need of hunger, but more importantly, to share His love. He shared His love through the words He shared, and taking care of their physical needs. As we find out later, many were hard hearted and could not receive this love even though they had seen His miracles.

St. Paul reminds us "to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love." At MTH, it is sometimes very difficult to share His love as we often deal with very hard hearted people. They don't want to do the hard work or they have lost hope. They often deal with drug addiction, mental health issues or just not wanting to change. They want a handout and not a hand up. Continue to pray for them to be open to God's love as it is the only food to fill our hungry souls.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel, Jesus supersedes both the apostles' and the crowds' expectations: with little he feeds many...Jesus is the sign of God's lavish presence and love. Your donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is indeed a sign of God's extravagant love to the lonely and the poor.

In June, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide food to 265 families, and \$753. for utility bills for 4 families. God Bless You!

We are looking to schedule another **Marian Tea** this fall, but we need volunteers to plan and host the event. If you are interested in being a part of our next Marian Tea, please contact Nichola Bricco at 864-525-7260.

The **4th Annual World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly** will take place this Sunday, July 28, near the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. OLR will be celebrating our Grandparents and Elders at each Mass this weekend.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year is Psalm 71:9, "Do not cast me off in my old age."



Please go [HERE](#) to access all the forms and information needed for fall classes and registration.



Recently baptized was
Abigail Marie Pierce
daughter of
Ronald & Belinda Pierce

We welcome Abigail as a new member of the OLR family.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Our fall session of classes will begin in September.
Please contact JohnMark Cayer at jcayer@charlestandiocese.org.



Spiritual Adoption WEEK 17: July 28



When you visit the doctor for an ultrasound, you will now see bones, ears, and many other features. Your baby now also has unique finger, palm, and foot prints, which have formed while he has been growing in the womb.

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. Sign up on the 40 Days for Life 365 Calendar [HERE](#).



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 [HERE](#) 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.

Pastor Johnson with "Church Without Walls" is having a **BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE** for under-served children in our neighborhood.



Public schools open on Thursday August 8, so the SVdP group will collect backpacks and school supplies **after each of the weekend Masses on Saturday, August 3, and Sunday, August 4, only.** Please see the SVdP representative after each of these Masses to make your donations.

Please **DO NOT** bring anything to the Parish office. If you need to make other arrangements, please contact Marianne Stoddard at 864-360-2406.

Thanks so much for your continued support of Pastor Johnson's ministry to help those in need in our area, especially the children.

FIRST THURSDAY PRO-LIFE ADORATION

August 1, 6-7pm in Lower Church - Please join the Respect Life Committee as we pray for further protections for the unborn and vulnerable among us, for our priests, deacons and religious, all who pray and counsel at the abortion clinic as well as the volunteers and clients of OLR's Walking with Moms in Need program.

LOST AND FOUND - Please pick up your items in the Narthex storage area near the Men's Restroom.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on **Friday, August 2, from 11:00am-5:00pm.**

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 [HERE](#) for more Information. If you are interested, contact Pat Wilder at patwilder@verizon.net.

Photos from First Communion and Confirmation are in the parish office for the families of the First Communicants and the Confirmands. Please come by during office hours to pick up.

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for the Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors will be on **Saturday, August 3, at 9:30 am** in Upper Church.



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

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