



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, Upper Church

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Lower Church

Wednesday, 4:15-5:15 pm

Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Lower Church

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Upper Church

Wednesday, 7:15am-5:15pm

Thursday, 7-8 pm

August 25, 2024

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Some of you may know that I am a Benedictine Oblate—an oblate is part of the extended family of Benedictine monks and nuns. Like third order Franciscans and Dominicans, a Benedictine oblate seeks to follow the Lord in the path of their preferred religious founder. I was inspired by the life and witness of St Benedict and his monks a long time ago and have sought to follow in his path of spirituality for many years. Part of this calling is to make an annual retreat at the monastery or convent where one has their oblation, and to further the work and witness of the Benedictines in the world. As a married priest it is also part of this call to live out the Benedictine vows in an informal way in my pattern of life.

Over the years I have found the three Benedictine vows to be a great source of strength and guidance in the spiritual life, and over the next couple of weeks in my pastor's letter I would like to share these three vows with you in hopes that they might also be a source to strengthen and deepen your spiritual life and that of your families.

Many people are familiar with the vows taken by Franciscans. They are vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The Benedictine vows are drawn from St Benedict's famous Rule and are somewhat different. Benedictines take solemn vows of obedience, stability and conversion of life—and while lay people and oblates do not take solemn vows as such, the vows do serve to enlighten and guide our spiritual lives.

The first vow is that of obedience. Obedience is not a popular idea in our age of individualism, but for any serious Christian obedience is paramount. The monk or nun vows obedience to their superior—an abbot or abbess, so who should we obey? First, we obey the Lord and follow his teachings revealed through the Sacred Scriptures and the teaching of our Catholic Church.

I should stress that we are *not* called to blind or robotic obedience. The root word of "obedience" is the Latin *obedere* which means "to listen". Real obedience means first of all, listening closely to the command in order to understand it so we can obey with a pure heart and fully engaged will. Obedience is vital for a spiritual life because so often the Lord's commands run counter to our natural inclinations. Only when we've learned obedience can we truly say to the Lord, "Thy will be done."

Obedience filters down to our families by the example parents set. You have heard me recount many times how the obedience of my Christian parents in the area of stewardship has set an example for my own life. If Dad put his money where his mouth was and was a faithful, generous giver to the Lord's work, it was possible for me to walk in the ways of obedience too. When children see their parents and elders taking the call to obedience seriously, they learn the same virtue because guess what? Your kids will do what you do—even if they don't do what you say!

Next week we will consider the vow of stability.

PS: Two of my books are on the Benedictine Way: *Listen My Son: St. Benedict for Fathers* applies the Rule of St. Benedict to family life and *St. Benedict and St. Therese—The Little Rule and the Little Way* is a look at St. Benedict and his rule compared to St. Therese of Lisieux. Remember all my books are available at the parish office at a special OLR parishioner rate.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending August 18, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.
 Received: \$ 24,913.
 Surplus: \$ 2,913.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #8
 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 176,000.
 Received: \$ 193,742.
 Surplus: \$ 17,742.

Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$ 268,937. Diocesan
 Loan (total interest & principal remaining)
 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 563,993.
 Pledge Payments Received: \$ 417,976.
 Needed: \$ 122,920.

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, John Knope, 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, August 24, through Sunday, September 1
 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 8/24	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Adelaide Fletcher+</i>
Sunday, 8/25	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For James Cronican+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Mary Francis, OP</i>
Monday, 8/26 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Florian & Andrea Zach</i>
Tuesday, 8/27 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For JoAnn Bricco+</i>
Wednesday, 8/28	7:15 am - 5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration (Lower Church) 4:15 - 5:15 pm - Confessions (Lower Church) 5:15 pm - Benediction (Lower Church) 6:00 pm -Mass (Upper Church) <i>For Lucy Adams+</i>
Thursday, 8/29 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Carl Orbon</i>
Friday, 8/30	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Jack & Evelyn Mahan+</i>
Saturday, 8/31	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Frank Littleton+</i>
Sunday, 9/1	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Mike Culbertson+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Delores Quinlin Wheeler+</i> 5:00 pm-Mass, <i>For The People</i>

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL
YOUTH GROUP**

Our August 25, Sunday night meeting will take place at Look Up Lodge for our "Youth Day Away". We will be at Look Up from 10am-6pm.



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](#)

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Love is a one-way street. It always moves away from self in the direction of the other. Love is the ultimate gift of ourselves to others. When we stop giving, we stop loving, when we stop loving we stop growing, and unless we grow we will never attain personal fulfillment; we will never open out to receive the life of God. It is through love we encounter God." **Mother Teresa**

In Paul's letter to the Ephesians, he talks about service to others, especially in your family. The wife is subordinate to the husband but the husband, like Christ to His church, is to love his family, to be the chief servant and to give his entire self for love of his family. Jesus gives Himself fully to us, His body, blood, soul and divinity, for love of us. It is a hard teaching to accept making yourself a servant of others. In so many of the people I see at Mother Teresa House, there was never true love or self-sacrifice in their homes. There is a true lack of the spirit of service to each other in our culture that is getting worse as we become more and more unattached to our foundational Christian values as a country. Please pray for the conversion of our country back to Him because it is only in His love, we can begin to solve the issues of our poor and stop the destruction of our families.

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SCHOOL NEWS

- Aug 26 Upper School Curriculum Night 5:30pm in Guadalupe Hall
- Aug 30 NOON Dismissal
- Sep 2 NO School, Labor Day Holiday



St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks "Do you also want to leave?" We must ask ourselves if we really want to hear the good news of his love for us and for others. Is the word of God able to break into our consciousness, change us and call us to hear the cries of the poor?

During the hot summer months there are many families not able to find relief from the heat. With your donations, you can help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to them through our Financial Assistance ministry program which helps pay utilities for those in need.

The **Ushers** are a vital part of our worship life at Our Lady of the Rosary. We need more people to volunteer for this task. Men and women over the age of 18 are eligible. Please see the ushers in the Narthex after Mass if you are willing to learn more about helping. Leave your contact details and we will be in touch with further information.

First Friday Adoration going forward will be in the Upper Church. It will begin immediately following the 10:00am School Mass and continue until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed at 5:00pm.



School and Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 2, for the Labor Day Holiday.

Remember in the Lower Church we have resources for Praying the Rosary and Divine Mercy Devotions. There is also a **"Give and Take" Library**. A basket for you to donate the Catholic books you are finished with and shelves of books for you to take and read. This is not a lending library, but a resource for you to take any books you like and donate the ones you no longer need.

WEDNESDAY Eucharistic Adoration will now be held in Lower Church from 7:15 am - 5:15 pm.

Confessions will be in Lower Church, 4:15 - 5:15 pm.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be in Lower Church at 5:15 pm.

Wednesday **Mass** will remain in Upper Church at 6:00 pm



Recently baptized was

Kylan Luke Brianik

son of

Matthew & Pamela Brianik

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

Spiritual Adoption WEEK 21: August 25



Baby now weighs over one pound, and his hair is easily recognizable. You are now midway through the pregnancy. It is so hard to believe that in just 20 weeks your baby has developed so much. He has been growing a great deal since the beginning of his life at conception, and he will grow much, much more in the weeks to come.

Sunday Catechesis for First Communion starts on Sunday, September 22. Please register [HERE](#) by September 1.

Contact JohnMark Cayer if you have any questions at jcayer@charlestdiocese.org.



Marriage Help – For over 40 years, Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage.

This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming September 27-29, weekend in Charlotte area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: 3062R@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org



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

The 12th Marian Eucharistic Conference October 25-26, Greenville Convention Center



Speakers include: Fr. Larry Richards; Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Fr. Christopher Smith, STD/Ph.D., KHS.; Dr. Ray Guarendi; Fr. Roger Landry; Fr. Bart Leon, OSB.

General admission \$125, youth \$90, including a dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Register by October 12, by mail. Registration after October 12, \$135. Free parking.

For more information, call (864)354-7160 or go to <http://www.meconferencesc.net>

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.

Moms Ministry


Mothers of the Rosary is an apostolate of OLR mothers from the school and parish who seek to foster prayer and connection among moms at the school and church by praying the rosary weekly, hosting coffee hours on school mass days, joining in prayer and fasting once a month, and caring for the parish kitchen.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, contact Mindy Anders (mindyanders13@gmail.com or 407-719-1084) or Katie Haggard, 509-438-2735 (kthagga@gmail.com)

We especially need help in the parish kitchen on Saturday Sept 7, from 7-9am when Mothers of the Rosary will be straightening up and organizing (over coffee, of course.)

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



 St. Martha's Book Club next meeting will be on Monday, **September 9**, in Guadalupe Hall 12:30-2:00. Jim Craft will be our special guest as we discuss two short stories by Catholic author, Flannery O'Connor. "**A Good Man is Hard to Find**" and "**The Displaced Person**". Come join us, call Marianne for info 864-360-2406.

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

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