



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

September 1, 2024

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The second Benedictine vow which helps guide our spiritual lives is the vow of Stability. The simplest explanation of this vow is "If you can't find God here you won't find him anywhere." The Benedictine monk or nun makes their vow of stability to a particular monastic community. That's why, when you meet a monk he will say, "I am a monk of Belmont Abbey" or "I am a monk of Norcia".

The Franciscan and Dominican friars, in contrast, are on the move—their vow of poverty gives them the freedom to move about and live and preach the gospel in a life that is intentionally itinerant. The monk or nun, however, vows to remain faithful to a particular community and place for life. They stay put, and this permanence of commitment enables them to put down deep roots in one place, with one community and in one rule of life.

Our own fast-paced life can do with a dose of stability! How quickly we flit from one entertainment to another! How quickly we search for the latest thrill, the latest toy, the latest thing we think will make us happy, and the reason we are so restless and discontented is because we have not learned the discipline of stability.

For most of us who are not monks or nuns the vow of Holy Matrimony helps us to learn stability. On our wedding day we vow to be faithful to that one person, and if God blesses us with children, we have one God given community to which we are devoted for life. The importance of this gift of stability should not be overlooked. It is there in our ordinary day to day lives that we can find God and it is there in our ordinary struggles that we learn to depend on God and on the others he gives us. The road to heaven is full of bumps and potholes. It takes a steady, persistent kind of perseverance to complete the journey. St. Benedict knew this, and this reveals the deep wisdom of the vow of stability.

This plays out in our parish, school and family life. So often people come to our parish and school and like what they find, but too often they become disenchanted or discouraged. Maybe the school doesn't seem to offer exactly what they want. Maybe the parish disappoints them. Maybe the music isn't right, or the youth work is not what we wanted. The temptation is to switch parishes, put the kids in a different school, look around for greener grass on the other side of the fence. When we do this, we undermine the grace of stability and plant in our kids' minds that the solution is not to stay and work things out, but to cut and run.

Of course, this must be balanced by the proper need to find the best solutions—but this is done through patient discernment and consultation. Benedict's vow of stability encourages mature, prudent decision making and discourages the instinct to look for quick fixes and easy solutions.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending August 25, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.
 Received: \$ 21,237.
 Surplus: \$ 763.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #9
 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 198,000.
 Received: \$ 214,979.
 Surplus: \$ 16,979.

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 31, through Sunday, September 8
 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

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>
Monday, 9/2 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass
Tuesday, 9/3 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Merle Menegay+</i>
Wednesday, 9/4	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 Robert Mazur+</i>
Thursday, 9/5 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Harry Heinemann+</i>
Friday, 9/6	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Peter Pozydev+</i>
Saturday, 9/7	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 9/8	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Robert & Mary Van Norden+</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 Sr. Ann of the Cross, OP</i>

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Due to the Labor Day holiday weekend, we will NOT have our regular meeting this Sunday, September 1. Please go [HERE](#) to sign up for weekly email updates and youth group information.



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

"A clean heart is a free heart. A free heart can love Christ with an undivided love in chastity, convinced that nothing and nobody will separate it from his love. Purity, chastity, and virginity created a special beauty in Mary that attracted God's attention. He showed his great love for the world by giving Jesus to her." **Mother Teresa**

The end of the Gospel this week says "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within, and they defile." Get to confession, often.

When you do not feel love or you reject hope and love, your heart turns toward evil ways. Many of the people I work with have lost hope and feel unloved. They want to have it but not willing to give up their ways for God's ways. Sin is the slippery slope that is hard to climb up from without Him and His grace (especially in the Confessional).

Please pray for those we work with to have the strength to let go, to surrender to Him and allow Him into their hearts.

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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



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in UPPER Church on **Friday, September 6**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am School Mass and continues until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed at 5:00pm.

SCHOOL NEWS

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| Sep. 2 | NO School, Labor Day Holiday | |
| Sep. 13 | Picture Day
Volleyball Pep Rally, Homecoming and Senior Night, 5-10pm | |

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Gospel today hits home closer than we may think. Do we keep the letter of the law and miss entirely the spirit of the law? Interior righteousness means a heart turned to God. Purity of heart is expressed in righteous living: self-giving for the sake of others.

With so many in need in our area, we need your help more than ever. As you give your gift to the poor through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in your heart you also will find the good news of God's love.

Are you aware that the "SAVE Act" can protect voter integrity this November? Please go [HERE](#) to learn more!



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

Spiritual Adoption WEEK 22: September 1



Rapid eye movements begin for Baby.
Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of survival. Your baby's heart began pumping seventeen weeks ago and he began breathing thirteen weeks ago.

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@charlestandiocese.org.

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>

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.)

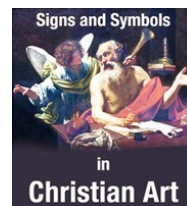
778,000+ Marriages Helped
in 156 Communities
in 29 Countries
in 7 Languages
on 5 Continents
ONLY 1 MISSION
Saving Marriages!

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

Sunday Morning Adult Catechesis

Jim Craft, Professor Emeritus, will lead a series on “**Signs and Symbols in Christian Art**”. Starting on Sunday, September 22, 9:15-10:00am in Guadalupe Hall.



FIRST THURSDAY PRO-LIFE ADORATION

Sep. 5, 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.


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

Saturday, September 7, has been CANCELED.

Interested in becoming Catholic?
Our fall session of classes will begin in September.

Please contact JohnMark Cayer at jcayer@charlestandiocese.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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