



# 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

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## **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 15, 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first of August was the fourteenth anniversary of my arrival as administrator, and then pastor at Our Lady of the Rosary. During these years we have shared many blessings. The school has bounced back from nearly closing to achieve financial stability, enrollment growth and a nationwide reputation. The parish have rallied to build a beautiful new church, known for its innovative approach to traditional architecture, ecclesiastical art and design. Most of all our worship has moved in a new direction, combining traditional devotions and customs with beautiful music and reverence. Combined with this, our people have continued a remarkable legacy of service to the poor and needy with a strong and committed pro life witness, food pantry and prison ministry.

The spiritual growth has been enabled by a clear vision, deep commitment and generous giving. In addition to building the new church the parish obtained 110 James Drive to serve as Mother Teresa House and 6 James Drive as an extra meeting place for the parish and residence for parish and school staff. Last year the drive and vision of our people enabled the purchase of the five acre plot of land to the North of our campus. All of this growth has been empowered by your vision, faith and hope for the future. God is in charge, and as we co-operate with him, Our Lady of the Rosary is proof that great things can be accomplished.

This year we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the founding of our school. In a separate email this week I explained the progress we are making on the completion of the school master plan that was presented earlier this year. Part of that plan is to provide an interim solution to the need for new school facilities. To erect modular classrooms on the lower field to house our growing Upper School we will need to find about \$1.5m. This temporary solution accommodates our existing school and allows for expansion over the next few years.

Before we embark on this short term venture, we need to rally together to pay off the loan we took on to purchase the new plot of land. Therefore, next week we will have a special gift Sunday to raise the \$158,238. that is outstanding. We would like to do this with new significant cash gifts. Please think and pray about how much you can give. These gifts are exempt from the Diocesan tax so 100% of your gift will be used to clear the debt.

Please remember that your gifts are part of your worship. We give generously because God has blessed us generously. Your gift is therefore part of your thanksgiving to the Lord. I believe we will be able to clear this loan and move forward for the new classrooms to be ready to go for the opening of the 25-26 school year. Any surplus funds from the special gift Sunday will be held in the building fund.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Sep. 8, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.  
 Received: \$ 27,203.  
 Surplus: \$ 5,203.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #11 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 242,000.  
 Received: \$ 265,007.  
 Surplus: \$ 23,007.

## Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$ 248,430. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal remaining) 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 561,993.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 471,801.

**Needed: \$ 158,238.**

*(Divided by 1,000 households = \$160 each)*

## 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, September 14, through Sunday, September 22**  
 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

**All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.**

Saturday, 9/14	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Ann &amp; Joseph Kuznicki+</i>
Sunday, 9/15	8:00 am-Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Al Natale+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Charles &amp; Judy Mellor+</i>
Monday, 9/16 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Raymond &amp; Margaret Scheboth+</i>
Tuesday, 9/17 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Wednesday, 9/18	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 Sr. Mary Michael, OP</i>
Thursday, 9/19 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For MaryAnn Mahan+</i>
Friday, 9/20	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Alvin &amp; Naomi Clark+</i>
Saturday, 9/21	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Sunday, 9/22	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Norman Jackowski+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm-Mass, <i>For John &amp; Harriett Byers+</i>

## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

**NO** Middle or High School Youth Group this week, Sunday, September 15.

Please go [HERE](#) to sign up for weekly email updates and youth group information for High School. For Middle School, go [HERE](#) to sign up.

### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“I know I am touching the living body of Christ in the broken bodies of the hungry and the suffering.”  
**Mother Teresa**

In today’s second reading, St. James writes about faith without works being dead. It is through our actions, or as St. James writes “I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works”, that we show our faith. Our works in our families and in our service, are an example to them. Are we serving each other above self? Are we praying as a family? Sharing our faith? Are we bringing that service to our work? We practice things like servant leadership to create a culture like Jesus did with his disciples. How about in our parish and school? Do we volunteer not only for service to others but for service to Him?

At Mother Teresa House, when working with the people we do can be hard and it can be difficult. It can be easy to only think of the work and not why we do the work. We all get into the daily grind of life. We forget who we are and who we truly serve. This coming week, try to always see Christ in those we serve and interact with in our families, school, parish, our friends and our work. We will draw closer and closer to Him, and we will show our faith to the world without words.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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### RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults

Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18, at 7pm in the Upper School Classroom in Guadalupe Hall.

We will be discussing “The Human Longing for God” with Fr. Longenecker.

For questions, please contact JohnMark Cayer at [jcayer@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jcayer@charlestdiocese.org).

Providing a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family.



### SAVE THE DATES

**September 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



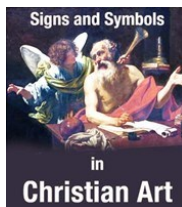
- Sep. 16** Headmaster’s Address, 6pm
- Sep. 18** “Real Love & Real Life” (Required for Confirmation)  
Meet in Guadalupe Hall, 6:45-9:15pm

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In today’s Gospel Jesus says, “If a man wishes to come after me, he must deny his very self, take up his cross, and follow in my steps.” The cross of Jesus and the crosses of His members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God’s love.*

Please remember all those who are in need with your prayers and contributions of food for our pantry. We currently have a large stock of rice and beans, but need canned vegetables and soups, boxed potatoes, peanut butter and jelly.

### Sunday Morning Adult Catechesis



Jim Craft, Professor Emeritus, will lead a series on “Signs and Symbols in Christian Art”.

Starting next Sunday, Sep. 22, 9:15-10:00am in Guadalupe Hall.

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

**Confessions** are in Lower Church, 4:15 - 5:15 pm.

**Benediction** of the Blessed Sacrament is held in Lower Church at 5:15 pm.

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



## Spiritual Adoption WEEK 24: September 15



"Blink-startle" responses to vibration and acoustics can be observed in your baby. He apparently hears some sounds in utero. Baby is also continuing to grow, move, and stretch.

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area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) email: [3062R@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:3062R@helpourmarriage.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>

Please join us for an **OLR Parish Party** celebrating the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on **Saturday, October 12, at 6pm** immediately following the 5pm Mass.

All parishioners, friends, and family are invited for food, drinks, games and fellowship. This is a free event, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, and will be potluck, so please register to bring your favorite dish. We need at least 15 people to bring food.

Go [HERE](#) to sign up.



You are invited to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local **40 Days for Life** effort



**Sep. 25 - Nov. 3.** The overturn of Roe and the S.C. Supreme Court's decision to uphold the Fetal Heartbeat Bill are signs of great hope for the end of abortion. However, abortions are still performed before a heartbeat is detected, for rape and incest, and fetal anomalies. We must continue to pray and draw attention to this human tragedy until life is protected from conception to natural death.

40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign to end abortion. This prayer campaign is initiated and organized at the grassroots level in communities throughout the nation and abroad. Prayer, fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach are key components. There are two campaigns each year, one in the spring and the other in the fall. God tells us to deliver the helpless from destruction: "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter" (Proverbs 24:11). The National Organization requires that those participating in a campaign sign a promise to conduct themselves in a peaceful, respectful manner.

The backbone of the whole pro-life ministry is prayer. No Crisis Pregnancy Center, Sidewalk Ministry, Post Abortion Ministry, or Maternity Home can exist without our prayers. Many believe the Holy Spirit is using this movement to end abortion and at the same time bring people of many faiths together. Will you join us in praying outside the Greenville abortion facility during the 40 Days for Life campaign starting September 25?

Be the **ONE** to make this a priority in your life and join us. Please visit [www.40daysforlife.com/greenville](http://www.40daysforlife.com/greenville) to sign up on the vigil calendar or contact Judy Masterson 864-506-0964 or Ingrid Ireland 864-329-0044. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

**40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally: Tuesday, Sept 24, 6:30-7:30 pm**, parking lot of Grove Road Baptist Church, 1223 Grove Rd. Guest speaker Hannah Myers will share her testimony of redemptive healing following the loss of a child to abortion. Amy Schiera and Leala Blakeley, professional soloists and choral musicians, will lead us in song. The opening prayer will be offered by Pastor Wallace Purvis from Woodside Church of God. Deacon Bob Connor from Our Lady of the Rosary and 40 Days for Life Upstate Coordinator will lead the closing prayer and offer a final blessing. Parking is on the premises. Come and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. Bring a chair.

## 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 at 407-719-1084 or ([mindyanders13@gmail.com](mailto:mindyanders13@gmail.com)), or Katie Haggard, 509-438-2735 ([kthagga@gmail.com](mailto:kthagga@gmail.com)).

Please see the OLR websites at [olr.church](http://olr.church) and [olr.school](http://olr.school) for all the most recent news and announcements.

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