



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 22, 2024

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Saturday we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew the Evangelist and Apostle. Of the four gospel writers, St. Matthew, along with St. John are the only two who were appointed apostles by Our Lord. St. Mark was a disciple and friend of St. Peter and the early church fathers record that his gospel was based on the memories and preaching of St. Peter while St. Luke was a companion of St. Paul, and his gospel is influenced by St. Paul's mission to the non Jewish Christians.

St. Matthew is generally recognized as the tax collector named Levi who was called by Jesus to be his disciple. Scholars disagree about the authorship of Matthew's gospel. Liberal scholars assign the authorship to an anonymous Christian writer in the second half of the first century, but all of the earliest teachers in the church affirmed that Matthew—one of the twelve apostles was the author. It seems unlikely that scholars two thousand years and continents removed from the ancient writers would get it right while those who were closest to the events somehow made a mistake.

What is most interesting about Matthew's gospel is that it is written in Greek like the rest of the New Testament. This is surprising since the earliest witnesses say Matthew's gospel was written in Hebrew or Aramaic. Ancient sources said Matthew's was the first gospel to be written and called this Hebrew/Aramaic version the Gospel to the Hebrews. Some believe this Hebrew gospel was Matthew's first attempt and that it was just a collection of Jesus' teachings, stories and sayings. The theory is that this early form of Matthew's gospel—sometimes called "proto-Matthew" was a source for Mark and Luke as they composed their gospels, and that Matthew (or another editor) re-wrote this first draft in Greek in its present form, and that by then Luke and Mark had written their accounts, and Matthew used their works as he re-wrote his earlier collection of Jesus' sayings and teachings.

What we do know about Matthew and his gospel is that it was written to the Jewish population to convince them of the claims of Jesus and to encourage the Jewish believers. One of the controversies in the early church was whether the Gentiles were welcome in the church or whether Jesus was only for the Jews. Matthew is the only gospel writer who includes the account of the Magi worshipping the Christ child, and his inclusion of this story shows us on which side of the controversy Matthew was. By including the Gentile Magi, Matthew indicates that Jesus is for the whole world—not just for the Jews.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Sep. 15, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.
 Received: \$ 27,193.
 Surplus: \$ 5,193.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #12 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 264,000.
 Received: \$ 292,200.
 Surplus: \$ 28,200.

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 21, through Sunday, September 29
 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 9/21	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Sunday, 9/22	8:00 am-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 & Harriett Byers+</i>
Monday, 9/23 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Regis & Bernadette Dumm+</i>
Tuesday, 9/24 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i>
Wednesday, 9/25	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 Souls in Purgatory</i>
Thursday, 9/26 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Frank Mills</i>
Friday, 9/27	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Denise Hirota</i>
Saturday, 9/28	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Sunday, 9/29	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Robert & Bren Gerten</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Joseph & Nancy Mangano</i> 5:00 pm-Mass, <i>For The People</i>

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

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.

Leading & Loving



This program is presented by Family Honor and it's for any parent or guardian of a child from infancy through about age 10. The program will be held in Guadalupe Hall on Friday, Oct. 11, from 4-8:30pm, and Saturday morning from 8-11am.

Leading & Loving will help you, as parents or guardians, not only raise virtuous and loving children, it will also give you the resources and ideas on how to answer the difficult questions your young children sometimes ask.

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 our selves 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

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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St. Martha's Book Club

Our next meeting will be on Monday, October 7, 12:30-2:00pm. Please plan to meet outside Guadalupe Hall and we will walk over to our new meeting space in the Juan Diego Room at 6 James Drive. We will be discussing *"Firefly Island"* by Christian author Lisa Wingate. Come join us.



Call Peg for info 864-423-7426.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 25, at 7pm in the Upper School Classroom in Guadalupe Hall.

We will be discussing "The Existence of God and the Trinity".

For questions, please contact JohnMark Cayer at jcayer@charlestdiocese.org.

SCHOOL NEWS



Sep. 25 "Real Love & Real Life"
(Required for Confirmation)
6:45-9:15pm in Guadalupe Hall

Sep. 27 Class Pictures/Make-Up Picture Day

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will help hungry children feel the arms of Jesus around them.

Divine Mercy - Souls who spread the honor of My mercy I shield through their entire lives as a tender mother her infant, and at the hour of death I will not be a Judge for them, but the Merciful Savior. At that last hour, a soul has nothing with which to defend itself except My mercy. Happy is the soul that during its lifetime immersed itself in the Fountain of Mercy, because justice will have no hold on it. (Diary of St. Faustina, 1075)

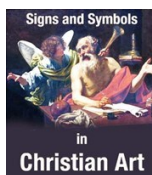


Here is another too-good-to-be-true promise from Jesus, who spoke these words to St. Faustina, Apostle of Divine Mercy. To spread the honor of Jesus' mercy does not require the heroism of a martyr, the asceticism of a monk, or the fearlessness to confront an armed shooter at the door of the church. No. All it takes is the humility to repent and the generosity of spirit to perform works of mercy in Jesus' name. So, do not hesitate to immerse yourself in the Fountain of His Mercy and to bring others to these living waters.

A good place to immerse yourself is in the Lower Church after weekday Masses when we pray the chaplet in front of the image of Divine Mercy.

And do not forget another of Jesus' extraordinary promises of mercy whenever the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed for the dying. If you know of someone who is near death, please inform Martha Mahan in the parish office. The eight members of the Divine Mercy Cenacle, a prayer and study ministry at OLR, will each pray the chaplet for this person for seven days, renewable if requested. These prayers offer an extraordinary opportunity to ensure the salvation of loved ones.

Sunday Morning Adult Catechesis



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

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

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 25: September 22



Your baby now weighs a little less than two pounds and measures about 14 inches, from head to heel. The nerve pathways in his ears are developing, which means his response to sounds is growing more consistent.

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, Oct. 2, 2:30 – 3:30pm
Woodruff Road, Greenville

Please join others across the country for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. OLR is assigned the grassy areas near the road in front of Cracker Barrel and Whole Foods all the way down to Verizon. Please pick up your signs at Whole Foods parking lot beginning at 2:00pm (you may park there). If praying in front of Cracker Barrel you may drive over there and park in their far back area by Dru-ry Inn. Life Chain guidelines are to be prayerful and to stand a minimum of 10 feet apart in a continuous line, filling gaps where possible. For more information, call Ingrid at 864-329-0044.

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.

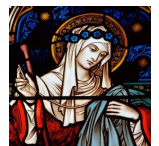
40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign to end abortion. This prayer campaign is initiated and organized at the grassroots level in communities throughout the nation and abroad. Prayer, fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach are key components. There are two campaigns each 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 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.

The St. Martha's Women's Group will hold a meeting on Saturday, September 28, from 10-11am in Guadalupe Hall.



Please join us for some fellowship and bring your ideas for outings, events, or activities that we might pursue through the fall and winter months.

The 12th Marian Eucharistic Conference Oct. 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.



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

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