



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 29, 2024

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The end of September and first week of October is an especially rich time in the calendar of the church. September 29, is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels—this year it falls on a Sunday so it is superseded by the twenty-sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time, but the next day we remember St. Jerome—the fourth century scholar and Doctor of the Church who translated the Bible from Hebrew and Greek into Latin providing the church with the “Vulgate”—thus reminding us of the importance of having the Scriptures in a language accessible to the people. You might ask, “How is Latin accessible to the people?” Remember this was the fourth century and Latin was the common tongue at that time and for many centuries to follow.

St. Jerome had a great love for the infant Jesus and lived as a hermit in Bethlehem in a cell next to the site of Our Lord’s birth in Bethlehem. On our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land, we celebrated Mass in St. Jerome’s cell which is right next to the grotto of the Nativity.

The next day, October 1, is the memorial of another saint who loved the infant Lord: St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face. Therese of Lisieux honored the Christ child and saw in him her infant redeemer. As a Carmelite, she would have been familiar with the devotion to the child Jesus represented by the Infant of Prague. There is a stained glass window of Therese of Lisieux in the Lower Church and we should remember that the stained glass windows are not just “pretty Catholic decoration” but are sacred icons, the stained glass window serves as our shrine to St. Therese and is a place of prayer and devotion to this beautiful saint.

October 2, is the memorial to the Holy Guardian Angels—who have special guardianship of all of us, but especially our children. The image of the guardian angel at the entrance to our Infant of Prague/Pro Life chapel is a reminder that October is Pro-Life month. Don’t forget to spend a few moments of prayer in the Pro-Life Chapel praying for our children and the Pro-Life life cause.

On Friday we celebrate St. Francis of Assisi’s day. He is popular for his love of animals and God’s creation, but remember, he too is known for his devotion to the infant Lord as he is known for establishing the first Christmas creche.

Saturday morning at 9:30 is our First Saturday Pro-Life Mass and it is also the memorial of St. Faustina. Her relic will be on the altar as we also thank God for her life and the Divine Mercy devotion that day.

The weekend masses will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. A generous donor has commissioned a new, original portrayal of Our Lady of the Rosary to be hung in the Narthex of our church. It will be dedicated and unveiled after the 10:30 Mass next weekend. The artist, Gwyneth Thompson Briggs will be here for the unveiling and will give a talk about her work and the importance of sacred art afterwards.

Why not take extra time this week to join us as we commemorate these important saints? Remember weekday Masses are Monday at 8:30 am, Tuesday 12:00 noon, Wednesday 6:00 pm, Thursday 10:00 am and Friday at 10:00 am.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Sep. 22, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.
 Received: \$ 20,202.
 Deficit: \$ 1,798.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #13 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 286,000.
 Received: \$ 312,402.
 Surplus: \$ 26,402.

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.

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, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, September 28, through Sunday, October 6

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 9/28	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Past, Present and Deceased Members of OLR St. Vincent de Paul Society</i>
Sunday, 9/29	8:00 am - 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>
Monday, 9/30 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Murray M. Howard, Jr. +</i>
Tuesday, 10/1 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Sr. Sarah David, OP</i>
Wednesday, 10/2	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 Roger & Wilma Bever +</i>
Thursday, 10/3 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Ashley Rocci</i>
Friday, 10/4	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For OLR Faculty & Staff</i>
Saturday, 10/5	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 10/6	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Gabriela Marotti</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 John Warga, Jr. +</i>

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS

We will have our regular meeting from 6-8pm on Sunday, September 29, in honor of the Feast of St. Michael.

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

"Sweetest Lord, make me appreciative of the dignity of my high vocation, and its many responsibilities. Never permit me to disgrace it by giving way to coldness, unkindness, or impatience."

Mother Teresa

In this weekend's gospel, Jesus says *"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea."* I often reflect on this phrase from Jesus both as a parent and one who works with youth. My vocation of being married and becoming a father comes with great responsibility. If I cause my children or youth I work with to sin, the eternal price can be high. I do this by my words or actions. Reflecting on this phrase, it makes me pause and be better as a father, husband and mentor. It makes me a better follower of Him. So often in my work at Mother Teresa House, we see people from broken families who had many adults who used words and actions to pull them from Him. It is the loss of Him that has caused them to fall further away by following the example of those around them. St Augustine wrote *"Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in Thee."* We must always lead our families and those around us to Him by our faith, words and actions.

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St. Francis

Blessing of the Animals

Friday, October 4,

2:30-3:00 in the Courtyard.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2, at 7pm in the Upper School Classroom, discussing "Salvation History, Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition".

Contact JohnMark Cayer, jcayer@charlestandioocese.org.

SCHOOL NEWS



Oct. 3 PTO Meeting **8:15am** in Guadalupe Hall
Oct. 4 College Fair-Seniors Only, 1:30-2:30pm
St. Francis-Blessing of the Animals 2:30-3:00pm
Oct. 7 Mission Day
Oct. 10 NOON Dismissal, Aftercare ENDS at 3pm

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward."

This weekend, the OLR SVdP conference celebrates the feast of St. Vincent de Paul with a recommitment ceremony after each Mass. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

In August, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to feed 234 families, and also offer financial assistance for utilities as well. God Bless You!

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary October 7

We will celebrate this at the weekend Masses, on **October 5-6**, and as part of this commemoration, after the 10:30 Mass, we will unveil and bless a beautiful new painting of Our Lady of the Rosary by Gwyneth Thompson Briggs for the Narthex of the Church. Ms. Thompson Briggs, 2024 Laudamus Prize Finalist, (gwyneththompsonbriggs.com) will be present.

After the 10:30am unveiling, the **Respect Life Committee will host a brunch** in Guadalupe Hall and give a short presentation. After the brunch Gwyneth will give a talk about her work as a Catholic artist.

The following weekend, on **October 12**, after the Saturday evening Mass, the Knights of Columbus will host a **Parish Party** in the courtyard and Fr. Longenecker will give a talk about the history of the Battle of Lepanto and how it is linked with Our Lady of the Rosary.

Go [HERE](#) for Church League Basketball Schedule and Sign Ups

For boys and girls K-5 through 7th Grade
Registration Deadline is **October 2**.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in UPPER Church on **Friday, October 4**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am School Mass and continues until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed at 5:00pm.



Spiritual Adoption WEEK 26: September 29



The skin of your baby is reddish and has a wrinkled appearance. This week Baby weighs almost two pounds and is about 14.4 inches long with his legs extended. He can now open and close his eyes, and he sleeps and wakes at regular intervals. He may suck his fingers, and although his lungs are still immature, they would be capable of functioning he were to be born now.

LIFE CHAIN Sunday, Oct. 6, 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 2:00 PM. You may park there. If praying in front of Cracker Barrel you may drive over there and park in their far back area by Drury Inn. Life Chain guidelines are to be prayerful and stand a minimum of 10 feet apart in a continuous line, filling gaps where possible. Call Ingrid at 864-329-0044.

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, Oct. 5, at 9:30 am** in Upper Church. Sidewalk Advocates, 40 Days for Life and OLR's Respect Life Committee will provide updates on pro-life issues and all are encouraged to join us in praying the rosary at the abortion clinic afterwards located at 1142 Grove Road. For info, call 864-772-9020.

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 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.

Rosaries for Life: Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, for the conversion of our society, and for an end to other assaults on human Life. Turn in your counts at your local parish or email your count each week to familylife@charlestandiocese.org.

Sidewalk Counseling Training: Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Go [HERE](#) or contact Judy Masterson, 864-506-0964.

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.

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

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