



# 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 8, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The third Benedictine vow is the vow for “conversion of life”. We often think of a conversion experience as a powerful, personal commitment of one’s life to Christ. While this is important, the Benedictine monk or nun goes further than that and seeks to live a daily life of conversion to Christ.

Conversion is therefore both the experience of a moment and an experience of a lifetime. The monks therefore make a lifetime vow to conversion of life. Every aspect of their day to day life involves the call to conversion. Their prayer, their study, their relationships—all influence the conversion of their whole lives to Christ.

The deepest meaning of conversion is not simply a personal religious experience, but the lifelong pursuit of total conversion and transformation into the image of Christ.

The need for conversion filters down into our family lives, school and parish lives so that God give us “conversion eyes” to see that he is working the work of transformation through all the daily events of life—all the joys and sorrows. We soon see that “conversion of life” means the whole of life is being converted.

It is important therefore to see that the three Benedictine vows of obedience, stability and conversion of life are braided together like a rope of three strands. Obedience strengthens stability and together they lead to a life that is converted, and a life that is being converted finds stability and obedience to be a joyful commitment not a burden.

One of the phrases I love best about the Rule of St Benedict is that he promises his monks that in the monastery there should be “nothing harsh, nothing burdensome”. This gentle guidance came during a time in church history when there was a lot of guilt and subsequently much harsh asceticism. Benedict counters this with a rule that is wise, humane, merciful and kind.

I encourage you, if you want to deepen your own spiritual life to learn more about St Benedict’s way of monastic wisdom. It will strengthen your relationship with the Lord and with one another.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Sep. 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.  
 Received: \$ 22,825.  
 Surplus: \$ 825 .

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #10 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 220,000.  
 Received: \$ 237,804.  
 Surplus: \$ 17,804.

## 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, September 7, through Sunday, September 15**  
 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 9/7	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 9/8	8:00 am-Mass, <i>For Robert &amp; 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>
Monday, 9/9 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - <b>Communion Service</b>
Tuesday, 9/10 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For John &amp; Harriett Byers+</i>
Wednesday, 9/11	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 Jared Johns+</i>
Thursday, 9/12 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Patrick Fesler</i>
Friday, 9/13	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Special Intention</i>
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	8:00am - 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>

## 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.

### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"A life not lived for others is not a life." Mother Teresa*

I was recently invited to staff a leadership course and teach some sessions. In one, I allowed participants the opportunity to "break" their moral values through a series of rapid-fire games. It was not a competition, but participants assumed it was. When faced with delivering results or meeting deadlines, we often shortcut our morals and values and it is the example we set, especially for those in our families and at work. Crossing our moral line is a slippery slope that once crossed is hard to come up from as we keep moving our line. It is especially true of the people we work with at Mother Teresa House. None of them ever meant to be where they are, but often poor or easy choices in poor circumstances, led them to where they are.

In my debrief, we talked about the values we each wrote down earlier in the course and if their actions during the games matched those values. We are to be the examples, especially to youth, of making good moral decisions and to show them a path of right choices. Christ set the example for us. Leaders (parents, teachers, clergy, etc.) are the servants of those they lead. In Christ's example, "I came to serve, not to be served." I pray we can be that light to the world as we live a life for those around us.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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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.

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.

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](#)

### SCHOOL NEWS



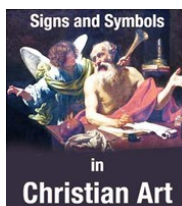
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| Sep. 13 | Picture Day   |
|         | Volleyball Pep Rally, Homecoming and Senior Night, 5-10pm |
| Sep. 16 | Headmaster's Address, 6pm                                 |

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering.*

On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering. There are many families in our area who need financial assistance with utilities. With your generous contributions you can help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can "make God's presence known" to those who are suffering and poor.

### Sunday Morning Adult Catechesis



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

**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 23: September 8



Your baby's eyebrows and eyelashes are now recognizable. If he is born at this time, he will be able to breathe and has a very good chance of survival.

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

Interested in becoming Catholic?  
Our fall session of classes will begin in September.  
Please contact JohnMark Cayer at [jcayer@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jcayer@charlestdiocese.org).



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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](mailto:3062R@helpourmarriage.org) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.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.



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



Marian Eucharistic Conference

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 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)).

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

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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