



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

November 3, 2024

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A "paradigm shift" is a fundamental realignment of one's perception. The classic example of a paradigm shift is this well known story:

The captain of a United States Navy destroyer was sailing his ship in a dark and stormy night on an important mission. From the bridge his lookout reported that there was a bright light in the distance headed straight for them. The captain radioed to the other ship, "This is the USS Boston headed in your direction. Change course immediately." The response was "You change your course." The captain roared, "This is an admiral in the United States Navy, we are headed for an imminent collision. Change course immediately!". Came the calm reply. "I demand that you change course!!" Said the furious captain. "Don't you realize who you're dealing with? I am the commander of a United States Navy destroyer". "I'm the master of the Rocky Point Lighthouse." Came the reply. "You change course."

The captain had a paradigm shift.

In our church life together, I think many people who worship at OLR need a paradigm shift about parish life.

As Americans our default setting about most things is that we are customers and consumers. This attitude applies to church life also. We shop around for the church we like best. As Catholics we shop around for the parish we like best. This is understandable, and in 21st century USA where we drive everywhere, we get used to "having it our way" - not only at the burger joint, but also at church.

However, the church is not a burger joint or an ecclesiastical shopping mall. If you choose to worship and belong to Our Lady of the Rosary, you should see yourself as a community member, not a customer/consumer. You see, customers are basically indifferent and uninvolved. As long as they are getting what they want - that's where the involvement ends. A community member, on the other hand, is concerned and committed.

Do you need a paradigm shift from consumer to community member? If you worship at OLR but are not yet registered as a member, you are a consumer not a community member. If you worship at OLR but do not regard appeals for volunteers as applying to you, you are a consumer not a community member. If you worship at OLR but are not committed to planned and sacrificial giving, you are a consumer not a community member.

In December we will embark on our annual stewardship campaign to register our planned giving for the year and in the first quarter of 2025 we will promote a small capital campaign called *Bridge to the New School*. To give an update on our master plan there will be a parish meeting on Tuesday evening, December 3. In both campaigns we will ask all our parishioners and those who attend OLR to get up, get involved, and get committed.

For some this will require a fundamental shift in their understanding of what it means to be part of what God is doing at Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenville.

So, this is the Lighthouse Keeper speaking. Do you need a paradigm shift?

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Oct. 27, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 18,333.

Deficit: \$ 3,667.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #18 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 396,000.

Received: \$ 425,036.

Surplus: \$ 29,036.

Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd.
 \$ 227,923. Diocesan Loan
 (total interest & principal remaining)
 2023-2028: 5-year term.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Jim Bever, Glen Bishop, 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, Beth 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, 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, November 2, through Sunday, November 10

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 11/2 <i>All Souls' Day</i>	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For All the Faithful Departed</i>
Sunday, 11/3	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Josephine & Murray M. Howard & Deceased Members of the Suit, Howard, Votava, Sokol, Ayers, O'Barr, Hornaday & Bagwell Families</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Michael Merbach+</i>
Monday, 11/4 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Ron Menegay+</i>
Tuesday, 11/5 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Our Country</i>
Wednesday, 11/6	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 - Daily Mass <i>For John & Harriet Byers+</i>
Thursday, 11/7	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Sr. Claire, OP</i>
Friday, 11/8	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i>
Saturday, 11/9	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Katherine Menegay+</i>
Sunday, 11/10	8:00am - Mass, <i>For the People</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. Maria Amata Verbi, OP</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have Youth Group at the normal time and place, 6-8 pm at OLR. We will be discussing the doctrine of the communion of saints, following which we will fulfill the opportunity for the plenary indulgence for departed souls, by praying in the Lower Church.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Many people mistake our work for our vocation. Our vocation is the love of Jesus.” **Mother Teresa**

In the first reading and in the gospel this week, we are reminded on the greatest commandment *“The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength”*. Do you? In the world with all its noise, it isn’t easy for even good people to remember and do this. How often do we let things of this world pull us away from Him? I know I do. This is where active daily prayer life and confession helps us to be centered back on Him. Is the Lord God our only Lord?

For the people I work with at Mother Teresa House and many others, even worldly successful people, they have replaced the Lord with things of this world. How many look to the government as their lord? Drugs? Wealth? Looks? Sexuality? It has been said the devil appears as an angel of light and it is the easy path. We are not called to that easy path, but to the hard and narrow path to Him. Pray for your families, our priests, bishops, cardinals and pope, your friends, our community, nation and world, to make Him their one, true Lord. *“You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you.”* **St. Augustine**

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Fr. Longenecker will speak at **Christ On Main** on Wednesday, **November 20**, at 6pm. Topic: "Mere Christianity or More Christianity." This event is FREE, but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED, due to limited space. Go o [catholic.center](#) to register. Pick up your Advent/Christmas gifts until 6pm that evening at the new Catholic Bookstore and Gift Shop at the Center.

Be sure to read the Pastor’s Letter on our website [HERE](#) and in the bulletin for important news about upcoming events.

Two secure and trustworthy ways to make donations to help those suffering from the effects of Hurricane Helene:

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charlotte, NC [HERE](#)

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Charleston, SC [HERE](#)

SCHOOL NEWS



- Nov. 4** Saints Showcase, 6pm
- Nov. 5** Picture Day - Dress Uniforms
- Nov. 8** Basketball Night

Applications are now open for the 2025-2026 school year. The application can be found on the school website, but we also encourage all interested families to contact the school office directly to begin the conversation. OLR is the only classical Catholic K12 school in South Carolina. Headmaster Curtin would love to hear from anyone hoping to learn more.

On November 6, we will begin offering Mass each Wednesday at 7:15 am in the Upper Church.

This is in response to a request for an early Mass from some teachers and in recognition that a good number of our students are already meeting voluntarily to pray the Morning Office before school.

This is not a full School Mass, but a voluntary Mass for students, faculty and staff, parents and siblings. Although this Mass is prompted by a need in the school, the Mass will be open for all parishioners.

We would like to further beautify our worship in the Lower Church with frontals in the four liturgical colors for the altar and a hanging for the front of the pulpit. Parishioner Caroline Kane has volunteered to make the frontals and has researched fabrics and designs. The cost of each set of hangings is \$800.

If you would like to donate one of these - perhaps in memory of a loved one - an inscription in their memory would be embroidered and attached to the back of the frontal. Please contact Fr. Longenecker by email if you would like to be involved.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

You can show your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor by joining us as a Vincentian. We need help on Saturday mornings in our Food Pantry distributing food, and we also need Financial Assistance volunteers to help those who need assistance with utility bills. Our next meeting is on Monday, Nov. 11, in Guadalupe Hall at 6:30pm. Please join us to learn about all we do to serve others in our community.

Recently baptized was
Anna Augusta Hutson
daughter of
Joseph & Rachel Hutson



We welcome Anna as a new member of the OLR family.

Thanksgiving Morning Meal Deliveries



Volunteer Teams are needed to deliver meals to Meals on Wheels recipients on Thanksgiving morning. Each team/family will deliver to approximately 6-8 homes.

We are partnering with Long Branch Baptist Church (meal preparation) and Church Without Walls.

Call Marianne if you can participate (864) 360-2406.

Offertory Counters Needed

If you would like to volunteer to help count weekend offertory donations, please contact Rachel Hutson, Director of Finance at rhutson@charlestandioocese.org.

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 31: November 3



By this week, Baby weighs almost 4 pounds. He has tiny toenails now, and his fingernails have grown in too. Some babies have a head of hair already; others have only peach fuzz. He is moving around a lot and getting ready for his big day.

Heartbreak and Hope Conference

Saturday, Nov. 11, at St. Mary's

Learn more about NaPro Technology and the new Upstate Health Care Facility, Flourish.

Register [HERE](#).

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Post Abortion Healing

is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience.

On the retreat you can find peace while also strengthening your relationship with God while experiencing His love, mercy and forgiveness.

The next retreat in South Carolina is in the Charleston area (English) December 13-15, 2024. For information or registration please contact Christy 803-554-6088 or Kathy 803-546-6010.



Please join St Martha's Book Club on **Wednesday, Nov. 6**, in the Juan Diego Room to discuss "**Frankenstein**" by **Mary Shelley**. We meet from 12:30-2:00pm. Call 864)360-2406 for details.

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 6, at 7pm in the Upper School Classroom, discussing "Sacramental Theology, Baptism and Confirmation".



Spiritual Adoption's Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower!



Our spiritually-adopted babies have been growing and are about 7 months in utero. As we continue to pray for the moms and dads who chose life, let's help them get ready for their Christmas arrival! **Respect Life has a Pack 'n' Play in the Narthex for items needed by Birthright of Greenville for the next few weekends.** Birthright needs: baby wipes, baby wash & shampoo, Desitin (or similar), newborn diapers, girls 3-6 month sleepers. As always, thank you for your prayers and generosity to these precious, unborn children!

40 Days for Life Closing Celebration

Come join us **this Sunday, Nov. 3**, from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Piedmont Women's Center parking lot, 1143 Grove Road, for the Closing Celebration of 40 Days for Life. Prayer Warriors will share their testimonies from the current campaign. We will enjoy a "Celebration of Life" with singing, refreshments, and draw for door prizes. Arianne Jolly from St. Mary's will lead the singing. Bring a chair. Parking is available on the premises in their new upper parking lot. Call/text Ingrid for information at 864-991-5873.



Rosaries for Life: Finalize your 40 Days Rosary count for the intentions to end abortion, the conversion of our society, and for an end to other assaults on human Life.

Turn in your count at your local parish or email your count to: familylife@charlestandioocese.org.

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

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