



# 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

October 20, 2024

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Benedictine “tools” are the practical methods to live out the Benedictine vows of Obedience, Stability and Conversion of Life. The first of the tools is Work.

From the beginning, God ordained that man should live by the work of his hands. In St. Benedict’s day in sixth century Italy, this meant farm work. Everyone lived at a subsistence level—eating and drinking what they could grow on their land. This meant early rising, living in the natural rhythms of the day and the seasons and being integrated with the life of nature through hard physical labor.

How different our lives are fifteen centuries later! We are separated from the land. Our food comes to us on a truck to a refrigerated supermarket. For many of us “work” means sitting at a computer all day long. It is up to us, however, to see our work—whether it is hard manual labor or dull modern work—as a redemptive and meaningful occupation.

Through work our bodies are engaged in the process of “working out our salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil. 2:12) Through work the physical aspect is not forgotten in the spiritual quest.

Benedict teaches that work is one of the tools of the spiritual life because, by its nature, work humbles us. No matter how sophisticated our lives are, we have to work to put bread on the table, and this opportunity teaches us that we are not independent beings. We are contingent. We rely on others and on variables beyond our control, and this means we must learn a kind of implicit obedience. We obey our boss. We obey the tax man. We obey the market forces. We obey our work colleagues.

If through work we realize our dependence on others and on circumstances, we also learn our dependence on God. We can do nothing without his Grace. Ask for a moment what you have that has not been given to you. You might reply, “But I worked hard for all the things I have!” Great, but from whom did you receive the life, the intelligence and the energy to work as you’ve done?

Work dignifies our lives—even when the work is hard, sweaty and back breaking. In fact, the harder the physical labor the more edifying it can be if our attitude towards our work is integrated with the other tools and vows of the Benedictine vision. Remember, the third vow is “Conversion of Life” and with the holistic vision of Benedict the drudgery of our workaday world becomes one of the tools God uses for our conversion.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

PS: Remember the two books I have written on the Benedictine Rule: *Listen My Son St. Benedict for Fathers* and *St. Benedict and St. Therese* are available from the parish office.

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Oct. 13, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 20,949.

Deficit: \$ 1,051.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #16 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 352,000.

Received: \$ 383,272.

Surplus: \$ 31,272.

## 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 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, October 19, through Sunday, October 27**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 10/19	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Robert Mazur+</i>
Sunday, 10/20	8:00 am-Mass, <i>For Frank Walker+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Caterina Maria, OP</i>
Monday, 10/21 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i>
Tuesday, 10/22 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Special Intention</i>
Wednesday, 10/23	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 Matthew Craft+</i>
Thursday, 10/24 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Michael Culbertson+</i>
Friday, 10/25	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Paul Wegman+</i>
Saturday, 10/26	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Cheryl Trimarco+</i>
Sunday, 10/27	8:00am - Mass, <i>For William David Bozard, III</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For John &amp; Harriet Byers+</i> 5:00 pm-Mass, <i>For The People</i>

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular meeting of Youth Group on Sunday, Oct. 20, from 6-8pm. After a short presentation on Douglas Hyde's book *Dedication and Leadership*, we will open the conversation for questions.

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Service to Mankind is Service to God."

**Mother Teresa**

In today's gospel, Jesus says "Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." We are called to humble ourselves and be servants to those we in our family, in our parish and school and in our community. In the courses I have taught, we call it servant leadership.

We live in a society where people strive to get more for themselves, not thinking of others. It happens from the richest among us down to the poorest. The homeless steal from other homeless all the time. We are not called to be "me first" people but to serve others. We can actually make it worse when we practice toxic charity, enabling those in need to rely completely on us with no desire to change or seek to improve. This is the reality we deal with every day at MTH. But, this also applies to our families. As a parent, who should love my family as Christ loves Church, I look at the last part of the gospel. He gave his life as a ransom for many, we are to serve our families and put them above ourselves.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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## RCIA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 23, at 7pm in the Upper School Classroom, discussing "Saints and Relics".



Contact JohnMark Gayer, [jcayer@charlestdiocese.org](mailto:jcayer@charlestdiocese.org)

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



**Oct. 25** Hoe Down, 4:00 – 9:00 pm  
**Oct. 26** Fall Festival, 3:00 – 9:00 pm  
**Oct. 30** Upper School Information Night (for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families) 6:45 – 8:00 pm

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all."*

In September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to serve those in need and bring God's love and mercy to 200 families, providing food through our food pantry and financial assistance for utility payments in the amount of \$1,628. God Bless You!



Join us for the **OLR Fall Festival on Saturday, October 26, from 3-9pm** where we will celebrate the season, our faith, and OLR.

There will be trunk-r-treat, a vendor fair, food, music, and much, much more for the whole family to enjoy! Entry wristbands are available for presale [here](#).

If you would like to participate as a vendor in the Vendor Fair, please print, fill out, & return [this form](#) with payment to the school office including attn: Susan Reese.

If you're interested in volunteering at the event, sign up [here](#). If you'd like to donate to the event or register for the chili cook-off, pie baking contest, or cornhole tournament, sign up [here](#)."

Recently baptized was  
**June Louise Connor**  
daughter of  
Joshua & Ayla Connor



*We welcome June as a new member of the OLR family.*





Please join us on **Saturday, Nov. 2**, after the 9:30am Pro-Life Mass, for a presentation on Hospice and End of Life Care, from a Catholic perspective.

The meeting will be held in Guadalupe Hall, presented by Compassus/Bon Secours, and the content has been approved by the Charleston Diocese. There is no charge, however, to ensure enough materials are available please email [bconor@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:bconor@charlestandiocese.org) to register and let us know the number of people to expect. Thank you.

### PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Please join us for a "Patriotic Rosary" before the 10:30am Mass on **Sunday, Nov. 3**, (the last Sunday before the election) in Upper Church.



Please join St Martha's Book Club on Monday, **Nov. 4**, in the Juan Diego Room to discuss "**Frankenstein**" by **Mary Shelley**. We meet from **12:30-2:00pm**. Call 864)360-2406 for details.

*Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of October 20, will be for World Mission Sunday.*

### 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 would like to participate (864) 360-2406.

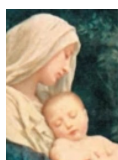


### Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 29: October 20



Since 8 weeks after conception, Baby is completely formed. All Baby is doing now is gaining weight and getting ready to be born. He is also able to distinguish between light and dark, and he can even follow a light source back and forth. Once he is born, he will keep his eyes dosed for a good part of the day.



Spiritual Adoption's **Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower!** Can you believe it? 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 child's Christmas arrival! **Respect Life will have 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!

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" (Prov. 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?

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.

**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 [familife@charlestandiocese.org](mailto:familife@charlestandiocese.org).

**Sidewalk Counseling Training:** Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Go [HERE](#) for information.

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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