



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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All services are held in

UPPER CHURCH

unless otherwise noted.

WEEKEND MASS

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, 7:15am and 6:00 pm

Thursday, 10:00 am, *Lower Church*

Friday, 10:00 am

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, 4:15–5:15 pm, *Lower Church*

Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am–5pm

Wednesday, 7:15am–5:15pm, *Lower Church*

Thursday, 7–8 pm, *Lower Church*

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The four weeks of Advent provide a time of teaching in preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. This year I would like to focus on the four gospels and how they help lead us to Christmas.

Who wrote the four gospels and how are they connected? Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the “synoptic” gospels. “Synoptic” means “looking the same”. They are called “synoptic” because these three gospels contain many of the same stories and sayings of Jesus. Sometimes the stories are word for word the same.

However, each of the synoptic gospels contain stories and sayings that are unique to that particular gospel. Scholars like to debate how the synoptic gospels are interdependent and how they came to be written.

John’s gospel is a unique composition which we’ll discuss in the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Matthew’s gospel has always been placed first because tradition teaches that it was the first to be written. Tradition also teaches that it was written by Matthew the apostle. However, its composition is not straightforward.

The gospel as we now have it was written in Greek—which was the international language of the time. However, it seems that some sections of the gospel may have been translated from Hebrew and Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus and his followers.

This would connect with a very early tradition that Matthew collected the stories and sayings of Jesus in his own tongue. We can therefore conclude that there was a very early version of Matthew’s gospel which was a collection of the stories and sayings about Jesus, and that this collection was compiled within about ten or fifteen years after Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Because Matthew’s gospel also seems to rely on Mark and Luke, we can guess that there was a later Greek version of Matthew’s gospel which put together the early Aramaic-Hebrew version with the stories from Luke and Mark.

Matthew’s audience is the Jewish believers in the area of Judea. Matthew makes it a point therefore to explain how the birth of Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecy. His account of the Nativity is told from the point of view of St. Joseph who is presented as being in the line of the Old Testament patriarchs. Matthew is also the one who tells the story of the visit of the Magi—which also fulfills Old Testament prophecies.

Matthew’s gospel is therefore also a perfect link between the Old Testament and the birth of the Savior.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Not yet published, totals will be included next weekend.

Collections for the week ending Nov. 24, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received:

Surplus:

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #22 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed:

Received:

Surplus:

Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd.

Diocesan Loan, 2023-2028: 5-year term.

Debt paid off - thank you !

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 30, through Sunday, December 8

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

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| Saturday, 11/30 | 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Robert Mazur+</i> |
| Sunday, 12/1 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> | 8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Sue Ann Whittmer+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Richard & Francis Walz+</i> |
| Monday, 12/2 Lower Church | 8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Timothy Bricco+</i> |
| Tuesday, 12/3 Lower Church | 12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Sr. Betty, OP</i> |
| Wednesday, 12/4 | 7:15am - Daily Mass 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 Nicholas White</i> |
| Thursday, 12/5 | 10:00 am - Daily Mass (Upper Church) <i>For Phyllis Weaver</i> |
| Friday, 12/6 | 10:00 am - School Mass (Limited Seating) <i>For Maureen Bolchoz+</i> |
| Saturday, 12/7 | 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For David Pingree+</i> |
| Sunday, 12/8 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> | 8:00am - Mass, <i>For Mary Horrell+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Harm Geerts+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i> |

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"The success of love is in the loving - it is not in the result of loving. Of course it is natural in love to want the best for the other person, but whether it turns out that way or not does not determine the value of what we have done." **Mother Teresa**

Jesus preached among the people and among the Jewish leaders. Some listened and followed Him, some listened and stopped following Him when it was hard, most only heard and let the words fall to the ground. He performed miracles and still many did not believe. His grace is sufficient for our salvation but we have the free will pick up our cross and follow Him, or walk away when we feel the cost is too much. Many of the folks we work with at Mother Teresa House, or ones you see sleeping outside or begging, have the same choice and they too have to choose. We cannot, even with all the love in the world, choose for them. We can only offer, like Jesus, but they have to take the steps even though they are hard even with our support. It is difficult to see and accept when people's life choices or circumstances place them in these situations, but the helped needed is there IF they want it. In our outreach with the greater community of providers, we see these people, they know what is available but we can't force or do for anyone who refuses to do the work for themselves even with our support.

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During the first two Sundays in Advent, Fr. Longenecker's Christmas books will be on sale in the Narthex for a special OLR price of \$15.

The Mystery of the Magi
The Secret of the Bethlehem Shepherds

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular Youth Group meeting on Sunday, December 1, from 6-8pm.



Join us in December for the **OLR Advent Parish Mission.**

The Capuchin Friars of the Renewal will preach our mission on the evenings of **December 8th, 9th, and 10th** at 6pm in Upper Church.

Go [HERE](#) to learn about the CFR's that are coming to OLR.

The choirs from OLR Church and School will present a service of **Advent Lessons and Carols on Thursday, December 5**, at 7:00 pm in Upper Church. All are welcome.

Recently baptized was
Natanael Anthony of the Holy Rosary Cayer Sammons
son of
JohnMark & Lucy Cayer

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



SCHOOL NEWS

Dec. 5 Lessons & Carols, 3rd-8th Grades
6-8pm in Upper Church



Please help "Church Without Walls" minister to the children of Grove Road Elementary School by providing **new or gently used coats.**

SVdP members will collect coats after each of the **weekend Masses on Dec. 7-8.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they reach out to us for help.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul's poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 4, at 7pm in the Upper School Classroom, discussing "Catholic Devotions and Traditions".



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, Dec. 7, at 9:30 am** in Upper Church.

The St. Martha's Women's Group will be having a Christmas gathering in Guadalupe Hall on Saturday, Dec. 28, from 10AM - 12PM. We will have food, drinks, fellowship and fun. We will also be accepting donations for St. Clare's Home. If you wish to join us and for more information, please sign-up [HERE](#).

Please join St Martha's Book Club on **Monday, Dec. 2**, in the Juan Diego Room to discuss "**Princess Elizabeth's Spy**" by Susan Elia MacNeal.

We meet from 12:30-2:00pm.
Call (864) 360-2406 for details.

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 35: December 1



Your baby is still putting on the pounds, about an ounce a day. He now weighs almost 6 pounds and is a little less than 19 inches long. He is shedding most of the downy covering of hair that covered his body. At the end of this week, your baby will be considered full term, even though he has been completely formed since week 8.

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 is in the Charleston area **Dec. 13-15**. For information or registration please contact Christy at 803-554-6088 or Kathy 803-546-6010.

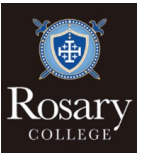
Learn more about Natural Family Planning with the Creighton Model System.

Introductory Sessions will be presented by OLR parishioner and Family Nurse Practitioner, Meghan Pillow, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, on Saturday mornings after the Pro-life Masses at about 10:15am in the OLR cafeteria. **December 7**, and 28, February 1, and March 1. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Upper Church on **Friday, December 6**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am School Mass and continues until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed at 5:00pm.

Discover an affordable Catholic education at **Rosary College**, including for dual-enrolled high school students, high school graduates and for adult continuing education!



Join our weekly Wednesday Information Session, 6:30-7:30 pm, to learn more about our program and mission. For Zoom registration go to rosary.college or email contact@rosarycollege.com.

JOIN US FOR "UNDERSTANDING THE HUMAN PERSON"

A CATHOLIC RETREAT CLASS FOR ADULTS

Find out how to respond effectively to questions from family & friends about current moral issues. Join other men and women to get answers, enjoy fellowship, and engage in spiritual reflection. Find out more: www.familyhonor.org/weekend-training-course



Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7, 2024



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