



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*

November 24, 2024

Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The concept of Jesus Christ King of the Universe is rooted in Jesus' identity as the son of David, and he thus fulfills the prophetic promise to King David that the Lord would give him a kingdom that would last forever. (2 Samuel 7:16) At the Annunciation the Angel Gabriel confirmed the fulfillment of this promise, saying that the child of the Virgin Mary would inherit the throne of his Father David and that his kingdom would have no end. (Luke 1:32-33) This universal authority is claimed by the Lord himself when he says "All authority in heaven and earth has been given to me. (Matthew 28:18) That this kingship is cosmic and eternal is revealed in the writings of St. Paul who says "At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow" (Philippians 2:10-11) In the Book of Revelation, St. John sees the Lord enthroned in heaven with all the hosts of heaven worshipping him singing, "The Kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

This final victory and reign of the Lord is what we celebrate now, at the end of Ordinary Time. Theologians reflecting on this truth have pointed out that this eternal reign of Christ is not only a glory to look forward to in the future, but because it is an eternal reality it is outside of earthly time. Therefore, it is a reality even now. The goal, therefore, is for us to live within that reality even though it often seems that the devil and the powers of darkness still rule in this world.

In fact, they do NOT rule in this world. Jesus Christ, King of the Universe conquered the powers of darkness in his passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church is the reality of his kingdom active and dynamic here in this realm of space and time and human history. Never forget, therefore, that we are citizens of heaven. Although we dwell in this mortal sphere, we are, in reality, the subjects of the eternal king. We live here in this realm for several decades as aliens in a foreign land. Our true home is another country far beyond the stars where the King of Glory reigns.

Our worship is a glimpse of that glory and a foretaste of heaven. During the coming season of Advent, I encourage you to read the Book of Revelation—especially chapters 4-6 and trace there the similarities between John's vision of heavenly worship and the worship at OLR. There you will find incense and angels, the four mysterious beasts that represent the gospel writers, the Lamb on the throne and the cherubim who cry Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord. This is why our worship aims to be otherworldly. We don't sing music that sounds like a pop tune or a love song from a Disney film. We sing sacred music that lifts our hearts and minds to heaven and takes us to the threshold of our true home.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for the week ending Nov. 17, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 25,456.

Surplus: \$ 3,456.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #21 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 462,000.

Received: \$ 506,070.

Surplus: \$ 44,070.

Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd.

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

*Debt paid off this month,
 thank you for your generosity!*

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 23, through Sunday, December 1

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

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| Saturday, 11/23 | 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Jerry Hoff</i> |
| Sunday, 11/24 <i>Christ the King</i> | 8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For James Cronican+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Anna Marie of Jesus, OP</i> |
| Monday, 11/25 Lower Church | 8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Albert Bricco+</i> |
| Tuesday, 11/26 Lower Church | 12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Isobel Saunders+</i> |
| Wednesday, 11/27 <i>Mass of Thanksgiving</i> | 7:15am NO Mass due to school dismissal 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 Albert Bricco+</i> |
| Thursday, 11/28 <i>Thanksgiving</i> | 10:00 am - NO Mass |
| Friday, 11/29 Lower Church | 10:00 am - Daily Mass (NOT a School Mass) <i>For Albert Bricco+</i> |
| 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> | 8:00am - 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> |

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular Youth Group meeting on Sunday, November 24, from 6-8pm. Father Longenecker will be presenting in honor of the Feast of St. Michael .

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Joy is prayer. Joy is strength. Joy is love. Joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls. You give the most when you give joy. God loves a cheerful giver. Never let anything so fill you with sorrow as to make you forget the joy of Christ risen.” **Mother Teresa**

This week’s readings celebrate Christ the King of the Universe. Is Christ the King of your life or are you king of your life? Have we forgotten “the joy of Christ risen”? Many of the people I work with at Mother Teresa House claim to have faith in Him. I say claim because for many people, faith in Him is a nice and proper phrase, but it is not internalized. It is a danger in this busy world when we push Him from the center of our lives, maybe a little, but for some a lot.

Christ is King, Alleluia! May He always be the King of our lives in faith, words and deeds.

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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.

Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of Nov. 24, will be for the Guatemalan Mission.

Recently baptized was **Margaret-Anne Ruth Stickley** daughter of James & Emalee Stickley



We welcome Margaret-Anne as a new member of the OLR family.

SCHOOL NEWS



Nov. 25 - 29 NO School
Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 5 Lessons & Carols, 3rd-8th Grades
6-8pm in Upper Church

Thanksgiving Schedule

School will be closed Nov. 25-29
NO Mass at 7:15am on Nov. 27
Parish Offices will be closed Nov. 27-29
Wednesday, Nov. 27, 6:00pm Mass of Thanksgiving
There will be NO MASS on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28
Daily Mass will resume on Friday, November 29, in **Lower Church** (not a School Mass)

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



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.**

RCIA

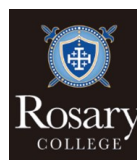
We will not meet this week, our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **December 4**, at 7pm in the Upper School Classroom, discussing “Catholic Devotions and Traditions”.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

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.



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.



Divine Mercy

As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King this Sunday, let us contemplate the many ways that Jesus is proclaimed King. He is King of Kings, King of Glory, King of Heaven and Earth, King of Love. And, as He repeatedly revealed to St. Faustina, He is King of Mercy. "I dwell in the tabernacle as King of Mercy," He told her. (*Diary*, 378)

Many of us make New Year's resolutions at the beginning of the calendar year. We want to do better in areas where we feel lacking. With the liturgical new year beginning with the First Sunday of Advent next week, let us resolve, with faith and love, to avail ourselves of God's incomprehensible mercy.

"Let the sinner not be afraid to approach me. The flames of mercy are burning Me, clamoring to be spent," Jesus tells St. Faustina. "I want to pour them out upon these souls." (*Diary*, 50) Later in her diary, He assures souls, "I cannot punish even the greatest sinner if he makes an appeal to My compassion, but on the contrary, I justify him in my unfathomable and inscrutable mercy. Write: before I come as a just Judge, I first open wide the door of my mercy." (*Diary*, 1146)

Remember to open the door of mercy to anyone who is dying or in hospice, by contacting Martha Mahan in the parish office to request that the Cenacle of Divine Mercy members pray the chaplet for them for a full week. Jesus has promised, "At the hour of their death, I defend as My own glory every soul that will say this chaplet; or when others say it for a dying person, the pardon is the same." (*Diary*, 811)

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 34: November 24



Your baby now weighs over 5.5 pounds. His crown-to-rump length by this week of pregnancy is about 13.2 inches, and his total length is 20.25 inches. Because it is so snug in your womb, he is not likely to be doing somersaults anymore, but the number of times he kicks should remain about the same. His kidneys are fully developed now, and his liver can process some waste products.

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.



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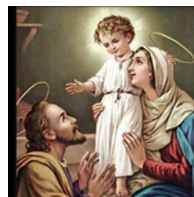
Friday, December 6 and Saturday, December 7, 2024



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To Our Spiritual Adoption & Birthright Baby Shower Participants! THANK YOU!!!



Your spiritual adoption in prayer and gifts for unborn babies in danger of abortion have been a true blessing! Baby lives have been saved as parents' hearts opened to receive them. As we approach Advent and the birth day of Baby Jesus, we know that God will remember your generosity and we ask for His continual blessing upon you and your families. One day, God will reveal to you the babies you helped save!

-OLR Respect Life Committee

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

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