



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

Monday, 9am - 1pm

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

Thursday, 7-8 pm, *Lower Church*

December 29, 2024

Feast of the Holy Family

When I lived in England, and had some time free in London, I used to head for the National Gallery on Trafalgar Square in the middle of that great city. There was a favorite painting there I wanted to see. It is by the Spanish painter Murillo, and the subject is the Holy Family.

Some have also called it "The Two Trinities". Like many paintings from the seventeenth century, the artist was illustrating some wonderful theological truths. The boy Jesus occupies the central ground of the painting. He stands on a raised platform with the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph on either side. He is therefore above them and his hands reach out to hold their hands. The composition is triangular, and above his head is the dove of the Holy Spirit. Over the Holy Spirit dove we see angels holding open the clouds of heaven so we can see the Almighty Father looking down with affection and blessing.

The picture is called The Two Trinities because on the vertical axis we see the Holy Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but on the horizontal plane we see Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The Holy Family on earth therefore reflects and joins with the "Family" of the Most Holy and Undivided Trinity. The powerful truth this painting illustrates is one of which we should all be reminded on this feast of the Holy Family. It is not only the Holy Family of Nazareth that reflects the family of the Holy Trinity in heaven, but it is also our own families. Marriage is a sacrament. That means it is a means of grace and a ladder to heaven. The union of one man and one woman for life that brings forth new life is a sacred and eternal joy.

In many ways, in our society the family is under attack. In the confusion of gender identity and sexual roles an increasing number of people are unsure what a man is and a woman is. With quick divorce and breakdown of the family more and more children are confused, lonely and angry because women and men are breaking the marriage bond through adultery, pornography and other forms of sin and selfishness. When we break marriage, we are breaking a holy trinity. When we break marriage, we are dishonoring our family members, but we are also dishonoring God.

At OLR we will work with you to nurture and build up our families. They are our most precious treasure. I would remind you that if you are having relationship problems, questions about sexuality and marriage, and difficulties in your family, come and ask for help. Fr. Richard is a trained and licensed counsellor, and I also am more than ready to listen and offer what help I can.

It is up to all of us to build up our little Holy Families so that our church, our school and our world can prosper.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Not yet published, will be included in report for January 5, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$.

Surplus: \$.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #25 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$.

Received: \$.

Surplus: \$.

Please Note . . .

The Parish Offices will be closed Dec. 25 - Jan. 3, for Christmas Break, and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 6.

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, December 28, through Sunday, January 5

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 12/28	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Albert Bricco+</i>
Sunday, 12/29 <i>Feast of the Holy Family</i>	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Scott Allen Elston, Jr. +</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Elliott Caya+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 12/30 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Albert Bricco+</i>
Tuesday, 12/31 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass
Wednesday, 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Holy Day of Obligation 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Albert Bricco+</i> 6:00 pm - Mass <i>No Adoration or Confessions this day.</i>
Thursday, 1/2 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Frances Ann Howard Robinson+</i>
Friday, 1/3 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Miller Hutson</i>
Saturday, 1/4	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 1/5	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Elizabeth Geerts</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 Anne Hall</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will NOT have our regular Middle and High School Youth Group meeting on December 29. Our next official Youth Group Session will be Sunday, January 5. We are having past Alumni come give talks about Practical Catholic Living After High School.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Whatever you do for your family, your children, your husband, your wife, you do for God. All we do, our prayers, our work, our suffering, is for Jesus.”

Mother Teresa

One of the many Feast Days tucked in the Octave of Christmas is the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Since the beginning, the family has been under attack by the devil. The fruits of that attack are seen in those I deal with, the popular culture, and why I mention it so often in my articles. It is easy to forget how special it is and how to truly love our family as He loved us.

During this Christmas Octave and season, draw closer to your family and to Him. It is in this way that we can bring light and hope to a fallen world.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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Feast of the Holy Family Sunday, December 29, 2024

The Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday occurring between the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, and Mary, Mother of God, January 1.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2025
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

*Adoration and Confessions
are canceled that day.*

SCHOOL NEWS

Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 Christmas Break
Jan. 6 Classes Resume

Our Deacon in Training, **Eric Bricco** will be ordained to the permanent diaconate at the Cathedral in Charleston on Saturday, February 1, at 11:00 am. Let's support him with our presence if we can.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.

Throughout this year, through your generosity, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring joy and hope to our “brothers and sisters” who are struggling by assisting families, providing food and financial assistance. Thank you!



Epiphany Family Dance

**Friday January 3,
2025
6-10pm**

Come celebrate the Epiphany with your parish family! This event is for the whole parish with family friendly music for all ages. There will not be a meal, but please bring a snack or dessert to share and dance the night away in the OLR gym.

Call or Text Devin Ascheman with any questions 808-469-8436

RCIA

December 25 - January 1, Christmas Break.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **January 8**, at 7pm, discussing "Marriage and Catholic Sexual Ethics"

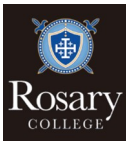


Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 39: December 29



It is hard to say for sure how big your baby will be, but the average newborn weighs in at a little over 7 pounds and is about 20 inches long. Your baby will continue to grow with every passing day. His skull bones are still separated and they will stay that way to allow the bones to compress enough to fit through the birth canal during labor. It is almost time for Baby's big day!



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.

St. Edmund Campion Catholic Church in Flat Rock, NC, is looking for a part time Business Operations Manager. Please go [HERE](#) for details.

Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for the most recent news
Donna Craft,
Director of Communications,
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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 on **February 1**, and March 1.

For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

Join Fr. Ballard and St. Martha's Book Club for a tour and book discussion on **Jan 6, 2025** at Christ on Main, 14 S. Main Street, Greenville. We will meet at **12:00pm** with discussion of "**Story of a Soul (St. Therese of Lisieux)**" from 12:30-2:00pm. For more details call 864 360-2406.



SOUTH CAROLINA STUDENT LIFE SUMMIT

Saturday, January 11th at 2pm
Village Church | Downtown Columbia Campus
2204 Park St, Columbia, SC 29201

You are invited to join SC Citizens for Life earlier on January 11th for the SC Life March.
11am: Line up at the Russell House in Downtown Columbia
12pm: Rally at the State House



Toni McFadden
Keynote Speaker
Author & International Speaker



Father Rhett Williams
Guest & Speaker
Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Charleston and pastor of St. Thomas More Church

1:15PM: CFA LUNCH AVAILABLE
2:00PM: EVENT BEGINS
3:00PM: SERVICE

GET YOUR TICKETS:
studentlifesummit.com