



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*

January 5, 2025

Epiphany of the Lord

One of the perennial themes of the Christmas season is the giving of gifts. Christmas shopping, Gifts under the tree, the exciting gifts, the awkward gifts, the fattening gifts, the not so exciting gifts...all of it is part of the festivity, fun and faith.

Epiphany is the celebration of the magi bringing their gifts to the Christ child. The rich gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh all had a ceremonial and religious dimension. They were gifts given to a king, but they were also gifts that were given to the pagan gods. Gold was the obvious gift of wealth. Frankincense was offered in the ancient religions as not only a way to make a costly and sacrificial offering, but the incense was actually used in worship as part of the greater temple sacrifice. Myrrh was used as a pain killer and a perfume to anoint a dead body and thus linked with Our Lord's death and burial.

Each of the gifts were therefore not only costly sacrifices but were linked with worship. They still are. When we come to Mass, we see the silver or gold sacred vessels on the altar. We smell the fragrant incense smoke arising and the fragrant holy oils in the Eastern tradition are referred to as the myrrh.

We thank God for these rich gifts at Epiphany and this epiphany is also timed as the run up to our annual stewardship campaign. Over the next two weeks we will ask you to make your costly offering to the Lord. Every member of Our Lady of the Rosary should follow the example of the magi and bring their offerings to the Lord. Next week we will hear more about the campaign, and everyone will receive a mailing with full information. Then on January 18-19 we will present our 2025 pledge cards.

Please prayerfully consider what the Lord is calling you to do as we move forward to do his work in this place.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Not yet published, will be included in report for January 12, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$.

Surplus: \$.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #26 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$.

Received: \$.

Surplus: \$.

Please Note . . .

The Parish Offices 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, January 4, through Sunday, January 12

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 1/4	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 1/5 Epiphany of the Lord	8:00 am - 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>
Monday, 1/6 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Josephine Howard Furman</i>
Tuesday, 1/7 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Edward Daniels+</i>
Wednesday, 1/8	7:15am - Daily Mass, <i>For Lucia De Groat</i> 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 Dolores Chasuk</i>
Thursday, 1/9 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Peter Kowalchick+</i>
Friday, 1/10	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Mary Ann Reese+</i>
Saturday, 1/11	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Rachel Geerts</i>
Sunday, 1/12	8:00am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Elliott Caya+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass <i>For Sr. Catherine Maria of the Passion, OP</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

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

“Today the Magi gaze in deep wonder at what they see – heaven on earth, earth in heaven, man in God, God in man, One whom the whole universe cannot contain, now enclosed in a tiny body. As they look, they believe and do not question, as their symbolic gifts bear witness – incense for God, gold for a King, myrrh for One who is to die.”

St Peter Chrysologus

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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.



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

SCHOOL NEWS

Jan. 6 Classes Resume
Jan. 20 NO School - MLK Holiday

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 prayers, and our presence if we are able.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to those in need.

RCIA



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

Recently baptized was
Carl Fletcher Kelly
son of
Aubrey & Bradleigh Kelly



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

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 40: January 5



Your spiritually adopted baby was born today nine months after he was conceived. Baby is no different now than before birth except that he breathes and eats differently. Your baby is truly a miracle. He began his life at conception with 46 chromosomes and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human person. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby.

Tickets for the **OLR Gala** are now on sale. Celebrating our school's 70th anniversary since its founding with a Back to the Future theme, it'll be the biggest gala yet! **Early Bird pricing** of \$125 per ticket is available through January 31, after which Full Price is \$150. The gala will be held on March 22nd. We have a special guest speaker Rod Dreher, and we'll even have a real DeLorean at the event! All school families will receive an invitation in the mail, and you can also learn more [on the school website](#).

	<h2>2025 Gala Theme</h2>
<p>Welcome to the 2025 Back to the Future Gala! We're excited to take you on a journey through time, celebrating the best of the past & the promise of the future. In honor of OLR's 70th Anniversary, we are going ... <i>Back to the Classics for the Future of Catholic Education!</i></p>	
<h1>SAVE THE DATE</h1>	<h2>Event Details</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Date & Time: March 22, 2025 from 5pm-10pm• Location: Greer Cannon Centre 204 Cannon St, Greer, SC 29651• Dress Code: Retro, futuristic, or a blend of both! Dress like Marty McFly, Doc Brown, or Jennifer Parker ... or dress up in your elegant evening attire or dream up your own futuristic fashion.

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