



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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## **Parish Office Hours**

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## **School Office Hours**

8:00am - 3:00pm, Monday-Friday

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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

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## **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 12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

This week we begin our two week annual stewardship campaign. In past years this has happened during October, but due to the busy schedule in the parish we decided to move it to coincide with the New Year (when people make fresh commitments) and the season of Epiphany—in which we meditate on the gifts the Magi brought to the Christ child.

Remember that the wise men left their comfort zone to travel to Bethlehem. A stewardship campaign is one of those “leave the comfort zone” moments in church life. As church leaders we don’t find fund raising to be much fun. We have to leave our comfort zone to embark on the stewardship campaign and ask people to give.

As parishioners you too need to leave your comfort zone and do some lateral thinking. “Lateral thinking” is thinking sideways - thinking about the money you will give, not the money you will spend, the money you will invest, or the money you will save. However, with a little bit of lateral thought you will see that giving to the Lord’s work is a way of spending, investing and saving. You are spending money to maintain the facilities and ministry of the parish. In doing so you are investing in the future of the faith, and you are investing in your own spiritual future, and you are saving by putting your money in a “safe place” - thus storing up treasure in heaven.

If you are a registered member of OLR, and you have not done so already, you will receive a mailing explaining this year’s stewardship campaign, and with it will be a pledge card for you to record the level of your weekly gift and how much you may be able to give towards a special campaign later in the year to fund the modular classrooms for the school.

If you are not a registered member, we ask you also to participate. Pick up the brochure and pledge card in the narthex as you leave Mass this week. Please remember to plan your giving: how much can you give each week? Please give sacrificially: think how much you can give then add a bit more. If you already give regularly try to do a bit more. We will collect the pledge cards at the Masses next weekend. The new pledges will kick in the beginning of February. This gives us time to go to the parish website and set up or amend our online giving.

Thank you for stepping outside your comfort zone with us and may God Bless you and your family in this New Year!

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Operating Financials

### Collections for the 3 weeks ending Jan. 5, 2025

Needed: \$ 66,000.

Received: \$ 118,268.

Surplus: \$ 52,268.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #28 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 616,000.

Received: \$ 731,342.

Surplus: \$ 115,342.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Albozek, 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, Theresa Morelli, 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 11, through Sunday, January 19

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 1/11	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Rachel Geerts</i>
Sunday, 1/12 <b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	8:00 am - 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>
Monday, 1/13 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For William &amp; Irene Stockton+</i>
Tuesday, 1/14 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Wednesday, 1/15	7:15am - Daily Mass, <i>For Orsay Infant</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 Infant Sammy+</i>
Thursday, 1/16 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Villman C. Becklin</i>
Friday, 1/17	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Jean Rowe+</i>
Saturday, 1/18	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Albert Bricco+</i>
Sunday, 1/19	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Robert Dune</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Blanche Delfrey+</i>

Please note . . .  
 School and Parish Offices will  
 be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, for  
 the MLK holiday.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will NOT meet this Sunday, Jan. 12, however, we will meet on Sunday night, Jan. 19. If you are planning to attend the National March Jan. 24, you are required to attend that meeting, and if not, you will need to meet with Mr. Haggard and Mrs. Fowler before we leave for D.C.

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*“Faith in action is service. We try to be holy because we believe. In most modern rooms you see an electrical light that can be turned on with a switch. But, if there is no connection with the main powerhouse, then there can be no light. Faith and prayer is the connection with God, and when that is there, there is service.”*

**Mother Teresa**

People often ask why I write about prayer and faith so often when writing about Mother Teresa House and it because they are connected. Our prayer and faith lives in our parish lead to service. We serve our families, each other, our church and school and in our work with our many parish ministries and Mother Teresa House. My ability to work with the people I do is a direct reflection of the prayer and faith of this parish. Our prayers strengthen those around us to do the work we cannot do ourselves. I ask you to continue to pray and increase your faith in this new calendar year as it will allow us to do the service we are called to do. Thanks for our priests and deacons who feed us spiritually, and for all of you who allow us to be a light to those in need.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
cloewer@charlestdiocese.org

**Fr. Longenecker, Fr. Richard, the Deacons and parish staff wish to express their thanks for the many cards and gifts that they received this Christmas. All were most appreciated!**

For 8<sup>th</sup> graders and high schoolers in need of the **Sacrament of Confirmation**, please submit your registration paperwork to JohnMark Cayer. Our first class is February 3, in Guadalupe Hall at 7:30pm. Go [HERE](#) for the Confirmation Calendar with important dates.

Recently baptized was  
**Alfred Sebastian McGuckin**  
son of  
Stephen & Charlene McGuckin



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

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Jan. 20** NO School - MLK Holiday  
**Jan. 27-31** Catholic Schools Week

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

*After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words.*

As you help those who are struggling, know in your heart the truth of the words “you are my beloved in whom I am well pleased”.

## “A Bridge to the Future” Program

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our “A Bridge to the Future” Program. Please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing, or bring your card to Mass next Sunday. Or, you may visit our website [HERE](#) and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please check in the Narthex hall outside the men's restroom and pick up your lost items as soon as possible.





**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](mailto:scnaprofnp@gmail.com).

**40 Days For Life  
Fall Campaign Closing Comments**

The Fall Campaign of 40 Days for Life ended November 3, 2024, with a total of **331 confirmed lives saved worldwide**, 3 abortion workers converted and left their jobs, and 2 more facilities closed. However, the battle is not over. Abortions continue when a heartbeat is not detected. Therefore, we still need prayer warriors to pray at the abortion center. We have had one baby saved since the campaign ended because of the continued presence and the prayers of prayer warriors. Please consider joining us. We are now participating in 40 Days 365 and are trying to have a presence at the facility daily from 8 AM to 3 PM Monday through Friday, focusing on Thursday to fill these hours completely. Please go [HERE](#) to sign up. On another note, the 2025 Spring Campaign begins Ash Wednesday, March 5th and ends Palm Sunday, April 13th. Thank you for your commitment to Life!

**RCIA**

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **January 15**, at 7pm, discussing "Holy Orders and the Papacy"




**Seven Sisters Apostolate**, a prayer apostolate for our priests, is seeking new members. We are looking for women to make a weekly prayer commitment for Fathers Longenecker and Ballard. This ministry was started in October 2020, and we currently have some women praying for our priests weekly, but many have finished their year commitment and so we are seeking new sisters. This ministry basically involves one woman praying one holy hour on her assigned or predetermined day of the week. This is done every week for a one year commitment. It can be done at home or in any nearby Catholic Church and does not need to be in an adoration chapel. It is a beautiful ministry praying for our parish priests especially during these uncertain times we are living through. Please contact Pat Wilder [patwilder@verizon.net](mailto:patwilder@verizon.net).

*Are you aware that this year your time and talent could be invaluable to **Moms in Need** in Greater Greenville? Yes, we can always use funds to help our Moms, but we also need those who can give a fraction of their time! Do you have marketing, IT or budgeting skills, a good head for bargains/resources, can translate (Spanish/English), prepare a meal or drive someone to a food pantry? **Call or text 864-791-5080 for more info!***



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](#).




## 2025 Gala Theme

**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 ...  
**Back to the Classics for  
the Future of Catholic Education!**

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## Event Details

- 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](http://olr.church) and [olr.school](http://olr.school) for the most recent news  
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