



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 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Bible says, "The Lord loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9: 6-7) but what does that mean? I think it means that when we give, we should do so with a cheerful heart, but it also means that giving will produce a cheerful heart, and that this leads to God's blessing.

How does that work? I think it works in various ways. Firstly, when we give our time, our talents and our treasure we feel that we've done something good and worthy and that makes us feel better and be more cheerful. Secondly, when we give our money, we are released from the bondage of worry and greed, and that freedom also makes us feel more cheerful. Thirdly, when we see what good our donation has done, we feel good about it and so more cheerful. Finally, we experience God's favor and blessing spiritually and materially in our lives and that makes us cheerful too.

All of this works to make us happy, healthy and whole. It does so because when we give, we are doing what we were created to do. We were created in God's image and God is the great self giver. His divine nature is outgoing and out-giving. He is constantly at work pouring his grace and favor into the world—constantly creating, forgiving and overflowing in bounty. When we give generously, we share in that divine nature, and since we were created in his image, we are becoming what we were created to be.

So, this week, as we conclude our stewardship campaign, I trust that you will join with me in giving generously to the Lord's work in this place. I would like to remind you that 10% of your gift automatically goes to the larger work of the Diocese of Charleston. Gifts to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the School and Mercy Works Charity are exempt from the 10% levy. If you can, please use online giving. This saves time and money for the parish and is therefore part of being a good steward.

Thank you for participating generously and helping us spread and build up the Catholic faith in this section of Greenville!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Jan. 12, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 31,944.

Surplus: \$ 9,944.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #29 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 638,000.

Received: \$ 763,287.

Surplus: \$ 125,287.

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, 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 18, through Sunday, January 26

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 1/18	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Albert Bricco+</i>
Sunday, 1/19	8:00 am - 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>
Monday, 1/20 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Harley Chester+</i>
Tuesday, 1/21 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Communion Service
Wednesday, 1/22	7:15am - No Mass 7:15 am - 5:15 pm - Eucharistic Adoration (Lower Church) 4:15 - 5:15 pm - No Confessions (Lower Church) 5:15 pm - Benediction (Lower Church) 6:00 pm - No Mass
Thursday, 1/23 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass
Friday, 1/24	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Shirley & Jill Matvia</i>
Saturday, 1/25	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Connor Huff</i>
Sunday, 1/26	8:00am - Mass, <i>For JoAnn Gorman</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For James Fiato+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

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

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular Youth Group meeting on Jan. 19, going over all the information for the March for Life in DC. This meeting is mandatory for all who are going - we will be going over the packing list and rules. If you cannot make this meeting, then there is a make-up meeting Jan. 21, at 12:20pm in Mr. Silva's room.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Not all of us can do great things, but we can do small things with great love.”
Mother Teresa

Mary, our mother, told the servants *“Do whatever he tells you.”* We hear what he tells us through faith and through prayer, when we are quiet enough to listen to Him. We often pray saying “listen Lord, your servant is speaking” which is important, but how often do we say *“Speak Lord, your servant is listening”*. I say this because in the second reading, we hear that we all have different spiritual gifts. We find those gifts when we approach our Lord in humility in prayer to speak with Him but also listening to Him. With the thousands of people we talked to this past year at Mother Teresa House, I had to find their needs and help find a path forward. Many are requests for financial assistance or where to find a service. Many need much more help to even find what the true need is, not just the want. We have to first build trust, which takes time. Many don't want to take even the first steps, others say they do but in hopes they get what they want, and there are those willing to follow a path out. This past week, I listened to people from all three of those areas. We all have different spiritual gifts but we can all pray. Pray for our work at MTH and for us to have the spiritual gifts we need to help those who come to us.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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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

In the Gospel today, at the wedding feast in Cana, Jesus reveals himself to his disciples and they begin to believe in him. Every day, God also gives us signs of his love and so we also can respond in faith and trust.

Through your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, whether through monetary and food donations or volunteering in the SVdP ministries, we become a sign of God's love to those who are struggling and give them reason to believe and to trust.

“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 on 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.

Both our priests will attend the Diocesan Priest Convocation in Charleston January 20-22. The Mass schedule will be as follows:

Tuesday, Jan. 21 **Communion Service**
Wednesday, Jan. 22 **7:15am and 6pm Masses Canceled**

For 8th 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
Conrad Theodore Mullin
son of
Zachary & Heather Mullin



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

Join **St. Martha's Book Club** on Monday, Feb 3, as we discuss **“At Home in Mitford”** by Jan Karon. We meet at 12:30 in Juan Diego Room. Questions, call 864-360-2406.



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 Guadalupe Hall on **Feb. 1**, March 1, April 5, May 3. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

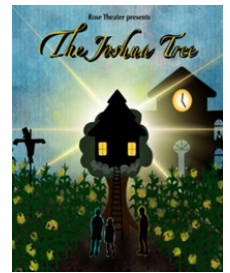
Seven Sisters Apostolate, a prayer apostolate for our priests, is seeking new members. We are looking for women to make a weekly prayer commitment for Fathers Longenecker and Ballard. We currently have some women praying for our priests weekly, but many have finished their year commitment and so we are 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

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Jan. 22**, at 7pm, discussing "Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, God's Mercy, and The Incarnation".



Don't miss this exciting new play produced by our Middle School students. In ***The Joshua Tree***, written by Fr. Longenecker, siblings Joshua, Adam, and Lily are thrust into a thrilling journey through a mysterious parallel world after tragedy strikes their family.



As they navigate treacherous landscapes, sinister figures, and the oppressive Witherspoon Academy, they must uncover hidden truths about their past and summon the courage to reunite against all odds. Packed with adventure, heart, and a touch of magic, this play is a spellbinding tale of love, loss, and the unbreakable bond of family.

Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#).

Questions should be directed to boxoffice@olrschool.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!**

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.

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

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

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