



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 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At various intervals during my time at OLR I have asked the parishioners to tell me what they consider to be our priorities in parish life. The first priority has always been "The faithful worship and proclamation of the Catholic faith". The second has been our parish school, and the third has been our historic ministry to the needy through the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Mother Teresa House, prison ministry and MercyWorks Charity.

These priorities seem just right to me. They fulfill the gospel commandments to first love God then love our neighbor. When I first came to the parish in 2010 these priorities were expressed, and this is why the first step was to build our new church. During the last 14 years we have also done our best to maintain and build up the parish school and continue our support for our ministry to the needy.

The growth of OLR School has been wonderful to see, and now that the new church is built, we need to turn our attention to the master plan of building the new school and parish facilities. As we have explained, raising the funds for this very ambitious project will take several years. However, we need more room in the school now! Therefore, we have put together a proposal for an interim solution. On the Lower field behind the existing school, we need to erect modular classrooms to house our growing Upper School. We also need to renovate the entrance, restrooms, kitchen and cafeteria of our gym and solve some pressing infrastructure problems.

To do this we need to raise about \$1.5m. We hope to borrow half of that sum: \$750 thousand from the diocese, but to do so we need to raise the other half in cash gifts and five year pledges. We will move forward with this as soon as we receive permission to do so from the diocese. We will then embark on a mini capital campaign to raise the necessary cash and pledges. Please begin thinking about what you are able to do help us move forward.

One of the benefits of this interim plan is that it will free up space for both school and parish activities while we plan the "big build" envisioned in the master plan. In addition, because the modular units are moveable, we can sell them and recoup some of our expenditure.

Thank you for your generosity and your example of faithful living and giving.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Jan. 19, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 20,509.

Deficit: \$ 1,491.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #30 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 660,000.

Received: \$ 783,796.

Surplus: \$ 123,796.

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. For questions, call 864-360-2406.



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 25, through Sunday, February 2

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 1/25	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Connor Huff</i>
Sunday, 1/26	8:00 am - 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>
Monday, 1/27 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Margaret Scheboth+</i>
Tuesday, 1/28 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Angela Schlosser</i>
Wednesday, 1/29	7:15am - Mass 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 Jean Nadeau+</i>
Thursday, 1/30 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Joanne Gorman+</i>
Friday, 1/32	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Sr. Rose of St. Mary, OP</i>
Saturday, 2/1	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Albert Bricco+</i>
Sunday, 2/2	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Carolyn Watson+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Matthew Lamontagne+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will not have our regular Youth Group meeting on Sunday, Jan. 26, due to the March for Life event in Washington.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Love begins by taking care of the closest ones - the ones at home." **Mother Teresa**

In our second reading this weekend, Paul talks about the body of Christ being many parts creating one body. No part is less than another and all are important, even the parts we consider to be undesirable. *"Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor,"* This is why we do what we do at Mother Teresa House. We are there for those that seem less necessary and less honorable and through His love our actions offer them a hand and an ear. With our actions, we hope to plant or water the seeds of faith in Him with everyone we meet.

Like Him, sometimes those are tough conversations to hear and understand. We often think what we do does not matter, we may never see the fruits of our actions and faith, but like planting a fruit tree, it takes time to grow, blossom and bear fruit.

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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.



Our school PTO is hosting a **Father-Daughter Dance** on **Saturday, February 8, from 6:30pm-8:30pm** in the Gym.

Fathers and their daughters will play games, dance, and enjoy desserts.

This is a free event, and we hope you will enjoy this evening with us. Please RSVP to (404) 834-6886 by February 1.

Feast Day of St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Monday, Feb. 3, the 8:30am Daily Mass will be held in **Upper Church**. Fr. Longenecker will administer Blessing of the Throats after Mass.



SCHOOL NEWS

Jan. 27-31 Catholic Schools Week

Youth Spring Soccer at OLR School and Parish, for ages 4-14. These teams are open to the parish community so please invite your friends! Go [HERE](#) to register.

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.

To watch the Ordination, go to one of these sites:

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/TpWCsRTjGAfeature=share>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/18e3KtWBVq/>

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reads the words of scripture: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor."

Through your gifts, in the month of December the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 153 families, providing food through our food pantry, and \$1,298 in financial assistance for utility payments. Thank You!

Next weekend, Feb. 1/2, we will celebrate the feast of the **Presentation of the Lord**, also known as **Candlemas**. This marks the bringing of the Lord Jesus to the temple in Jerusalem by his parents, St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary. It took place exactly 40 days after his birth. Parishioners are welcome to bring their own candles to be blessed during the Masses this weekend. A table will be available in the church where you can place your candles, and then pick them up following Mass.

LOST AND FOUND

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



Next week **we will donate** any items still left in the Lost and Found box.

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 pre-determined day of the week. This is done every week for a one year commitment. 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, or 703-638-5099.

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Jan. 29**, at 7pm, discussing "Catholic Social Teaching and Catholic Anthropology".



Don't miss this exciting new play produced by our Middle School students, Feb. 13-15. 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.

Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of Jan. 26, will be for the the Church in Latin America.

This weekend, the last weekend of the month, the Blessing Table will be available for those that wish to have items blessed. The deacons will be in the Narthex after all the Masses.

*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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