



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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## **Parish Office Hours**

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## **School Office Hours**

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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*

February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the summer of 2010 Bishop Guglielmo asked me to become administrator of Our Lady of the Rosary parish. An administrator (as opposed to pastor) is a temporary appointment of a priest to be in charge of a parish. The appointment as administrator was made because the Vatican had asked that married men (who were ordained under the special pastoral provision) should not be put in charge of parishes. This guidance was given so that the married men would have a more financially secure position as a hospital, school or prison chaplain. Nevertheless, Bishop Guglielmo was assured that our situation would be secure and so asked me to step in.

The first five years presented many challenges. Happily, Bishop Guglielmo also ordained and appointed Fr. Ballard as deacon to serve at OLR.

At the service of dedication for our new church in 2016 Bishop Guglielmo announced that I was to be appointed as pastor. For this appointment he had to obtain special permission from Rome. I have been amazingly blessed to serve as administrator and pastor now for almost fifteen years. During that time, we have seen the Lord lead us and provide wonderful answers to prayer.

In addition to the new church being completed, the old church has been renovated to provide the Guadalupe Hall and the four classrooms we have needed to upgrade our parish school to provide a K4-12 education for our families. When the Vietnamese members of OLR left to establish Our Lady of La Vang Church we lost 1/3 of our people. Since then, our numbers have bounced back and OLR parish and school are larger than ever.

The blessing of growth we have enjoyed can be attributed to a number of factors: first, the demographics are good. Upstate South Carolina is a beautiful place to relocate to with lots of opportunities, a safe place for families and plenty of resources. Secondly, we have been blessed with a wonderful parish and school staff who are smart, well qualified, hard working and full of faith and love for the Lord. The growth would also not have been possible except for the stable, loyal, prayerful and generous parishioners. I have often "bragged" about OLR's depth of feeling for the faith, the beautiful worship, the generous giving and the hard work shown in our school and parish ministries—in catechesis, evangelization, pro-life work and outreach to the needy.

As we move forward into 2025—through Lent, Paschaltide, and then the rest of this church year to Advent, I encourage each one of you not to become indifferent or to take our beautiful parish for granted, but to work and pray even harder to proclaim joyfully our Catholic faith in our words and our works, in our homes, in our private lives, in our workplaces, our school and beyond.

God has more plans for Our Lady of the Rosary parish! Let's keep up the good work!

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Feb. 9, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 23,482.

Surplus: \$ 1,482.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #33 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 726,000.

Received: \$ 868,289.

Surplus: \$ 142,289.

## Year End Tax Reports

Please contact [Rachel Hutson](#) if you would like a copy of your contribution statement for 2024.

Electronic contributions made exclusively through OSV can be printed directly from the OSV website [HERE](#).

## 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, Mike McMahon, 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, February 15, through Sunday, February 23**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

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

Saturday, 2/15	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Scarlett Fox</i>
Sunday, 2/16	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For George E. Proper+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Maria of the Angels, OP</i>
Monday, 2/17 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For George E. Proper+</i>
Tuesday, 2/18 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For William &amp; Frances Garoni+</i>
Wednesday, 2/19	7:15am - Mass, <i>For Michael Menegay+</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 Norma Jean Vondra+</i>
Thursday, 2/20 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Al Bricco+</i>
Friday, 2/21	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Lilo Geerts</i>
Saturday, 2/22	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Steve &amp; Virginia Wiltberger</i>
Sunday, 2/23	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Caroline Hardin Rocci+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Agnes Maria of St. John, OP</i>

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular meeting from 6-8pm on Sunday, Feb. 16. Dave Haggard will discuss the Benedictine vow of "Conversion of Life."

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired."* **Mother Teresa**

Six years ago this month, Fr. Longenecker asked me to direct Mother Teresa House. Outside of some chance meetings with those working with homeless in various cities, it was a world I knew little about. I knew it would require compassion, which is a charism I did not have in abundance. I knew I was a problem solver which was what was needed, but it also required compassion and humility. It required me to lean on Him in my weakness, and He gave me guides to help me here in the parish and from the community.

After six years of growing through close work with other providers and with work on several committees, failing, falling, getting back up, through despair and joy, I can truly say it has been the hardest and most rewarding work I have done. I think about the more than 10,000 calls I have received, the thousands of people I have seen and met at Mother Teresa House, at a gas station, in the woods or under a bridge, and I continue to pray to not get tired and not give up hope. He always gives me what I need to do the work. I am thankful for your prayers, your work with helping to serve the poor (especially SVdP), and your financial support. Let us pray to not get too tired to send out His love to the world, especially our little corner of it.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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*School and Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday. The usual Daily Mass will be held at 8:30am.*

Before Ash Wednesday . . .



Bring your dried palms from last year to JohnMark Cayer in the Parish Office to be burned for our ashes.

## SCHOOL NEWS

- Feb. 17** NO School, Presidents' Day  
*Good Heavens Play Performance, 1pm*
- Feb. 20** *Good Heavens Play Performance, 7pm*

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us the blessings of serving the poor, hungry and weeping people, for you will then rejoice and leap for joy. But Jesus also teaches us the decisiveness of choice: blessing or woe.*

Choosing to help those who are suffering will fill your heart with the blessing of Jesus and indeed your reward will be great in heaven.



Join us for our  
**LENT RETREAT**  
Mon-Wed. March 10-12,  
with Fr. Lawrence Lew, O.P.  
6pm in Upper Church

## The Rosary: Mary's Perennial Peace Plan

How to pray when distracted, your difficulties with the Rosary, and how he prays with sacred art.

## RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Feb. 19**, at 7pm, discussing "Commandments 6-10".



Rite of Christian Initiation  
for Adults



Our Knights of Columbus will be serving **Lenten Fish Dinners** on Friday nights, in the Gym, March 7 - April 11.

Watch for more details coming next week.

## SHROVE TUESDAY March 4

Join us for donuts in the Narthex after the Daily Mass at 12:00pm in **Upper Church**.

## 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 **March 1**, April 5, May 3. For more information, please email Meghan at [scnaprofnp@gmail.com](mailto:scnaprofnp@gmail.com).



## 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!***

**SAVE  
THE  
DATE**

## 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.

*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! Full Price is \$150. The gala will be held on **March 22**. 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](#).*

**Information for Senior Parishioners from Bon Secours LifeWise Group can be found [HERE](#).**

**BACK TO THE FUTURE** **MOVIE NIGHT**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**  
**AT 6:30 PM DOORS OPEN AT 6PM**  
**GUADALUPE HALL AUDITORIUM SEATING**

**Family Admission Fee:**  
Please bring 1 new item to donate for our Silent Auction

**Donation Guidelines:**

- Stand-alone item for individual auction...or...
- Item or gift card that will be added to a basket
- Minimum value: \$25
- Feel free to donate multiple items or higher-value items

**Movie Rating**  
**PG** PARENTAL GUIDANCE SUGGESTED - SOME MATERIAL MAY BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10  
THEMATIC MATERIAL, INCLUDING SOME DISTURBING IMAGES, AND FOR LANGUAGE

**Your generosity helps make this gala a success. Thank you for your support!**

Popcorn and water will be provided for all to enjoy!  
Feel free to bring your own picnic dinner to make the evening even more special.

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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