



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*

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The results are coming in from our annual stewardship campaign. Thanks to everyone who has prayerfully and carefully considered what your weekly gift to the parish will be. If you have not yet filled in a commitment card there are still some in the Narthex. Take one. Fill it in. Return it to the parish office and go the online giving page on the parish website to update your weekly gift or to start afresh if you have not yet started using online giving.

As part of the stewardship campaign we drew your attention to the interim plan for our campus. The new school/parish facilities build is a long term project. However, we need more room in our school NOW! We started our Upper School five years ago with nine students. This year we have over eighty students. Previously, as they graduated, we lost most of our fifth graders to other schools. Now that we offer an education through grade 12 we retain almost all our fifth graders. An increasing number of families from other local schools that only offer grades K-5 are looking to enroll their sixth graders at OLR.

Therefore, the members of our school advisory board along with our parish building committee and finance committee are recommending the purchase of modular buildings to provide space for our expanding Upper School. These will be placed on the lower field behind the existing elementary school building. Replacement of the present gym is not part of the current master plan. This building is fifty years old and needs major renovation. So, in addition to the modular classrooms we would like to renovate, update and bring that building up to current technology and safety standards. This means a renovation of the dated bathrooms and kitchen, enlarging the foyer area, updating the gym and providing an extra multi-purpose room to relieve some of the pressure on the heavily used Guadalupe Hall.

We would like to undertake these improvements this year, and to do so our facilities manager, David Bernard, has drafted an ambitious schedule of work. Part of the plan, of course, is the need to finance the project. Therefore, during Lent we will embark on a limited capital campaign to raise \$1m. If we can raise that amount, we hope the diocese will loan us the other half that is needed.

Investing in our school is an investment in our children and grandchildren and an investment, therefore, in the future of our Catholic faith. Please think and pray about the substantial cash gift or two year pledge you are able to make during Lent to help complete this vital project.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Feb. 2, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 32,141.

Surplus: \$ 10,141.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #32 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024

Needed: \$ 704,000.

Received: \$ 844,807.

Surplus: \$ 140,807.

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 8, through Sunday, February 16

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 2/8	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 2/9	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Lyn Northam</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 Sr. Ruth Marian</i>
Monday, 2/10 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For Gerald Condron+</i>
Tuesday, 2/11 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For John & Rose Parillo+</i>
Wednesday, 2/12	7:15am - NO 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 Carolyn Watson+</i>
Thursday, 2/13 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For George E. Proper+</i>
Friday, 2/14	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For George E. Proper+</i>
Saturday, 2/15	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Scarlett Fox</i>
Sunday, 2/16	8:00am - 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>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, Feb. 9, Mr. Gelpi will give a talk on Lay Vocation and his experience with Opus Dei. This session will be from 12:00pm until 2pm in Guadalupe Hall.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“Only to confession can we go as sinners with sin and come out as sinners without sin.”

Mother Teresa

We are sinners. In the readings this week, Isaiah, Paul and Peter talk about their unworthiness and sinfulness. We all need God’s mercy and grace, through baptism and confession to be purified. Granted, our sinful nature means confession should be a regular part of our faith lives. With this purification, we can do what we are called by God to do. Isaiah to be a prophet, Paul to preach the Good News, and Peter to be a fisher of men.

What are we called to be by God? Only through this process and prayer can we discern His calling for us and not be afraid of His answer.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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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.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Feb. 13-15** *The Joshua Tree*, MS Play Performance
THR-7pm, FRI-7pm, SAT-2pm, 7pm
- Feb. 17** NO School, Presidents' Day
Good Heavens Play Performance, 1pm
- Feb. 20** *Good Heavens* Play Performance, 7pm

Congratulations to Deacon Eric Bricco

Please check the OLR website for photos, and join us for a celebratory reception on Sunday, Feb. 9, after the 10:30am Mass in the Gym.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, the disciples decide to leave everything to follow Jesus. We are also called to follow Jesus, who tells us that “whatever you do to the least of mine, you do for me.”

Is God calling you to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?

RCIA

Our next meeting will be on **Feb. 12**, at 7pm, discussing “Commandment 5”.



Please Note . . .

The usual 7:15am Mass on Wednesday, Feb. 12, is **canceled**.

Fr. Longenecker will be attending the Bishop's Convocation for Schools in Columbia.

School and Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 17, in observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

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.



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.](#)*

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 STRONG CAUTION: THEMATIC MATERIAL, INCLUDING SOME DISTURBING IMAGES, AND FOR LANGUAGE
Some Material May Not Be Suitable for Children

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
and olr.school for the most recent news

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