



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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Way Mass, Lower Church*

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Wednesday, 4:15-5:15 pm, *Lower Church*

Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm

Monday, 9am - 1pm

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March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5. The word "Lent" comes from the Old English "lencten," meaning "springtime" or "when days are lengthened." As Lent coincides with the season of spring, the association is obvious. The ashes used in the liturgies on Ash Wednesday come from the burned, blessed palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. Traditionally, Lent is comprised of 40 days. This period is based on Christ's fasting for 40 days in the desert. The number 40 is mentioned dozens of times in the Sacred Scriptures and symbolizes a time of testing, trial or preparation.

As we approach this holy time in the liturgical calendar, we should be intentional about focusing upon the three traditional pillars of Lenten discipline: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this season of penance and baptismal renewal in preparation for Easter, we make time for additional opportunities to pray - for the good of our souls; to fast - for the good of our bodies; and to give alms - for the good of our neighbors in need. More attention to prayer helps draw us closer to God. Fasting helps us to achieve self-mastery and draws our attention to the Lord, who alone is the true fulfillment of all our desires. Giving alms helps us to have compassion for the plight of the needy, and to understand that when we serve "one of the least of these, His brethren," we are serving the Lord Himself who comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor.

One way of hallowing Lent is to participate more fully in opportunities for prayer, liturgical and otherwise. One of the popular prayer observances during Lent consists of praying the Stations of the Cross, done here at OLR on Wednesday evenings in Lent at 5:30 p.m., and on Fridays at 2:30 p.m. This devotion originated with the Franciscans who erected outdoor stations corresponding to the places in the Holy Land associated with our Lord's passion. Pilgrims who could not go to the Holy Land to prayerfully walk the Via Dolorosa, the route that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion, could thus take part vicariously in our Lord's sorrowful journey.

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The rules for fasting and abstinence from meat during Lent are as follows (from the USCCB): “Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence from meat for all who have completed their 14th year.” If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.”

Almsgiving, or charity, allows us to minister directly to those in need. Good opportunities for almsgiving this year would include a gift to the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina (formerly known as the Bishop’s Annual Appeal), to the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), or to Mother Teresa House.

Lent is also a particularly appropriate time to make a good examination of conscience and go to the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions are heard Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. in the lower church; and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the upper church. Be sure to make your Lenten confession so that you are able to celebrate Easter fully reconciled to the Lord and his Church.

Let’s all resolve to make this a holy and fruitful Lent, so that we can celebrate Easter with authentic joy!

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Feb. 23, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 65,115.

Surplus: \$ 43,115.

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

Needed: \$ 770,000.

Received: \$ 962,433.

Surplus: \$ 192,433.

Next weekend, Daylight Saving
 Time begins. Remember
 to spring forward one hour.



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, March 1, through Sunday, March 9

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 3/1	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Elizabeth Wilson Bozard</i>
Sunday, 3/2	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Alyssa Gourde</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Sandra Schumerth+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 3/3 Lower Church	8:30 am - Daily Mass <i>For John & Mildred Kandel+</i>
Tuesday, 3/4 Upper Church	Shrove Tuesday 12:00 pm - Daily Mass <i>For Mario & Domenica Baiardi+</i>
Wednesday, 3/5	Ash Wednesday Mass - 10:00 Upper Church (limited seating) Penitential Service - 12:15 Upper Church Adoration - 12:30-5:00 Lower Church Confessions - 4:30-5:30 Lower Church Confessions - 5:30 - 6:30 Upper Church Mass - 7:00 Upper Church, <i>For Murray Howard III</i>
Thursday, 3/6 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For Phyllis Weaver+</i>
Friday, 3/7 Lower Church	10:00 am - Daily Mass <i>For P. J. Schiller+</i>
Saturday, 3/8	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Steve & Virginia Wiltberger</i>
Sunday, 3/9	8:00am - Mass, <i>For Clare Trapasso</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 The People</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular meeting on Sunday, March 2, from 6-8pm. Mr. and Mrs. Moses will lead the session, doing a Martial Arts Demonstration! Please wear comfortable clothing.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service; the fruit of service is peace.” **Mother Teresa**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus says *“Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?”* This saying should make us all pause before we speak or take action. I grew up with the phrase “that’s like the pot calling the kettle black” referring to one who criticizes but fails to look in the mirror at themselves and their faults. This phrase is a reflection of the Gospel message that we must first look to ourselves, our sinfulness, repent, and go to confession so we may better help others.

In the work we do at MTH and in our parish ministries, we need to always remember that change needs to start with us before we can truly help those around us and in our families. Pray, reflect on your sins, both of commission and omission, and get to confession as we approach this Lenten season. Regular confession should be a part of your faith life. It is important for the work we do, both at home, in our community. St. Paul writes *“Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”*

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Stations of the Cross

This year we will again have Lenten Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 2:30 in Upper Church beginning on **Friday, March 14.**

SHROVE TUESDAY - March 4

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

Fr. Ballard will conduct a ceremony to burn the dried palms from last year for Ash Wednesday.

Wednesdays During Lent

(begins March 12, after Ash Wednesday)

7:15am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration - Lower Church
5:15pm	Stations of the Cross - Upper Church
4:30-5:30pm	Confessions - Upper Church
4:30-5:30pm	Confessions - Lower Church
6:00pm	Mass

SCHOOL NEWS

Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday-School Mass, 10am

Mar. 7-11 NO School- Spring Mini Break

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus uses images in speaking to his disciples: “Can a blind man act as guide to a blind man?... Why look at the speck in your brother’s eye when you miss the plank in your own?... A good tree does not produce decayed fruit...”

A good person produces goodness from the good in their heart. We have witnessed this at OLR through your generous donations to St. Vincent de Paul, as well as your donation of time to our ministries. Please remember us as we enter this Lenten season.

The regular Daily Mass at 7:15 am on Wednesday, March 5, has been canceled.



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.



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

Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00

\$12 for adults, \$8 for kids 6-12

\$45 for family rate (more than 2 kids)

Wine and beer will be available

50/50 drawing



**Saturday
March 15**
2-8pm in the
Courtyard
Go [HERE](#)
to register.

RCIA

Due to Ash Wednesday Masses, our next meeting will be on March 12.



LENT EVENTS

- March 1-4** **Dried Palms and Crosses** - Bring palms and crosses from Palm Sunday last year to be burned for our Ash Wednesday ashes.
- March 4** **Shrove Tuesday** - Mass at 12:00pm in Upper Church, donuts in the Narthex, Fr. Ballard conducts ceremony to burn ashes.
- March 5** **Ash Wednesday** - *Distribution of ashes will take place at all the liturgies.*
 Mass 10:00 Upper Church (School Mass, limited seating)
 Penitential Service 12:15 Upper Church
 Adoration 12:30-5:00 Lower Church
 Confessions 4:30-5:30 Lower Church
 Confessions 5:30 - 6:30 Upper Church
 Mass 7:00 - Upper Church
- March 10-12** **Lent Retreat with Fr. Lawrence Lew. O.P.** - Monday-Wednesday, 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. Go [HERE](#) for details.
- March 7 - April 11** **Friday Fish Dinners** - Fridays during Lent, 6pm in the Gym.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Upper Church on **Friday, March 7**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am Daily Mass and continues until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed at 5:00pm.

Join us in Juan Diego Room on Monday, **March 3**, from 12:30-2:00 to discuss **"Radium Girls" by Kate Moore**. For more info call 864-360-2406.



Read a good book during Lent. Fr. Longenecker will have a selection of his books available in the Narthex on the weekends of March 2, and 9. **Special OLR price of \$15.**



The Full Choir will present a service of **Choral Evensong for the Solemnity of St. Joseph** on Wednesday, **March 19**, at 7:00pm in Upper Church following the 6pm Mass. Music will be by Tallis, Stanford, and Faure'.

Lent lasts 40 days (excluding Sundays)

The three pillars of Lent are: prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting (one primary meal and two lesser meals) and abstinence from meat.

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

40 Days for Life KICKOFF RALLY: Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, parking lot of Christ the King Church (formerly Grove Road Baptist Church) 1223 Grove Road, Greenville. Guest speaker will be **Dr. John Carrano**, founder of Flourish, a unique, Christ-centered, best-in-class family medical care and OB/GYN. Pastor Wallace Purvis from Woodside Church of God will offer the opening prayer. **Deacon Bob Connor** from Our Lady of the Rosary and Upstate coordinator for 40 Days for Life will lead the closing prayer. We will enjoy singing, refreshments, and door prizes. Parking is on the premises. Please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up, contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-329-0044. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

