



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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*All services are held in
UPPER CHURCH
unless otherwise noted.*

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday 5:00p, Anticipated
*Saturday, 8:00p, Neocatechumenal
Way Mass, Lower Church*

Sunday 8:00a, 10:30a, 5:00p

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30p
Sunday, 9:00 - 10:00a

DAILY MASS

Monday, 8:30a, *Lower Church*
Tuesday, 12:00p, *Lower Church*
Wednesday, 7:15a and 6:00p
Thursday, 10:00a, *Lower Church*
Friday, 10:00a

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Wednesday, 4:15 - 5:15p, *Lower Church*
Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11a - 5p
Monday, 9a - 1p
Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church*
Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church*

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

During Lent the Pastor's Letters will be from our Holy Deacons.

Many of us who began our Lenten experience at Our Lady of the Rosary just a few short days ago heard the words "Repent, and believe in the Bible."

The word "repent" – from the Greek word "metanoia" – means "to think again," or "to reconsider." In its religious context during this penitential season of Lent, repentance means to turn away from sin, to change whatever may be sinful in our lives to turn instead to God. Aware that we are all sinners, we need to remember the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke: "I have not come to call the righteous to repentance, but sinners."

How, then, do today's readings on the 2nd Sunday of Lent reinforce the need for the change that repentance requires of us? In today's first reading, Abram, at the advanced age of 75, was called by the Lord to change everything about his life to follow him. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul affirmed that our citizenship is in heaven and encourages us to "stand firm in the Lord." And in the Transfiguration account from Luke's Gospel, the Father responds to Jesus' transformation with the words "This is my chosen Son; Listen to him."

If we are called to repent, if we are called to change our hearts to align them with God's plan for us during this Lenten season, what are we actually planning to do to achieve that goal? The Church offers us the Lenten formula of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to turn our minds and hearts to the Lord; and those who turn those goals into action will surely grow deeper in faith as we walk with Jesus toward Golgotha on Good Friday.

But for others who are seeking yet another way to turn to the Lord during these 40 days, reading a good Christian book or passages from the Bible each day can accomplish that Lenten goal.

If reading the Bible is your choice, perhaps the study of one of the four Gospels will serve best during Lent, culminating in the passages about Jesus' suffering and death during Holy Week.

The choice instead of a good Christian book might include "The Tears of Christ: Meditations for Lent" by St. John Henry Newman; "The Screwtape Letters" or almost anything else by C.S. Lewis; or "Aquinas' Lenten Meditations" by St. Thomas Aquinas. Or, for the truly dedicated reader of Christian literature, "The Brothers Karamazov" by Fyodor Dostoevsky; "Les Misérables" by Victor Hugo; G. K. Chesterton's "Orthodoxy"; or even "The Lord of the Rings" Trilogy by J.R.R. Tolkien.

Not to be forgotten are several offerings available in the narthex of the church written by our pastor and author-in-residence Fr. Dwight Longenecker. Each of them will offer a perspective that will in some way help us to accomplish our Lenten objective.

Whatever Catholic offering you choose to read during Lent, your choice will enable you to draw closer to the Lord during these 40 days and, at the end of Lent, leave you with the satisfaction of having responded to the Lord in a positive and meaningful way.

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Mar. 9, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 51,949.

Surplus: \$ 29,949.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #37
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024.

Needed: \$ 814,000.

Received: \$ 1,043,475.

Surplus: \$ 229,475.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“As we begin Lent our thoughts naturally continually turn to the Passion of Our Lord – and we long to share with Him His pain. What is this Pain of Jesus? The pain of loving and not being loved – He has loved us with an everlasting love – and what is our return?”
Mother Teresa

In today’s Gospel account of the Transfiguration, God the Father states “This is my Chosen Son; listen to Him”. Jesus has claimed us and wants us to be with Him. Paul tells us that many who say they follow Jesus conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. He reminds us of our citizenship is in heaven where we too will conform to His glorified body. We are all sinners; from the homeless person I meet on the street, to the one who sits in church and prays.

We all need His love and to truly and authentically return that love to Him with our whole being. It is not easy, not for those I work with at Mother Teresa House, or for us who sit in the pews on Sunday.

This Lenten season, let us offer ourselves more deeply to Him, knowing the path is narrow and hard, so you can satisfy His thirst for us. It is then, we can become like Him and draw more souls to Him.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Lent is a call not just to “give up something” but more importantly, to “give something for the poor.” Wherever you live in the parish, there are poor families within walking distance.

There are many families in our area who need assistance. Please hear the call and join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor through our Food Pantry and Financial Assistance Ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Jim Bever, Glen Bischof, 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, 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, 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.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have Youth Group meeting on March 16, 6-8p. Bring your Bibles! We will be discussing St. Paul's letter to the Galatians. The St. Mary's Youth Group will be joining us.



The Full Choir will present a service of **Choral Evensong for the Solemnity of St. Joseph** on Wednesday, **March 19**, at 7:00p in Upper Church following the 6p Mass.

Music will be by Tallis, Stanford, and Faure'. This service is free and open to the public.

LENT EVENTS

Friday Fish Dinners

Fridays at 6p in the Gym

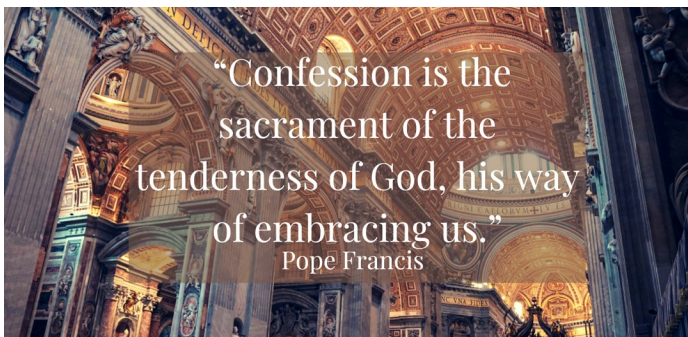
Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 2:30p in UC

Wednesdays at 5:15p in UC

Wednesdays During Lent

- 7:15a Mass in UC
- 8:00a-5:00p Adoration in LC
- 4:15-5:15p Confessions in UC
- 4:15-5:15p Confessions in LC
- 5:15p Stations of the Cross in UC
- 6:00p Mass in UC



Lenten Stations of the Cross in Upper Church

Wednesdays at 5:15p

Fridays at 2:30p

Mass Schedule Changes

Solemnity of the Annunciation is on **Tuesday, March 25**, and is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

School Mass will be at 10:00a in Upper Church, and the Friday Mass on March 27, will be at 10:00a in Lower Church.

St. Martha's Book Club - Join us in Juan Diego Room on Monday April 7, from 12:30-2:00p as we discuss **"An American Beauty"** by Shana Abe.

Call 864 360-2406 for more information.

SCHOOL NEWS

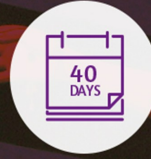
Mar. 19

End of 3rd Quarter

Mar. 25

Solemnity of the Annunciation

School Mass (Tuesday, not Friday)



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.



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 6:00p

Free, but please make a donation

Wine and beer will be available

50/50 drawing

Spiritual Adoption Sign-Up! What Is It?

Can you say a two-sentence prayer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for an unborn child who is in danger of abortion? If so, please find the Spiritual Adoption box in the Narthex. Fill out a white card/slip, name your baby, and place the card in the basket. Then take your prayer card and join us in saying its prayer each day, beginning March 25, (The Feast of the Annunciation).

Each week, you can follow the "footprints" of your baby's growth in the bulletin. Monthly developmental posters will also be posted in the Narthex. Our Spiritual Adoption will culminate with the Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower in October to prepare for our babies' December birthday! Please join this spiritual battle to protect each small and innocent life. *Thank you!* --OLR's Respect Life Committee



MARCH

15 Saturday	16 Sunday <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	17 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 9:00a - 2:00p Play Rehearsal, GH 2:00-8:00p St. Patrick Party, UC Courtyard 10:00a Baptism, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Joyce Geerts</i> 12:00p 3rd Sunday Brunch UC Courtyard 4:30p Rosary 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Mari Bozard</i> 6:00-8:00p MS Youth Group, GH 6:00-8:00p US Youth Group, Gym	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Daily Mass, LC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:30a Divine Mercy Prayer Group, LC
18 Tuesday	19 Wednesday <i>Solemnity of St. Joseph</i>	20 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 12:00p Daily Mass, LC <i>For Dominic Hezlett</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, GH	7:15a Daily Mass, UC <i>For Deacon Mike Bannio</i> 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 3:00p Schola Choir Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, UC 5:15p Stations of the Cross, UC 6:00p Daily Mass, UC <i>For Brook Renee Bozard Baldowski+</i> 7:00p Choral Evensong, UC 7:00p RCIA, GH Classroom 7:00p School Advisory Council, Juan Diego Room	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For Christopher & Shawna Fesler</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:00p Respect Life Meeting, GH 6:30p Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria 7:00p Adoration, LC 7:00p Adult Choir Practice, UC
21 Friday	22 Saturday	23 Sunday <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a School Mass, UC <i>For Jean Nadeau+</i> 11:00a Ladies Prayer Group, LC 2:30p Stations of the Cross, UC 6:00p Lenten Fish Dinner, Gym	9:00-10:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 10:00a St. Martha's Group, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sophia Ann Raymond Nelson+</i> 6:00p School Gala, Off Campus 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Adam Trepasso+</i> 12:00-3:00p Both Youth Groups, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Susan, OP</i>