



# 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

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### **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 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

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

Lent has always been a time of sacrifice. For me, the kind of sacrifice has changed over the years—perhaps for you, too. When younger, it was often giving up something simple—perhaps no dessert or candy. The things we give up may change as we grow, but unless we think about “why” we’re giving up what we are...well, what we get out of it may not benefit us so much. Lent, although penitential in nature, is not intended to be a period of chastisement. Instead, like Advent, it is intended to be a time of preparation and formation.

Starting with the third Sunday in Lent, we begin what are known as “The Scrutinies” for those in RCIA who are preparing to join the Church at Easter, those we refer to as “the Elect.” For them, this time is referred to as the “Purification and Enlightenment” period, ultimately intended to help them—who are hopefully already living out their Catholic faith—to focus on a life of continuous conversion. The Ritual Text for Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, paragraph #128, states that these Scrutinies are to “strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good” and to “uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful.”

I don't know about you, but to me, this sounds like good advice for all of us as Catholics— not just the Elect, and not just in Lent. While it may be a little late this year to restart our Lenten commitments, maybe it is not.

Let's look at our Lenten lives with the Scrutinies in mind, take a little time to identify behaviors in ourselves that are not befitting a good Catholic, then seek to drop them—as well as to find those that are upright, strong, and good, and then build upon them. If, like me, you've got too many of the former and too few of the latter, then let's pick one or two and make that our goal. If we stumble, we can always begin again.

Most importantly, if we can be successful for the remainder of these 40 days, then there is no reason we cannot be successful going forward. If it is to be a time of sacrifice, so be it! But let's sacrifice in His name those things that have no business being part of us to begin with, and then build up those that bring us closer to Him.

Deacon Bob Connor

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Mar. 16, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 30,836.

Surplus: \$ 8,836.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #38  
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024.

Needed: \$ 836,000.

Received: \$ 1,074,311.

Surplus: \$ 238,311.

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*“Yes, Lent, for us Missionaries of Charity, is the time when we ask ourselves how much are we truly seeking to satiate the thirst of God, our loving Father in heaven, for our holiness – the thirst which Jesus expressed on the Cross when He cried out “I thirst” as He shed every drop of His Precious Blood with such great love and bitter pain.”* **Mother Teresa**

In this weekend’s first reading, Moses was called to lead God’s people out of slavery to the promised land which represents His promise to lead us out of the slavery of sin to be with Him in heaven. St. Paul warns us, many were baptized through the crossing over the Red Sea but many grumbled, didn’t like the journey and so were struck down in the desert. Our salvation is not secure but must be strived for every day. Lent focuses on this fact.

Jesus states we must repent or perish. It is not easy to look deeply into ourselves and see our sinfulness, and even harder to see it and give it up. It is a reality we deal with every day at Mother Teresa House. People want a better life but are not willing to do the hard work to change. Take time to pray, be honest with yourselves and Jesus about your sins, get to confession and ask Him to help walk with you away from your sins towards Him. He will never abandon you and He thirsts for your holiness.

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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In today’s Gospel Jesus is quite clear in his message: “bear fruit or be cut down.” This Lent we are called to cultivate and fertilize our spiritual lives through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.*

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Please remember all those who need assistance by praying for them as well as those who volunteer to help them.

## 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, Stacy Isenbarger, Bethe Kitchen, John Knope, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Mike McMahan, 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 right after the 10:30a Mass this Sunday March 23. We will be watching the film adaptation of Ben Hur from 2016. The movie is 90 minutes long and we will start at Noon.



### Lenten Organ Recital

Our organist and Choirmaster, Benjamin Phillips will present a Lenten Organ Recital on **Tuesday, April 1, at 7:00p** in Upper Church.

The program will include works by Bach, Belier, Brahms, and Bruhns.

## Mass Schedule Changes

**Tuesday, March 25**, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the BVM. The Mass is at 10:00a and will be the School Mass. That will be the **only** Mass celebrated that day. It is not a holy day of obligation.

## LENT EVENTS

**Friday Fish Dinners** - Fridays at 6p in the Gym

**Stations of the Cross** Fridays at 2:30p in UC  
Wednesdays at 5:15 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

### Modular Classroom Plans

Go [HERE](#) to see the latest designs.

**Sunday, April 27, at 3:00 pm**

**Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Pope St. John Paul's Gift to the World 25 Years Ago**

On April 27, Our Lady of the Rosary Church will offer a special program in honor of this blessed anniversary. Various speakers will offer brief reflections about the following great saints of God's mercy: Pope St. John Paul II, St. Faustina Kowalska, St. Teresa of Calcutta, St. Vincent de Paul, and St. Maria Goretti. After each reflection we will pray a decade of the chaplet of Divine Mercy. The program begins at 3:00 p.m. All are invited!

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. 25** Solemnity of the Annunciation  
*School Mass (Tuesday, not Friday)*

**Mar. 27** US Dress Down Day

**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.**



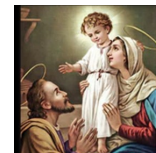
Our Knights of Columbus will be serving **Lenten Fish Dinners** on Friday nights, in the Gym, March 7 - April 11.

Doors open at 5:30, dinner served at 6:00p  
**Free, but please make a donation**

*Our Deacon in Training, Brian Hansen, has written an article relevant to the prison ministry he does, the first in a series of three. It is published in the current edition of the Catholic Miscellany and can be accessed [HERE](#).*

**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 on 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!*

# MARCH

<b>22</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Sunday</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>24</b> <b>Monday</b>
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 8:00a - 4:00p US Play set building, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 5:00p <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Sophia Ann Raymond Nelson+</i> 6:00p Annual School Gala, Off Campus 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Adam Trepasso+</i> 12:00-3:00p Youth Group, GH 4:30p Rosary 5:00p <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Sr. Susan, OP</i>	7:30a Morning Prayer 8:30a <b>Daily Mass, LC</b> <i>For Yanoschik Family</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet LC 11:00a Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC 5:30p Basketball Event, GH
<b>25</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <i>Solemnity-Annunciation</i>	<b>26</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Thursday</b>
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a <b>School Mass, UC</b> <i>For JoAnn &amp; Carl Scull+</i> 10:45a <b>Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</b> 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, GH	7:15a <b>Daily Mass, UC</b> <i>For Ma'May Grimm+</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 <b>Daily Mass, UC</b> <i>For John Kaluza+</i> 7:00p RCIA, GH Classroom 7:00p Divine Mercy Prayer Group, UC 7:00p PTO Meeting, GH	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 7:30a PTO Coffee, GH 9:00a-3:00p Organ Tuning, UC 10:00a <b>Daily Mass, LC</b> <i>For Jacqueline Bricco+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:30p Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria 7:00p Adoration, LC 7:00p Adult Choir Practice, UC
<b>28</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Sunday</b> <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a <b>Daily Mass, LC</b> <i>For Pauline Wersinger+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Ladies Prayer Group, LC 2:30p Stations of the Cross, UC 6:00p Lenten Fish Dinner, Gym	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 8:00a-4:00p US Play Set building, GH 10:00a Baptism, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 5:00p <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Shirley &amp; Jill Matvia</i> 6:00-10:00p Family Reception, Gym 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Joseph Geiselhart+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For The People</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 5:00p <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Sr. Marie du Christ, OP</i>