



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*

April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday

Brothers and Sisters,

Today, on this Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, we enter into the celebration of the Great and Holy Week, wherein the mystery of our salvation was accomplished. We walk with Jesus from the Mount of Olives to the Holy City of Jerusalem where he enters in triumph and is hailed as King of the Jews. But only a few days from now, on Spy Wednesday, he will be betrayed by one of his own disciples and handed over to the Jews and Romans. Soon, the very same people who welcomed him as their Messiah will cry out for his crucifixion, and we, along with all of humanity, are included in that number.

This week, we will also recline at table with Jesus and his disciples on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper, and ponder the mystery of humility and service, the mystery of the priesthood and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday we will walk with Jesus along the *Via Dolorosa*, the Way of Sorrows, the Way of the Cross, and stand with his Blessed Mother and St. John beneath the instrument of his crucifixion, as the sacrifice for our salvation is made complete. We will walk with his Holy Mother, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus to the darkness of the tomb into which his lifeless body is placed. And we will wait, and watch, and hope, and pray during that holy night until the light of the new day dawns and the glory of the resurrection is revealed.

This entire week, and especially the Three Days of the Sacred Triduum, are a unified movement and a singular moment in time, the center of the Church Year and the center of all time - past, present and future. We do not merely remember or observe these happenings as if from a distance, but through the sacred liturgies and ritual of the Church we truly participate in these holy events, we are actually there as if in a time out of time, as we enter into and experience the paschal mystery of our Lord.

Let us be faithful this Holy Week, so that when the Lord asks us, as he did his first disciples, "could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matt. 26:40) we can reply with confidence, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:68). And then, with an integrity born from this faithfulness, arrive at Easter morning to truly share in the triumph of the risen Christ!

The Rev. Richard Ballard
Parochial Vicar

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Apr. 6, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 32,844.

Surplus: \$ 10,844.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #41
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024.

Needed: \$ 902,000.

Received: \$ 1,178,634.

Surplus: \$ 276,634.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“As they were looking on, so we too gaze on his wounds
as he hangs.

We see his blood as he dies.

We see the price offered by the redeemer, touch the scars
of his resurrection.

He bows his head, as if to kiss you.

His heart is made bare open, as it were, in love to you.

His arms are extended that he may embrace you.

His whole body is displayed for your redemption.

Ponder how great these things are.

Let all this be rightly weighed in your mind: as he was
once fixed to the cross in every part of his body for you,
so he may now be fixed in every part of your soul.”

St. Augustine

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

*Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the
holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the
grace to take up our own cross and to follow
Jesus through death to new life.*

As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent
de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's
love to those who carry their cross of suffering and
pain. Please remember those who are suffering and
struggling in your prayers this week.

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.

Holy Week Schedule 2025

All services are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

- April 13 **Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday** - Processions begin as follows:
5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass Simple Procession
8:00 a.m. Mass Gather at the Upper Church Courtyard
10:30 a.m. Mass Gather Outside the Lower Church
5:00 p.m. Mass Simple Procession
- April 14 **Monday in Holy Week** - 8:30 a.m. Mass, Lower Church
- April 15 **Tuesday in Holy Week** - 12 noon Communion Service, Lower Church
(priests are at the Chrism Mass)
- April 16 **Spy Wednesday**
4:15 p.m. Confessions in both Upper and Lower Churches
5:15 p.m. Stations of the Cross
6:00 p.m. Mass
- April 17 **Holy Thursday**
7:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper, Adoration in Lower Church
until 11:00 p.m.
No morning Mass
- April 18 **Good Friday**
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion with distribution of Holy Communion
NO morning Mass
- April 19 **Holy Saturday**
NO confessions
8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
- April 20 **Easter Sunday**
8:00 a.m. Mass
NO confessions
10:30 a.m. Mass
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
- April 21 **NO 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass**

Our annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** will be on Easter Sunday, after the 10:30a Mass. Go [HERE](#) for complete details and instructions.

Sunday, April 27 - Divine Mercy Sunday

2:00p Eucharistic Adoration

3:00p Divine Mercy Program

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. The celebration in the Upper Church will begin with Adoration and Benediction at 2p and a program of speakers and prayer beginning at 3 pm. For more information, click [here](#) or take a copy of the flyer in the Narthex.

Our Divine Mercy Novena Begins on Good Friday, April 18, at 2p in the Lower Church and will conclude on Saturday, April 26. For the full schedule, click [here](#).

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

On Sunday, April 13, we will have dinner at 6:30p with Adoration following in Upper Church from 7-8p. We will NOT meet on Easter Sunday, April 20.

We need your help to get Upper Church ready for Easter.

Saturday, **April 19**, at 10:30a we will decorate and prepare for the Easter Services.

Please sign up [HERE](#).

School and Parish Offices will be closed April 18-25, and will reopen on Monday, April 28.



Respect Life Ministry

All current events and news will now be published at the OLR website [HERE](#).

Please feel free to contact Deacon Bob Connor with any questions, bconnor@charlestondiocese.org.

APRIL

12 Saturday	13 Palm Sunday	14 Monday of Holy Week
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 10:00a Baptism, UC 10:30a Easter Set Up, UC 2:00p RCIA First Confessions, LC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Vigil Mass, UC <i>For Carolyn Watson+</i> 7:00p Upper School Play, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>Procession begins in Courtyard</i> <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>Procession begins in Lower Church Porch</i> <i>For Jewel Smieszek+</i> 4:30p Rosary 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Genevieve Spisak+</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH & Gym with Adoration, UC	7:30a Morning Prayer 8:30a Daily Mass, LC <i>For Albert Bricco+</i> 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC 6:30p St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, GH
15 Tuesday of Holy Week	16 Spy Wednesday	17 Holy Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 12:00p Communion Service, LC (Priests at Christ Mass) 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, Cafeteria	7:15a Daily Mass, UC 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 Mass, UC <i>For Dennis Martin Halloran+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	* School NOON Dismissal 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 7:30a PTO Coffee, GH 10:00a NO Daily Mass, LC 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 7:00p Mass of the Lord's Supper with Adoration following in Lower Church until 11:00p
18 Good Friday	19 Holy Saturday	20 Easter Sunday
* School Closed, April 18-25 * Parish Offices Closed, April 18-25 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a NO School Mass, UC 2:00p Divine Mercy Novena, LC Day 1 3:00p Liturgy of the Passion with Distribution of Holy Communion, UC	10:30a Easter Set Up, UC 2:00-4:00p Vigil Mass Rehearsal, UC 3:00p Divine Mercy Novena, LC Day 2 3:30-4:30p NO Confessions, UC 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC 8:30p Easter Vigil Mass, UC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Easter Mass, UC <i>For Josephine & Murray Howard, Suit, Votava, Sokol, Ayers, O'Barr, Bagwell, Howard, Hornaday and Bagwell Families+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a NO Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Easter Mass, UC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 12:30p Easter Egg Hunt, UC Courtyard 5:00p NO Mass, UC 6:00-8:00p NO Youth Group, GH *There will NOT be an 8:30a Daily Mass on Monday, April 21.