



# 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, 6:00p  
Thursday, 10:00a, *Lower Church*  
Friday, 10:00a *Lower Church*

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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
First Friday, 11a - 5p  
Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church*  
Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church*

June 1, 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Ascension of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have considered those who deny the resurrection by suggesting it is just a nice made up story. Then we considered those who said Jesus didn't really die on the cross--it was somebody else, or He just passed out and then came to again. All these theories don't hold water.

This brings us to the next category of those who deny the Resurrection: Those who say that Jesus of Nazareth really did die, but something happened to His body and so His disciples started to believe what they wished was true: that their friend had risen from the dead.

One scholar supposes that Jesus' body disappeared because it was abandoned or hurriedly buried in a shallow grave and the dogs ate it. But we know that it was very important to the Jews to bury their dead respectfully, and we have the evidence that Jesus' body was buried in a particular person's tomb (who would have served as witness if it hadn't happened that way).

Furthermore, we have to remember that Jesus' enemies were concerned that His disciples would steal the body, so they demanded that a Roman guard be set up. If the body wasn't buried, why did they demand a guard at the tomb?

Others say the disciples stole the body. For this to be true we have to believe that the twelve men who fled in terror and denied their friend (lest they too would be tortured and crucified) suddenly not only found their courage, but they got together, planned a heist, crept out at night, overpowered the Roman guards at the tomb and stole the body away? Why would they have done this in the first place? Because they wanted to fake a resurrection? They were as surprised by the Resurrection as anyone else.

The New Testament account is very clear. Here are people who are telling the truth, even about awkward facts that are not instantly advantageous to their claims. They genuinely believe Christ was risen, they do not come across as people who lie about a body that they know perfectly well was stolen or eaten by dogs. For the rest of their lives (right through to their torture and execution), the apostles behaved like men utterly convinced that they had met the Risen Christ.

Your pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending May 25, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 21,477.
Deficit:	\$ 523.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #47  
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024.

Needed:	\$ 1,056,000.
Received:	\$ 1,354,871.
Surplus:	\$ 298,871.

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Happiness is to rejoice in you and for you and because of you. This is true happiness and there is no other. Those who think that there is another kind of happiness look for joy elsewhere, but theirs is not true joy."*

### St. Augustine – Confessions

We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord this weekend. The apostles were full of joy and sent back to Jerusalem to await the Holy Spirit to begin their ministry.

At Mother Teresa House our friends in the community search for happiness and joy in many other things of this world - drugs, alcohol, carnal sin, greed, selfishness, etc.

We all suffer from taking our eyes and hearts off Him at times. Let us pray that we constantly keep our eyes and heart looking up to Him, in whom true happiness is found.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

*Today as we celebrate the feast of the Ascension  
we are reminded that Christ's saving work  
on earth continues through his  
disciples... and now through us.*

Have you considered answering the call to join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? When we volunteer and assist those in need, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, our lives and into the hearts of those who we serve.

## 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@charlestandioocese.org](mailto:bconnor@charlestandioocese.org).

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Bill Burgess, 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, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Stacy Isenbarger, 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 NOT have Youth Group meetings during the summer, but will resume in August when school starts. We plan to have a bonfire and send off for our graduates in July on a date to be announced.

**Seven Sisters** is a beautiful apostolate at OLR whose goal is to cover Fathers Longenecker and Ballard with one Holy Hour of prayer every day of the week. We are in urgent need of new members to commit to pray on one specific day each week.

If you believe in the real power of prayer and desire to bless our good shepherds who work so hard to faithfully serve Our Lord and care for us, please email or call Pat Wilder at [patwilder@verizon.net](mailto:patwilder@verizon.net), 703-638-5099, or Alice Baird at [alicebaird@gmail.com](mailto:alicebaird@gmail.com), 864-884-3283, for additional information.

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Upper Church on **Friday, June 6**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am Mass and continues until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed at 5:00pm.

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors will be on **Saturday, June 7**, at 9:30a in Upper Church.

OLR's *Walking with Moms in Need* program assists Moms in Need, especially those with unexpected pregnancies. We offer *free support* and are here to walk with you and your baby as you peacefully prepare for *his* or *her* arrival. Book your confidential interview with us today via email: [wwmin@proton.me](mailto:wwmin@proton.me) or phone 864-791-5080. Please allow our advisors to provide you and your baby with the support you need. We look forward to meeting you!



## USED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE

**Saturday, June 14**

10am-12pm in the Gym

## 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 10:15am in the GH Classroom on **June 7**, July 12, and August 2. For more information, please email Meghan at [scnaprofnp@gmail.com](mailto:scnaprofnp@gmail.com).

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Jun 14** Used Uniform Sale, 10:00am, Gym

**Jun 30 - Jul 4** School Offices Closed

**Aug 11** Back to School Night, 3:00-6:00pm

**Aug 13** First Day of School, NOON Dismissal

## THE BIBLE COMES ALIVE! PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

with Fr. Dwight Longenecker  
and Kenny Burchard

**April 19-30, 2026**

Go [HERE](#) for reservation details.

Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of June 1, will be for Catholic Communications Campaign.



Join St. Martha's Book Club on Monday, **June 16**, from 12:30-2:00pm as we discuss "A Song for Nagasaki" by Paul Flynn. We will be meeting at a private residence. Call 360-2406 for more info.

## Parish Office - SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm

June 2 - August 8

Recently baptized were

**Eibhlin Brigid Cozzi**

and

**Jude Santino Cozzi**

daughter and son of

**Jack & Emily Cozzi**

*We welcome Eibhlin and Jude as a new members of the OLR family.*



## SUMMER CAMPS AT OLR

**June 9 - July 28**

OLR teachers are offering 20 different opportunities for all parish children in rising grades 3-12.

Go [HERE](#) for the list of camps and to sign up.

## Summer Mass Schedule

**June 2 - August 8**

The Friday Daily Mass at 10:00am will be held in Lower Church.



# MAY - JUNE

<b>31</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Sunday</b> <i>Ascension of the Lord</i>	<b>2</b> <b>Monday</b>
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym</p> <p>10:00a Baptism, UC</p> <p>11:00a-3:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle Retreat, GH</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>4:30p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Joe Delaney+</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Stephanie Hession</i></p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For The Hutson Family</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p <b>NO</b> Youth Group, GH (Meetings paused for the summer, will resume in August)</p>	<p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:30a <b>Mass</b>, LC <i>For Alexander Tom</i></p> <p>9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>9:00a-1:00p <b>NO</b> Adoration, UC (Paused for the summer)</p> <p>12:00-2:00p St. Martha's Book Club, Meeting off campus</p>
<b>3</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Thursday</b>
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH</p> <p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>12:00p <b>Daily Mass</b>, LC <i>For Sheila Dartez</i></p> <p>12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, Cafeteria</p>	<p>7:15a <b>NO Mass</b>, UC (Paused until August 13)</p> <p>8:00a-5p Adoration, LC</p> <p>4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC</p> <p>5:15p Benediction, LC</p> <p>6:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Al &amp; Ruth Caspary+</i></p> <p>6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC</p>	<p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>10:00a <b>Daily Mass</b>, LC <i>For Frances Ann Howard Robinson+</i></p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>6:30p Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p>
<b>6</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Sunday</b> <i>Pentecost</i>
<p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>10:00a <b>Daily Mass</b>, <b>LC</b> <i>For Dr. &amp; Mrs. Patrick Coffrey</i> (Held in LC until August 8)</p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>11:00a-5:00p First Friday Adoration, UC</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym</p> <p>9:30a <b>Pro-Life Mass</b>, UC</p> <p>10:30a-12:00p Natural Family Planning, GH Classroom</p> <p>10:00a-2:00p Neocatechumenal Pentecost Prep, Cafeteria</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>4:30p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Sally &amp; Joseph Morelli+</i></p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i></p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Sr. Ann of the Cross, OP</i></p>