



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*

May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week the cardinals of our church will gather in the Sistine Chapel to participate in the ancient ceremony to elect a new successor of Peter. It is a good opportunity for them to re-assess the role of the pope in the modern age and to invoke the Holy Spirit's guidance in their deliberations.

It is also a good opportunity for the faithful to remember several important things. Firstly, Pope Benedict reminded us that the pope is not chosen by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is invoked to guide the cardinals in their choice, but history shows us that there is plenty of room for human frailty within the process. In the past, bribery and coercion has been involved and sometimes the process was infected with the influence of worldly ideologies, political pressures, and interference from outside parties. The upshot of this is that, while we pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance, we also allow that the best candidate may be overlooked or marginalized by nefarious agents. It is also possible for a mediocre, weak or even bad man to be elected.

In remembering this we must also remember that St. Peter himself was a weak and frail human vessel and that all of us are sinners in need of redemption and divine assistance.

With all this in mind I ask you to pray this week, imploring the Lord to oversee and direct this important election. Whatever the outcome, we should also keep in mind the proper extent and power of the pope. It is easy, in this age of celebrity culture to give the pope undue influence. Yes, he is the leader of over a billion Catholics worldwide and is the only global representative of our Christian faith. We look to him for moral guidance, the defense of the historic faith, and for a clear moral and doctrinal example. However, the pope is not God.

Pope Benedict once corrected a young priest who assumed that the pope had great - even absolute power. Benedict said gently that he actually had very little power. The practical, day to day decisions and actions were most important and most of these were outside his control. This is a good reminder to us therefore, that the Pope is in Rome, and we thank God for the papacy, but the Catholic faith is real only where it is local. It is here, in our parish, in our families, in our school and in our city that we have the power to live out our Catholic faith with courage, zeal and compassion.

May God bless the cardinals and whoever they elect as our new pope, but it is at Our Lady of the Rosary, Greenville that we do what we can, with what we have, where we are.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Apr. 27, 2025

Needed: \$ 66,000.

Received: \$ 70,233.

Palm Sunday April 13 \$ 22,652.

Easter April 20 \$ 29,713.

Divine Mercy April 27 \$ 17,868.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #44
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024.

Needed: \$ 968,000.

Received: \$ 1,248,867.

Surplus: \$ 280,867.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Just begin one at a time. One, one, one. If I had not picked up that first person dying on the street, I would not have picked up the thousands of others later on" **Mother Teresa**

The wisdom of Mother Teresa applies today even in a time of crisis. One thing at a time. One step at a time. One soul at a time. One conversation at a time. One work of mercy at a time. It is what we do at Mother Teresa House, one at a time. Do the one work of mercy that's asked of you right now.

Love your family, or help your friends, or do good to the stranger. If we all do just one thing at a time, He will fill us with His mercy and His grace and the light from our parish will be bright.

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

In this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!"

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? We could really use your help in the Food Pantry on Saturday mornings from 9-10am making calls and completing interviews with our Financial Assistance Ministry.

If you are willing to help, please go [HERE](#) to find more information. We also welcome teenagers who are 14 or older and accompanied by a parent! We would love to have you join us!

On **Wednesday, May 7**, the cardinals meet in Rome to elect a new Pope. Please join in special prayers that day for the Holy Spirit's guidance and wisdom.

Both the 7:15am and 6:00pm Masses will be Votive Masses of the Holy Spirit with that intention, and there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 8am - 5pm in Lower Church.

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

On May 4, we will have our usual meeting from 6-8pm, with a discussion on the Catholic understanding of Sanctification.

Save the Dates in May . . .

- May 22** 6:00pm Confirmation
Thursday
- May 23** 10:00am Graduation Mass
Friday
- May 24** 10:00am First Communion
Saturday
- May 26** Memorial Day - School and Parish Offices Closed
Monday

SCHOOL NEWS

- May 9-11** Hartwell Family Campout
- May 15** Spring Concert in Upper Church, 6-7pm
Art Show:
Pre-K – 1st Grade from 5-6pm
2-8th Grade from 7-8pm

Family Trivia Night

Join us on Saturday, **May 17**, from 6-9pm in the Gym. We will have a potluck dinner and a family "pub-style" trivia competition. Test your knowledge and your wits as you compete against other OLR families. Prizes will be awarded to the top team. Come enjoy the fun, food, and fellowship!

Campus Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 17, from 8am-12pm OLR school and parish families will gather to clean up the campus and get things looking beautiful for Confirmation, Graduation, and First Communion later this month. Campus Cleanup is a great way to earn some service hours before the end of the school year by bringing kids along. Come for as long as you want and bring any tools you have. We'd love to see you there.

8 Powerful ways to pray for the Conclave Gathering on May 7, to elect the next Pope can be found [HERE](#).



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@charlestdiocese.org.

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 about 10:15am in the GH Classroom on **June 7**, July 12, and August 2.

For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

Recently baptized was
Genevieve Mary Sharp
daughter of
Joseph & Erika Sharp



We welcome Genevieve as a new member of the OLR family.

Post Abortion Healing Retreat
June 20-22, 2025
Fort Mill Area

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat is a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion. This retreat offers everyone a place to find peace and closure and a strengthened relationship with God while experiencing God's love, mercy, and forgiveness.

5th annual OLR campout will be held **May 9-11**, at Lake Hartwell State Park. This is an invitation extended to families of the school and parish. Our hope is to take over as much of the campground as possible.

This is a public campground, so the reservations are open to all (including the public). It is a fun, community-centered weekend. Come, enjoy the fellowship, and great outdoors! Once a reservation is made, we will ask for a \$20-30 donation in the spring to help provide breakfasts and a communal dinner. Reserve a site [HERE](#). Contact Sam at samtraffas@gmail.com with your reservation info.

MAY

3 Saturday	4 Sunday	5 Monday
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym</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 Mass, UC <i>For Richard Lee Roche+</i></p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, 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 Mass, UC <i>For William Tice+</i></p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Catherine Theresa, OP</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH</p>	<p>7:30a Morning Prayer</p> <p>8:30a Mass, UC <i>For Claire Melena</i></p> <p>9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC</p> <p>7:30p Confirmation Rehearsal, UC</p>
6 Tuesday	7 Wednesday	8 Thursday
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH</p> <p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>12:00p Daily Mass, LC <i>For Janice Crawford Bozard</i></p> <p>12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC</p> <p>3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, Cafeteria</p>	<p>7:15a Daily Mass, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5p Adoration, LC</p> <p>3:00p Schola Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC</p> <p>5:15p Benediction, LC</p> <p>6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Hugh O'Reilly+</i></p> <p>6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC</p>	<p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For Jeanine Maillet</i></p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p>
9 Friday	10 Saturday	11 Sunday
<p>7:30a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>10:00a School Mass, UC <i>For Mary Pearl Hutson</i></p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym</p> <p>9:30a Pro-Life Mass, UC</p> <p>10:15a Natural Family Planning, GH Classroom</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Deceased Members of the Morelli Family+</i></p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Sue Higgins+</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 Mass, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Maria Christi, OP</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH</p>