



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, 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*

July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first commandment is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength." This is how it is stated in the New Testament. In the Ten Commandments it is stated, "I am the LORD your God. You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve." Notice how the commandment is re-phrased in the New Testament to emphasize the relationship of love between us and God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, that the Ten Commandments, "must be understood in relation to the 'law of love': Love of God and love of neighbor summarize all of Catholic morality. The law of love is also the first principle and source of the moral law. It contains "all the law and the prophets"

The first commandment therefore is to love God, but how do we love God? First and foremost, by a life of worship. The commandment to love God is the first in the list of the ten commandments because it should be the very first priority in our lives. The Catholic Church teaches that it is every Catholic's obligation to attend Mass every week and on every holy day of obligation. This is the way we put God first in our lives; our experience of worship therefore is not just something we do for an hour on Sunday. It is the priority of our lives and the first obligation before all else.

This also helps us decide what our experience at Mass should be like. Mass is first and foremost about the worship of God. It is not primarily a place to meet our friends. It is not primarily a time to hear an encouraging talk about being a better person. It is not primarily a time to sing happy songs and think about how we are going to make the world a better place. All these things may be elements or results of the celebration of Mass, but they are not the primary goal. The primary reason and goal for Mass is simply to offer worship to God.

Have you ever thought of Mass as playtime? One liturgist has observed that worship, like music, laughter and playtime, is a perfectly useless human past time. No one questions the practicality of music or the usefulness of games or the practical uses of laughter. These are "useless" aspects of life, but they are the aspects of life which make us most human. And so it is with worship. When we come with minds and hearts that are truly open to God, our humanity is lifted to a new dimension, and we are then most truly human.

As we come in true and sincere worship, we are fulfilling the first commandment to love God and serve Him only. Making Mass a priority is our way of not serving the other gods in our lives--the gods of money, pleasure and our own selfish desires.

Therefore, when you come to Mass see yourself as actively fulfilling the first commandment. Here you learn to love God and serve Him above all else.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for two weeks ending
July 6, 2025

Needed:	\$44,000
Received 6/29/25:	\$24,470
Received 7/6/25:	\$29,507
Surplus:	\$9,977

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #2 in the
Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$44,000
Received:	\$53,977
Surplus:	\$9,977

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"True it is, when man was created, he received great power of free-will; but he lost it by sin. He fell into death, became infirm, was left in the way by the robbers half dead; the Samaritan, which is by interpretation keeper, passing by lifted him up on his own beast; he is still being brought to the inn. ... You remember, beloved Brethren, that man who was wounded by the robbers, and half dead by the way, how he was strengthened, by receiving oil and wine for his wounds. His error indeed was already pardoned, and yet his weakness is in process of healing in the inn. The inn, if you recognize it, is the Church. In the time present, an inn, because in life we are passing by: it will be a home, whence we shall never remove, when we shall have got in perfect health unto the kingdom of heaven. Meanwhile receive we gladly our treatment in the inn, and weak as we still are, glory we not of sound health: lest through our pride we gain nothing else, but never for all our treatment to be cured." St. Augustine, Sermon 81

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, when Jesus asks "which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" the scholar of the law answered, "the one who treated him with mercy." Jesus then said, "Go and do likewise."

This week you can also "treat the poor with mercy" by putting a gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box.

The Poor Box in the Narthex is being replaced, please leave your donations at the Parish Office until further notice. Thank you.

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 Culklin, 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.

July 27 - Senior Sendoff Bonfire at the Millegan Family property for a huge game of capture the flag, a bonfire, and the rosary. Dinner will be provided. This will be the last official meeting with our seniors, and will allow us to say goodbye before they head out into the world.



Now accepting applications for the 2025-26 academic year.

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Church Without Walls Backpack and School Supply Donations



Pastor Johnson is asking for your help in donating backpacks and school supplies for 600 children at the Waters on Augusta apartment complex in the Pleasant Valley neighborhood. The donation drop off box will be available by the St. Vincent de Paul statue in the Narthex from **July 28th - August 2nd**. Volunteers will be available to accept donations after all masses on August 2nd & August 3rd. No donations will be accepted at the Parish office.



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes begin mid-September. If you are a non Catholic who is interested in becoming Catholic, or an Adult Catholic who has not received all of your sacraments, please reach out to JohnMark Cayer at the parish office.

Respect Life Annual Meeting

The Statewide Respect Life Annual Meeting will be held on **August 2 at Our Lady of the Lake from 10:00am-3:00pm**. There will be speakers and discussions on the Abortion Pill Reversal, End of Life Issues, IVF, Foster Care, and more. For more information and registration, please contact Christy Brown at cbrown@charlestandiocese.org.

The **5th annual World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly** will take place on Sunday, July 27th, the day after the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by the Pope for this year is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope." (cf. Sir 14:2)

The Respect Life Ministry will be hosting a **celebration of our Grandparents and Seniors after the Anticipated Mass on Saturday, July 26, in Guadalupe Hall for the grandparents and the seniors of our parish**. A light meal, a "Who Am I" game, and fellowship will highlight a fun and enjoyable evening. Call/text Victoria Norris at 864.517.4279 or Cheryl Bever at 864.380.5432 for info.

SCHOOL NEWS

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

Aug 13 First Day of School, NOON Dismissal

Calling All Aspiring Actors – Join the Recusant Players!

A new parish-based theatre troupe, the **Recusant Players**, is forming and looking for parishioners interested in participating in a *reader's theatre* production of **Fr. Longenecker's play, "Only You."**

"Only You" is a lively adaptation of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*, filled with humor, antics, and frolic—set in southern Alabama during the 1950s. This is a staged reading—not a school-related event—and is open to individuals in the **Upper School** as well as **adults**. **Reader's theatre** is a style of performance where actors read from scripts on stage, focusing on voice and expression rather than memorization or elaborate staging. If you haven't been on stage in half a century and want to get back into the groove, or if you're brand new and curious to try your hand at acting, come to our informal meeting to learn more. **Information Night:** Wednesday, August 13th at 7:00 PM in Guadalupe Hall

Rehearsals will be minimal and flexible, perfect for busy schedules. The staged reading is tentatively scheduled for October—more details to follow.

This is a wonderful opportunity to build fellowship through the arts and celebrate the joy of storytelling together. For more information, or to sign up for the Information Night, please call or text **Nichola Bricco** at **864-525-7260**.

Congratulations to our former facilities director, Phillip Gordy, who has made his permanent vows as a monk of the Order of St. Benedict. His name in religion is Brother Lazarus. Notes of congratulations and prayers can be sent to: Br. Lazarus Gordy, OSB, Saint Joseph Abbey, 75376 River Road, Saint Benedict, LA 70457

Recently baptized was

Gabriella Rose Hession

daughter of

Timothy & Stephanie Hession

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



Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.

Donna Craft, Director of Communications, dcraft@charlestandiocese.org

JULY

12 Saturday	13 Sunday <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	14 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 9:30a Pro-Life Mass , UC 11:00a Baptism, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Robert Bagnato+</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 Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Kevin McGreevey</i>	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Daily Mass , LC <i>For Denise Floyd+</i> 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
15 Tuesday	16 Wednesday	17 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 12:00p Daily Mass , LC <i>For Elaine Duff+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, GH	8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass , UC <i>For Dcn. Juan Cantu+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a Daily Mass , LC <i>For Fred Roberts+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
18 Friday	19 Saturday	20 Sunday <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a Daily Mass , LC 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 9:30a Pro-Life Mass , UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Brooke Renee Bozard Baldowski+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For Natalie Catherine Habert+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For The People</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Carol Leonard+</i>