



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, 6:00p
Thursday, 10:00a, *Lower Church*
Friday, 10:00a (School Mass)

DAILY CONFESSIONS

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday, 9a - 1p
First Friday, 11a - 5p
Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church*
Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church*

August 10, 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Continuing our Series on the Ten Commandments

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Fifth Commandment is simple: "Do not kill." After the respect and honor we have for family, the commandments enshrine the sacredness of human life.

The Catechism teaches that there are some circumstances of self defense and military involvement in which the taking of human life is sometimes permissible, but other than these rare exceptions the sacredness of human life is paramount.

This means we may not murder another person, but it also means that abortion of any kind is forbidden. The church also teaches that capital punishment must be avoided if at all possible. Taking one's own life by suicide is a terrible sin against God's love. We must be committed not only to avoid these sins, but to fight against them when they are present in our society.

The commandment not to kill also impacts end of life issues. Catholics are not permitted to use any active means to end the life of someone who is elderly or terminally ill. We do not have to take heroic means to save or continue life. We must continue natural nutrition and hydration for the sick person and alleviate their pain, but active steps to end a life are not allowed.

Taking a life is not permitted, but it is also forbidden to destroy a person's spiritual life through causing a scandal. Scandal is an attitude or behavior which leads another person to do evil. Abusing our health through alcohol or drug abuse, or promoting the body above the soul through glamor, sports, or achievement is wrong. Endangering another person's life through irresponsible driving, encouraging drug, alcohol or sexual abuse are all ways that we "kill others".

The Fifth Commandment also speaks to the sins of bearing a grudge, refusing to forgive, cursing, or planning revenge. If we wish harm on anyone in any way then we are planning to kill them--if we are not planning to literally take their life, we are planning to take their happiness, their blessing and their welfare. We not only plan to take their life, but we plan to destroy their life which is another form of killing.

Finally, there is a social aspect to this commandment. The Church teaches that there is such a thing as a just war, but nations must resist war and avoid war in every way possible. The conditions for a just war are very strict. At one and the same time the damage afflicted by an aggressor must be certain, grave and lasting. All means must be taken to avoid war and all other means to stop the aggressor must be shown to be ineffective. There must be a real prospect for success and the use of arms must not cause more suffering and damage than that perpetrated by the aggressor. In addition, innocent citizens may not be hurt or killed, and prisoners must be treated respectfully and humanely.

In all ways the Catholic Church seeks to defend and uphold life. Are you being faithful in this fifth and most important commandment?

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Aug. 3, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 28,855.
Surplus:	\$ 6,855.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #6
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$ 132,000.
Received:	\$ 152,696.
Surplus:	\$ 20,696.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"If, therefore, the heart be on earth, i.e. if one perform anything with a heart bent on obtaining earthly advantage, how will that heart be clean which wallows on earth? But if it be in heaven, it will be clean, because whatever things are heavenly are clean."
St. Augustine

We all struggle with the line out of today's Gospel "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." It is part of our fallen human nature from our original parents. Our treasure is our time, talent and treasure. I grew up with the saying "To see what is important to a person, look at their checkbook and see who they write checks to." My parents wrote their tithe as the first checks for the month. They also gave their time and talents to the Church, hence to Him.

I, like you, and those I work with at MTH, struggle with giving our treasure to Him in heaven. I know I fall short every day, and I pray to be better, with His help. I continue to pray for you and all those we deal with at MTH as the path is crooked and rocky to our reward with Him.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In this Gospel, Jesus says "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy."

Please help the Society of St. Vincent de Paul bring respite and hope to those in need and you will indeed find "an inexhaustible treasure in heaven!"



Pastor Johnson extends heartfelt thanks to OLR for the very generous gifts of backpacks and school supplies for our needy families.

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.

Regular Youth Group meetings for Middle School and High School will resume on Sunday, September 7.



POOL PARTY

To celebrate our amazing Altar Servers!

August 24th 12:30 to 5:00pm
At the Aschman home
1138 Moore Rd Greenville, SC 29615

Please join us for swimming, yard games and fellowship with other altar servers and their families. This is a pot luck, so please bring a dish to share. RSVP by August 19th on the sign up genius. Call or text Devin with any questions at 808 -469-8436

Go [HERE](#) to sign up.

Calling All Aspiring Actor 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. Come to our informal meeting to learn more. **Information Night: Wednesday, August 13, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall**

Rehearsals will be minimal and flexible. The staged reading is tentatively scheduled for October. 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**.

Please remember to contact Donna Craft at dcraft@charlestondiocese.org to reserve a space on campus for any event or gathering that you wish to schedule. With our recent parish growth, room reservations need to be finalized weeks ahead of time.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Aug 11** Back to School Night, 3:00-6:00pm
Aug 13 First Day of School, NOON Dismissal
Curriculum Nights - 6-8pm, Guadalupe Hall
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| Aug 21 | Lower School |
| Aug 28 | Middle School |
| Sep 4 | Upper School |



The **13th Marian Eucharistic Conference** will be held from October 24-25, at the Greenville Convention Center. Featured speakers include: Fr. Joseph Wolfe, EWTN; Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Fr. Donald Callaway, MIC; Daniel Cellucci, CEO, Catholic Leadership Institute; Russ Breault, Founder of Shroud Encounter; John Martignoni, President, Bible Christian Society.

General admission is \$135, and youth is \$90, which includes dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Registered by October 11, by mail. Registration after Oct. 11: \$145. We offer gluten-free meals as you request. Parking is free.

For more information, call (864)354-7160, or go to <http://www.meconferencesc.net>.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, Aug. 15

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION



Anticipated Mass at 7:00pm on
Thursday, Aug. 14

Masses on Aug. 15, at
10:00am (School Mass) and 12:00pm

Attendance at any of these Masses
fulfills your obligation.

Recently baptized was
Thomas Frassati Kane
son of
Adam & Caroline Kane



*We welcome Thomas as a
new member of the OLR family.*



St. Martha's Book Club will be discussing "*The Second Mrs. Astor*", by Shana Abe on Monday, **September 8**, from 12:30-2:00, in the Juan Diego Room. Come join us. Call (864) 360-2406 for more info.

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 **5th Grade Classroom** on **September 6**, and October 4. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

AUGUST

UC (Upper Church) LC (Lower Church) JDR (Juan Diego Room) GH (Guadalupe Hall) CAFE (Cafeteria) GYM (School Gym)

9 Saturday	10 Sunday <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	11 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:00p Interment, LC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Dan Sanders+</i> 6:00-8:00p Norris Small Group, GH 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 Bridget Geerts</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Judy Singleton+</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH, GYM	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Emma Melena</i> 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 4:00-8:00p Back to School Night, UC, GYM, GH 6:30p St. Vincent de Paul, JDR
12 Tuesday	13 Wednesday	14 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For John Warga, Sr. +</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, GH	8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Mack L. Howard</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p Recusant Players, GH <i>OLR - First Day of School</i> <i>NOON Dismissal</i>	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Tom Calamia+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:30-9:30p Knights of Columbus, CAFE 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC 7:00p Anticipated Mass, HDO, UC
15 Friday <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	16 Saturday	17 Sunday <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, HDO, UC <i>For Elaine Duff+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 12:00p Mass, HDO, UC 2:00p School Rosary, UC 2:15-3:00p School Ice Cream Event, Courtyard 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 12:00p Wedding Prep, GH 1:00p Wedding, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Margaret Russo+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Manning Bolchoz, Jr. +</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> 12:00p Third Sunday Brunch, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Ursula Hubschman+</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH, GYM

Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school

for all the most recent news and announcements.

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