



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
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 24, 2025

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Continuing our Series on the Ten Commandments

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Seventh Commandment is "Do not Steal". We think of theft as breaking into someone's house, robbing a bank, shoplifting or taking something that doesn't belong to us. All these actions are forms of stealing, but it is more complicated than that.

The Catholic Church teaches that the right of ownership is based in a common sharing of the world's resources. When God created Adam, he made him steward of all creation for the common good of all. From this we are granted the right to private property, but we also derive from this created order the responsibility to be stewards of our property in a way that is fair and beneficial to all.

Therefore, for the common good we are expected to practice temperance and a simple life. We are not to be overly attached to material goods and riches. In other words, greed is a form of stealing. We should live simply so that others may simply live.

This brings into question a whole range of economic practices. Paying unfairly low wages is stealing. Not doing an honest day's work is stealing. Fraud, cheating on taxes or expense claims, charging too much interest, depriving workers of benefits, cutting crooked deals, breaking contracts, not paying bills, accumulating unfair levels of debt, exploiting workers, exploiting gamblers and extorting money through blackmail and undue pressure--all of these are forms of stealing.

Taking advantage of the poor, taking or giving bribes, insider trading, crooked insurance and stockbroker deals, big business pressuring government or international traders for undue advantage--all these are forms of stealing.

Taking money from some and giving it to others without them earning it is a form of governmental stealing. Unfair and enforced taxation is a form of stealing. Refusing to give alms to the poor is stealing. Not tithing is to steal from Christ's Church. Expecting to get money or goods without working when one is able to work is also a form of stealing.

The list could go on and on. The basic principle is that we are given this world's wealth not to please ourselves, but to serve God and serve others. We are given the call and the power to work to earn wealth in order to serve God and serve others.

Therefore, whenever we seek to accumulate wealth at the unfair expense of others, we are thieves because the wealth is given to us to serve them, not to enslave them.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Aug. 17, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 25,158.
Surplus:	\$ 3,158 .

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #8
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$ 176,000.
Received:	\$ 202,594.
Surplus:	\$ 26,594.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Many" then are the "few;" both "few" and "many." Are the "few" one sort, and the "many" another? No. But the "few" are themselves the "many;" "few" in comparison of the lost, "many in the society of the Angels. Hearken, dearly Beloved."
St. Augustine (Sermon 16)

Today's readings and the Gospel talk about the separation of the saved and lost. St. Paul writes about bearing the discipline of the Lord because He treats us as His family. Those disciplines are meant to strengthen us. St. Luke follows up in his writings that Jesus said few will be saved but some will not because they are not strong enough. His discipline is used to strengthen our faith and love for Him, to make straight our path. Our Christian faith is not about being easy or about sugary preaching. It is about picking up our cross daily and walking with Him to Calvary. It is the hardest road with the most glorious finish.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to
"strive to enter through the narrow gate".*

Our call to be disciples and to follow Jesus demands that we learn to live for the sake of others. In the month of July, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 204 families, providing food and \$2,184 for utility assistance. Thank You!

The St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box has been replaced and can be found on the wall in the St. Vincent de Paul room off the Narthex. You can also find offering envelopes and prayer cards by the statue. Thank you for your generosity and help for the poor in our area.



Our ministry is growing and we invite you to join us! Our volunteers connect with Moms via email and phone to advise them of available resources. In addition, we especially need

translators (SPA-ENG) as well as drivers who can take Moms to Birthright of Greenville or local food banks. **Please email wwmin@proton.me or text us (864-618-6814) to learn more!**

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, 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, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

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



SCHOOL NEWS

Curriculum Nights - Guadalupe Hall, 6-8pm

Aug 28 Middle School

Sep 4 Upper School

Sep. 1 Labor Day - NO School

Do you have a child registered for Confirmation?

If so, please sign up for the required

"Real Love Real Life" program that meets on Sept 10, 17, and 24, at 7:30pm in Guadalupe Hall.

Registration and a description of the event are included [HERE](#).

Contact [JohnMark Cayer](#), Director of Faith Formation, with any questions.

Faith Formation Reminders

All photos from First Holy Communion and Confirmation, as well as Baptism Certificates are on the credenza in the Narthex. This includes all items from the past few years, so please take a minute to stop and pick up those items for your children.

Go [HERE](#) for all the 2025-26 schedules and required forms.



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,

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

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. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, **September 17, at 7:00pm** in Guadalupe Hall.



Please Note . . .

If you or member of your family are hospitalized, please contact the parish office immediately to inform our priests. The **Greenville hospitals** no longer have a Catholic Chaplain available, so you will need to contact us as soon as possible.

Recently baptized was

Gavin Henry Knighten

son of

Patrick & Arielle Knighten

We welcome Gavin 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.



Go [HERE](#) for details and link to register. All men age high school and up are invited.

Please remember to contact Donna Craft at dcraft@charlestandiocese.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.

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)

23 Saturday	24 Sunday <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	25 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-12:00p Respect Life Ministry Deanery Meeting, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Luis & Gabella Ospina+</i>	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Anna Hutson</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 12:00-4:00p Altar Servers Party, Off Campus 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i>	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Alfred Natale</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
26 Tuesday	27 Wednesday	28 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For Adelaide Fletcher</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Way Bible Studies, GH	7:15a Mass, UC 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 3:00-6:00p Secular Franciscans, JDR 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For JoAnne Bricco+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Maria Escobar+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:00-8:00p MS Curriculum Night, GH 6:30-9:30p Knights of Columbus, CAFE 7:00-8:00p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
29 Friday	30 Saturday	31 Sunday <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, UC (Limited Seating) <i>For Jackie Allen+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Jack & Evelyn Mahan+</i> 6:00-10:00p US Coffee House Night, CAFE	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Tom Calamia+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For OLR Community</i> 1:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i>

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

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