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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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

3710 Augusta Rd. † Greenville, SC 29605

August 31, 2025

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Continuing our Series on the Ten Commandments

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Eighth Commandment is "Do not bear false witness against your neighbor". In simpler terms, "Do not lie." In positive terms, "Be truthful".

We are called to be truthful because God is Truth itself, and we are created in His image. Jesus Christ says, "I am the Truth." Therefore, we are called not only to speak the truth and not lie, but to BE the truth, to live the truth, to live faithfully and truthfully with integrity and honesty at all times.

It is easy to think that an outright lie is the only form of being untruthful, but when we think about it, we can see that there are many forms of being deceitful. Gossip which intends harm to another is a form of lying because it betrays the full truth about the person. Detraction is to speak the truth about a person, but with the intention to harm their reputation. Calumny is to lie about a person intentionally to harm them.

Flattery and adulation are a form of lying because they seek to please a person with a slanted view of the truth. Bragging and boasting slant the truth in favor of our own pride and self esteem.

Lying extends to all forms of deceitfulness which causes harm to another person or to Truth, Beauty and Goodness itself. Therefore, to create a form of art, write an article or produce drama or film which is dishonest in the way it portrays life is a lie. To produce a work that promotes immorality and does not teach the truth is to lie.

To present an image of oneself which is untrue through a false resume, a wrong impression, an artificial image of oneself or to lie about one's accomplishments is to break the sacredness of truth.

Finally, one's reputation and ability to inspire trust is based in one's truthfulness. To lie is to break trust and bring chaos and doubt to a relationship. Lying is therefore a form of violence against Truth.

Instead, we are to be open, honest and transparent about all things. This honesty is balanced with temperance--while one must be honest, not all things must be revealed. Modesty and discretion demand silence at times, and charity often demands silence so that a relationship can be maintained or restored.

Most of all, we are to live lives of openness and honesty so that we might in this way love God who is Truth and love others to whom we have the responsibility of honesty.

Your Pastor, Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Aug. 24, 2025

Needed: \$ 22,000. Received: \$ 25,721. Surplus: \$ 3,721.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #9 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 198,000. Received: \$ 228,315. Surplus: \$ 30,315.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"God, to know you is life. To serve You is freedom. To praise you is the soul's joy and delight."

St. Augustine

This week we celebrated the Memorial of St. Augustine. Since the election of our Augustinian Pope Leo XIV, I have been using quotes to introduce you to his sermons and writings. St. Augustine lived a life of parties and worldly ambitions until his conversion at age 33.

Our work at Mother Teresa deals with many who have placed things of this world above Our Lord. Like St. Monica, we pray for their conversion daily. In today's Gospel, Jesus asks us to "invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" as they cannot repay us. Yes, we work with worldly things but also the poor in spirit, crippled and lame from sin, and those blind to Him are who we are called to serve.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

With love for our neighbors who are poor, crippled, lame or blind, look into your heart and ask God how you can best serve them through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.



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* <u>wwmin@proton.me</u>) 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 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, Bethe 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.



Have you ever wished for a "quiet, flexible" ministry?

We would love to have assistance providing light meals for our youth group meetings on Sunday nights.

Please go <u>HERE</u> if interested in helping our OLR youth in this way.

This weekend, the last weekend of the month, the Blessing Table will be available for those that wish to have religious items blessed. The deacons will be in the Narthex after all the Masses.



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Upper Church on **Friday**, **Sept. 5**. It begins immediately following the 10:00am Mass and

continues until the Blessed Sacrament is reposed at 5:00pm.

Faith Formation Reminders

Sunday Morning Catechesis will begin on September 21, at 9:15am

Go HERE for 2025-26 schedules and required forms.

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 <u>JohnMark Cayer</u>, Director of Faith Formation, with any questions.



Go <u>HERE</u> for details and link to register. All men age high school and up are invited.



School and Parish Offices will be closed on **Monday**, **September 1**, for the Labor Day Holiday. The usual Daily Mass will be held at 8:30am in Lower Church. The Monday Adoration from 9am-1pm in Upper Church has been CANCELED.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sep. 1 Labor Day - NO School

Sep 4 Upper School Curriculum Night GH, 6:00-8:00pm

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service will be held on Saturday, September 6, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.



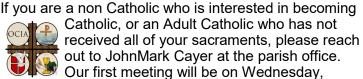
The 13th Marian Eucharistic Conference will be held from October 24-25, at the Greenville Convention Center. Featured speakers include: Fr. Joseph Wolfe, EWTN; Fr. Chris Alar, MIC; Fr. Donald Callaway, MIC; Daniel Cellucci, CEO, Catholic Leadership

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.

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

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)



September 17, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall.

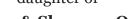
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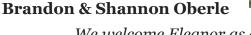
If you or member of your family are hospitalized, please contact the parish office immediately to inform our priests. The **Greenville hospitals** no longer have a Catholic Chaplain available, so you will need to contact us as soon as possible.

Recently baptized was

Eleanor Victoria Oberle

daughter of





We welcome Eleanor 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-SEPTEMBER

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

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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 For Jack & Evelyn Mahan+ 6:00-7:00p Set Up for Reception, GH 6:00-10:00p US Coffee House Night, CAF	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC For Tom Calamia+ 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC For OLR Community 12:00-2:00p Reception, GH 1:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC For The People	School and Parish Offices Closed for Labor Day 8:30a Mass, LC 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC CANCELED 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, LC For Barry O'Hare+ 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 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC For Merle Menegay+ 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00-9:00p Fellowship St. Joseph, GH	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC For Ursula Hubschman+ 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:00-8:00p US Curriculum Night, GH 6:30-9:30p Knights of Columbus, CAF 7:00-8:00p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC 7 Sunday 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, UC (Limited Seating) For Tom Calamia+ 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 For The People	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC For Xavier Randall+ 8:30-9:30a Mugs & Muffins, GH 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC For P.J. Schiller+ 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC For The OLR Community 6:00-8:00p Middle & High School Youth Group, GH, GYM, CAF

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

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