



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*

September 14, 2025

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Continuing our Series on the Ten Commandments

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Final Commandment is "Do not covet any of your neighbor's goods." In other words, "Be content with what you have."

Covetousness is the root of all wrong desire. It is to see something and say, "I want that! I want that so much that I will do anything to get it!"

Covetousness becomes a form of violence because invariably, the thing we want belongs to someone else and we must reach out to take it, and so deprive them of that thing. Covetousness breeds and broods in the heart of man and causes deep unhappiness.

Nurturing a desire for something other than God lead to ultimate unhappiness. It is easy to dismiss covetousness as being a minor sin, but we need to monitor our desires and be aware of the things we live for which are not God. If there is anything we live for that is not God, then that is our idol.

What do you live for that is not God? Your career? Your money? Your relationships? Your sexual pleasure? Your family? Your home? Your future? Your self esteem? To put anything before God is to indulge in covetousness that leads to greed.

God is against this because it does not make us happy. There is a God-shaped space within all of us, and it is only in seeking Him that we will be truly satisfied.

How do we rid ourselves of covetousness? The answer is simple but not easy. It is there in the two great commandments to love God and love our neighbor. We love God by putting him first every day of our lives. We put Him first by living sacrificially and giving sacrificially. It is impossible to remain covetous for long if we are giving sacrificially and living sacrificially.

Secondly, if we live to love and serve our neighbor it will be impossible to covet what they have. Through giving alms, serving the poor, reaching out to the needy and loving others we will overcome the false loves that keep us from Christ's kingdom.

All the commandments are given not to make us unhappy, but to lead us to true happiness. It is important therefore to know and love the ten commandments, to teach them to our children and to live them with enthusiasm and joy. In this way our lives will be enriched and as St. Benedict teaches, we will "run on the path of God's commandments, our hearts overflowing with an inexpressible delight of love!"

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Sep. 7, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 30,787.
Surplus:	\$ 8,787.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #11
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$ 242,000.
Received:	\$ 285,630.
Surplus:	\$ 43,630.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“As they were looking on, so we too gaze on his wounds as he hangs. We see his blood as he dies. We see the price offered by the redeemer, touch the scars of his resurrection. He bows his head, as if to kiss you. His heart is made bare open, as it were, in love to you. His arms are extended that he may embrace you. His whole body is displayed for your redemption. Ponder how great these things are. Let all this be rightly weighed in your mind: as he was once fixed to the cross in every part of his body for you, so he may now be fixed in every part of your soul.” **St. Augustine**

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At 11:00 am at the Basilica of Saint Peter in Columbia, on Saturday, September 27, our Deacon in Training, **Brian Hansen** will receive the Master of Arts in Theology degree. Please attend if you are able, and congratulate Brian when you see him.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross - Today's Gospel reminds us of God's great love for each of us, a love so great that He sent His son not to condemn the world, but to save it, so that we might have eternal life.

Love your neighbor as God loves us by giving your time and talent to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!

- Use the envelopes located in front of the St. Vincent de Paul statue and place them in the collection basket at each Mass during the Offertory.

OR

- Mail or make your donations at the Parish Office. Please make sure your checks are payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society – OLR Conference.

OR

- Use Online Giving (QR Code here) and select St. Vincent de Paul.



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, 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, Gail Rosenthal, 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.

High School Youth Group will meet from
12-2pm (immediately after the 10:30am Mass)
this Sunday, Sep. 14, only.

Middle School Youth Group will start
next Sunday, Sep. 21, 6-8pm.

All students who intend to participate in
OLR Youth Group this year need to
complete the forms found at the links below.

[MIDDLE SCHOOL](#)

[HIGH SCHOOL](#)

**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 [HERE](#) if interested in helping
our OLR youth in this way.



For increased security, we are updating
our key code policy for access to the church
buildings. The privilege of key code access
is for registered parishioners only, and these
codes are not to be shared. All requests for
code access need to come through the
parish office.

**After Monday, September 15, all current codes
will be deleted**, and moving forward, the codes will be
periodically changed. Please sign up for new access
codes through the Sign Up Genius link published [HERE](#)
and in the Friday email newsletter.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)



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

Faith Formation Reminders

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

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



Go [HERE](#) for details and
link to register.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sep. 17 Family Honor, 6:45pm, GH

Sep. 24 Family Honor, 6:45pm, GH

Plan to join us for a quarterly
“Coffee and Conversation”

on **Monday September 15, at 9am**
in Guadalupe Hall, hosted by our
very own 12th grade class.

This is a great opportunity for the various generations
to gather and share in fellowship. Our young people
would love to meet you and share who they are, and
what your support of OLR school means to them.



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. Regis-
tered 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>.

**Diocesan Second Collection for
the Weekend of September 14,
will be for the Catholic University of America.**



You are invited to join other Christians
throughout the Upstate to take part in our
local **40 Days for Life** effort **Sep. 24-Nov. 2**.
Though Roe vs Wade was overturned, abortions are still
performed before a heartbeat is detected, for rape, incest,
and fetal anomalies. 40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign
to end abortion. Be the ONE to make this a priority in your
life. www.40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up on the
vigil calendar or contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid
864-991-5873.

Recently baptized was
Lucy Thérèse Feltes
daughter of
Jack & Faith Feltes



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

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 October 4**. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER

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

13 Saturday	14 Sunday <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	15 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 1:00-2:00p Wedding Prep, GH 2:00p Wedding, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Tom Calamia+</i> 6:00p Remembrance for Unborn Service, Outdoor Chapel 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, 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 Dieter Geerts</i> 12:00-2:00p High School Youth Group, GH, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Catherine Maria of the Passion, OP</i>	8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Christina Aleuy+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC
16 Tuesday	17 Wednesday	18 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For Brian & Martha Mahan</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH	7:15a Mass, UC <i>For Jean Nadeau+</i> 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 Tony & Kathy Veglia</i> 6:45p Real Love & Real Life, GH 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH Classroom	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Brooke Renee Bozard Baldowski+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:00p Respect Life Ministry, GH 7:00-8:00p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
19 Friday	20 Saturday	21 Sunday <i>25th 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 MaryAnn Mahan+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC 5:00-10:00p 9th Grade Boys Retreat, GYM, GH	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 1:00p Wedding Prep, GH 2:00p Wedding, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Alvin & Naomi Clark+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Fernando Iannacchino+</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 3rd Sunday Brunch, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Maria Amata Verbi, OP</i> 6:00p WWMIN Celebration, JDR 6:00-8:00p MS & HS Youth Groups, GH, CAF, GYM
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.		