



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 28, 2025

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the wake of the recent gun violence in our country we have put in place some additional security measures at OLR. Our school headmaster, Mr. Curtin has employed local deputy sheriffs to provide security during school hours, and we have done the same for campus security during weekend Mass times. To help fund this we will have a second collection next weekend, October 4/5.

As part of the review of security our ushers are regularly trained to assist. With this in mind, we are also reviewing security of our campus buildings. Our Director of Facilities, David Bernard, is the person to oversee locks and keys, and Donna Craft, our Director of Communications, is the person to contact to book the facilities for all events.

The matter of "security" has a theological implication also. In the Evangelical Protestant religion in which I was raised there was a doctrine called "eternal security". This is the belief that once a person has repented and accepted the saving work of the Lord Jesus Christ their eternal destiny was sealed. They were bound for heaven and that personal salvation could not be lost. In other words, "Once Saved Always Saved". The advantage of this belief is that it lodges one's confidence in Christ's saving work - no matter what happens he will see you safely home to heaven.

The problem with the doctrine of "Eternal security" is that it contradicts common sense. If we have the freedom to accept Christ's saving work it follows that we also have the freedom, after accepting his mercy, of rejecting it through our sinful actions or through a conscious rejection of the faith. The Catholic faith never contradicts common sense even though it often transcends common sense. Catholics reject the Protestant doctrine of eternal security because it undermines our free will.

Nevertheless, the Catholic faith does offer a sense of security for the eternal future. While we do not believe in "once saved always saved" we have confidence that if we are in a state of grace that we are on the right path to heaven. By repenting, trusting in the Lord and living by the precepts of the Church and the Ten Commandments we can have confidence that, by God's grace, we are heading to heaven. If our hearts and lives are oriented toward God, then his presence will be our final destination.

When we are on a journey one of the things we do is to regularly study the map, look for landmarks and guideposts, check our progress, and correct wrong turnings and missteps. Regular Examination of Conscience and Confession are the ways we check the map and correct our course.

As Catholics we may not have the false comfort of "eternal security", but we do have the confidence of faith—that if we walk in God's way we will one day be with him.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Sep. 21, 2025

Needed: \$ 25,500.*

Received: \$ 34,630.

Surplus: \$ 9,130.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #13
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 331,500.

Received: \$ 342,173.

Surplus: \$ 10,673.

* 6/30/26 budget finalized; copies available
in the Narthex with the 6/30/25 financials.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"So don't be afraid of the bitter cup of death; yes, death is bitter, but through this bitterness one passes to a glorious sweetness. This bitterness cures the bowels of your soul—not if you just die, but if you die for the truth."

St. Augustine (Sermon 299E)

In today's gospel Jesus tells the parable of the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus. The rich man has great earthly wealth while Lazarus does not. In the end, we find out the rich man was poor in spirit and was judged to spend eternity in torment, while Lazarus is sent to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man asks if Lazarus can be sent to warn his brothers. Jesus states we have been shown the path to glory but we if ignore it, we too will suffer the fate of the rich man. To pick up your cross and follow Him is to drink from the bitter cup of His crucifixion, but, like Lazarus, if we do drink that cup, His cup, we will pass to glorious sweetness. Praise the Lord, my soul!

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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OLR Feast Day - Tuesday, October 7

Masses will be held in Upper Church
at 10:00 am, (School Mass, limited seating)
and at 12:00 pm.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

On September 27, the Church celebrated the feast of St. Vincent de Paul, who knew that "God had sent him to bring good news to the poor." Together with your gifts, the members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission in our parish.

In the month of September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to "bring good news to the poor," by assisting 269 families. Thank You!

Life Chain takes place Sunday, Oct. 5, on Woodruff Road.

It is a peaceful, prayerful public witness for the sanctity of human life. People from all denominations hold respect life signs while standing and praying on the public right-of-way along busy thoroughfares.

OLR will be standing in front of Cracker Barrel, Petco,
and Whole Foods spreading towards Verizon 2:30-3:30pm.
Please contact Ingrid at 864-329-0044.

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.

Middle and High School Youth Groups
will our regular meeting on
Sunday, Sep. 28, from 6-8pm.

2025-26 Youth Group Schedule [HERE](#)



Please join us for an **OLR Parish Party**
celebrating the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary
on **Saturday, October 11, at 6pm** immediately
following the 5pm Mass.

All parishioners, friends, and family are invited for
food, drinks, games and fellowship. This is a free
event, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, and will
be potluck, so please register to bring your favorite dish. We
need at least 15 people to bring food. Go [HERE](#) to sign up.

October is Respect Life Month! Once again, the Respect Life
Ministry invites parishioners to our **Annual, Free
and Fantastic Sunday Brunch** following the
10:30 am Mass on **Sunday, October 5.** A
delicious breakfast of quiche, pigs in a blanket
and assorted Danish pastries will be provided.
Enjoy your coffee while the kids are at the
Children's Pro-Life Table. Enjoy this time of fellowship with us
and learn what we're doing as we make the protection of every
Life our #1 Priority.



To mark our parish feast on Oct. 7,
we invite all families to enroll in the
Confraternity of the Rosary.
Each member enrolled in the Confraternity
strives to pray the complete Rosary each week.
There are no meetings, dues, or fees!

Benefits include:

- A share in the prayers of all members of the
Confraternity, living and deceased
- A plenary indulgence upon enrollment (normal
conditions apply)
- The special protection of the Mother of God, and more.

One must be old enough to understand and fulfill the weekly
obligation of praying the complete Rosary. To enroll, please
go [HERE](#) and take this opportunity to honor Our Lady of the
Rosary and implore her protection for our families!



Join St. Martha's Book Club in Juan Diego Room
on Monday, **October 6**, from 12:30-2:00 as we
discuss ***The Confession of Brother Haluin*** by Ellis
Peters. Father Ballard will be joining us with infor-
mation about the author, her books, and a question/answer
session on confession. Call 864-360-2406 for more info.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday,
Oct 1, at 7:00pm in **Lower Church**,
discussing the *Salvation History, Sacred
Scripture and Sacred Tradition.*



MEN'S RETREAT - Oct. 24-25.

Please register [HERE](#) by **Oct. 19.**

All men above high school age and up are invited.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Oct. 2** PTO Meeting, 8:15am, GH
Oct. 4 Upper School Hoedown Dance, 6-9pm
Oct. 7 School Mass, 10:00am, UC

The St. Francis Blessing of the Animals has been **CANCELED**

Mugs & Muffins



Earlier risers, coffee awaits you after the 8am Mass
every first Sunday in Guadalupe Hall! All families
are invited for fellowship, muffins, coffee and juice.
Join us on **Sunday, Oct. 5.**

***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 Saturday Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service
will be held on Saturday, **October 4**,
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, youth is \$90, which includes
dinner on Friday and lunch on Saturday. Registered by
Oct. 11, by mail. Registration after Oct. 11: \$145. We offer
gluten-free meals as you request. For more information, call
(864)354-7160.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with All Night Vigil

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held
in the Upper Church on **Friday, Oct. 3. It begins
immediately following the 10:00am School Mass
and continues until Saturday, Oct. 4, at 9:00am.**



You are invited to join other Christians through-
out 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. Go to
www.40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up on the vigil calen-
dar or contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid 864-991-5873.

Recently baptized was
Henry Thomas Burgess
son of
Clark & Michelle Burgess



*We welcome Henry 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 - OCTOBER

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

27 Saturday	Sunday - 28 <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	29 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For St. Vincent de Paul</i> 6:30p Family Enrichment GH, GYM, CAF 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For St. Vincent de Paul</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> 12:00p 3rd Sunday Brunch, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & HS Youth Groups, GH, CAF, GYM	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Mass , LC <i>For Matt Mytych</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
30 Tuesday	Oct. 1 Wednesday	2 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass , LC <i>For Murray M. Howard, Jr. +</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 Barbara Redding</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 Sr. Lauren, OP</i> 6:45p Fellowship of St. Joseph, GH 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, LC	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass , LC <i>For Roger & Wilma Bever+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
3 Friday	4 Saturday	Sunday - 5 <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass , UC (Limited Seating) <i>For Edward Gourde+</i> 11:00a Friday-9:00a Saturday <i>First Friday Adoration with</i> <i>All Night Vigil, LC</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a Pro-Life Mass & Healing , UC 10:30a NFP, 5th Grade Classroom 10:30a Blessing of the Animals, CANCELED 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 William & Maryanne Pankrath+</i> 6:00-9:00p Upper School Dance, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Mugs & Muffins, GH 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For Ursula Hubschman+</i> 12:00p Respect Life Brunch, GH 1:00-3:00p MS & HS Youth Groups will attend Life Chain 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Sr. Theresa, OP</i>
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.		

If viewing online, please scroll down to the next page for all the Respect Life Ministry News.



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Current News and Events



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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.**

Will you join us in praying outside the Greenville abortion facility during the 40 Days for Life campaign? Be the ONE to make this a priority in your life. Go to www.40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up on the vigil calendar or contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid at 864-991-5873.

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Unborn Child Protection Act SC – S. 323.

This legislation needs prayers and actions NOW!

Sponsors of this Senate bill are: Richard Cash, Rex Rice and Billy Garrett. Please go [HERE](#) for Live Action's summary of this bill, then please call or email members of the SC Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee and ask them to vote this bill out of committee.

SC Senate Medical Affairs Subcommittee: Thomas Alexander, Richard Cash, Tom Corbin, Tom Davis, Tom Fernandez, Michael Gambrell, Billy Garrett, Brad Hutto, Josh Kimbrell, Matt Leber, Shane Martin, Margie Bright Matthews, Harvey Peeler, Ronnie Sabb, Deon Tedder, Danny Verdin (Chairman) and Jeff Zell.

Hearing and public comment: 9:30 am, Wednesday, October 1, Gressette Bldg. Room 105. If you wish to speak at the hearing and/or carpool to Columbia, please text PROTECT to 864-772-9020.



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Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 27: September 28



The skin of your baby is reddish and has a wrinkled appearance. This week Baby weighs almost two pounds and is about 14.4 inches long with his legs extended. He can now open and close his eyes, and he sleeps and wakes at regular intervals. He may suck his fingers, and although his lungs are still immature, they would be capable of functioning he were to be born now.

To all who signed up to join OLR's Spiritual Adoption this year, we are sending updates to your Inbox. If you wish to get these updates but did not sign up this year, please send your email to wwmin@proton.me, with subject line "Spiritual Adoption".

Online Giving for Life!

Go here, osvhub.com/olrgreenville/giving/funds at the OLR website to donate to the Respect Life or the Walking With Moms in Need ministries.

Respect Life - Be Not Afraid Newsletter!

We will now periodically provide a Respect Life Newsletter in print, available in the Narthex, and the page following the bulletin calendar. We invite you to learn what's happening legislatively and to support our efforts to protect others from the dangers of abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide.

OLR's **Walking with Moms in Need** program assists moms in need, especially those with unexpected pregnancies. We offer free support and are here to walk with you and your baby as you peacefully prepare for his or her arrival. Book your confidential interview with us today via email: wwmin@proton.me or phone 864-618-6814. Please allow our advisors to provide you and your baby with the support you need. We look forward to meeting you!