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#### **Parish Office Hours**

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#### **School Office Hours**

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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

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#### **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

November 2, 2025

All Souls' Day

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is easy to become complacent and simply coast along in our faith, so it is important from time to time to be reminded of some of the Catholic Church's essential teachings.

I would like the draw your attention to the teachings regarding the sixth commandment: "Thou shalt not commit adultery." This is a prohibitive commandment (in other words telling us what NOT to do) rather than an indicative commandment which tells us what we should do.

The prohibitive commandments are not given to make us feel guilty, but to set up proper boundaries that keep us safe, preserve the integrity of our lives together, and help us to avoid the pitfalls that lead us away from the life of God. In this sense, it is obvious that the sixth commandment is given in order to protect and defend the God given Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

All the distortions of sexuality in our personal lives and in our society are an assault on marriage. Marriage, I should remind you, is between one woman and one man, for life. For Catholics, for a marriage to be valid both bride and groom need to be Catholic and the marriage needs to take place in a Catholic Church, according to the prescribed rites of the Church, and officiated by a validly ordained priest or deacon. In other words, Uncle Gilbert who has purchased an ordination certificate online cannot marry you at the beach using vows you composed from your favorite song!

If there is a good cause for exceptions to any of these conditions the bride and groom may apply to the bishop for a dispensation or permission. For example - one of the spouses might be a non-Catholic Christian or there is a good reason for them to be married in a non-Catholic church.

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If your marriage is valid you are married "until death do you part". When Catholic marriages break down irreconcilably the couple may need to separate, but there is no such thing as a Catholic divorce. After the couple separate they may obtain a civil divorce, but in the eyes of God they are still married. At their wedding the priest quoted the words of Jesus, "that which God has joined together man cannot divide." If a man and woman are validly married and they divorce and re-marry they are committing adultery. If the re-married couple live together as husband and wife, they have put themselves outside the community of Christ's church and should not present themselves to receive Holy Communion. Simply going to confession does not remedy this irregular situation unless the couple also decide to separate.

Sometimes after a marriage breaks down and a civil divorce is granted one or both spouses may ask for the competent church authority (the diocesan marriage tribunal) to examine the validity of their marriage. If grounds are discovered for the marriage to be deemed invalid, then the tribunal may grant them a decree of nullity. This is not an "annulment". If the marriage was valid the church cannot nullify the marriage, but if it can be shown that the marriage was invalid in the first place, a decree of nullity may be granted. If it is granted, it is as if the marriage (in God's eyes) did not occur and both spouses are free to marry.

When dealing with these vexed circumstances I often explain, "The marriage discipline of the Church is simple in principle, but complicated in application." That is because our relationships are complex.

It is best to remember that, while the Catholic rules and regulations often seem inexplicable and cumbersome, they have been established to help all of us make our way the best we can through this often messy pilgrimage of life.

If you have questions about these matters Fr. Ballard and I are there to assist you.

Thank you for working with us to support and strengthen our families and our lives together at OLR!

Your pastor, Fr. Longenecker

## **Pastoral Staff**

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# **Parish Operating Financials**

Collection for the week ending Oct. 26, 2025

Needed: \$ 25,500. Received: \$ 27,366. Surplus: \$ 1,866.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #18 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 459,000. Received: \$ 476,199. Surplus: \$ 17,199.

## **MOTHER TERESA HOUSE**

"At once, every vain hope became worthless to me, and with a hot-burning desire I longed for immortality in wisdom and began now to rise upward, so that I might return to you."

St. Augustine (Confessions of St. Augustine)

We are all born into sin as we carry the stain of our original parents. Original sin is actually the absence of God in us, a hole that only He was meant to fill. We, the baptized, have been brought back into God, although the stain remains, and whether in this lifetime or the next, that stain must be purified away.

We look to the saints who have been fully purified and rest with Him, and we pray that purification for those who have passed from this world. I pray for all my family, friends and those whose souls I promised to pray for every day. I pray for the relatives and friends whom I know have lived separated from Him.

Since God is in all times, at all times, those prayers, even those years later, are heard when they need it. I always pray that they find Him the moment before His judgement and His mercy envelops them. We know many people in our lives who have lost their way, but His endless mercy is always sufficient to forgive anything we have done.

As St. Augustine says "For you made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you."

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach cloewer@charlestondiocese.org

# St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus promises not to reject anyone who comes to Him, for this is the will of His Father.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you also show your acceptance of our Lord by joyfully sharing your goods with your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

#### **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, Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Emily Smith, Nancy & Earl Smith, Emily Stiffler, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Justin Timbers, Cheryl Wallace, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Luigina Warga, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

## **YOUTH GROUPS**

This Sunday, Nov. 2, we will have our regular meetings for the Middle and High School Youth Groups from 6-8pm.

2025-26 Youth Group Schedule <u>HERE</u>

# FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with All Night Vigil



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Lower Church on Friday, Nov. 7.

It begins immediately following the 10:00am School Mass and continues until Saturday, Nov. 8, at 9:00am.

Adorers are needed for these extended hours.

Please sign up <u>HERE</u>. For additional security,
we ask adult men to sign up for the all night time slots.

# Mugs & Muffins

Earlier risers, coffee awaits you after the 8am Mass in Guadalupe Hall! All families are invited for fellowship, muffins, coffee and juice. Join us on **Sunday**, **Nov. 2**.





Bring a chair.

You are welcome to join St. Martha's Book Club on **Monday Nov. 3**, from 12:30-2:00pm in Juan Diego room as we discuss the classic

The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde

by Robert Louis Stevenson. Call 864-360-2406 for more info.

**40 Days for Life Closing Celebration Sunday, Nov. 2,** from 3:00 pm to 4:15
pm, at Christ the King Church, 1223
Grove Road. Prayer warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign. Pastor Mark Wills,
Pastors for Life, will give the Opening Prayer. He with wife, Robin and his "For Life Praise Band" will lead the singing. We will end with a blessing from Deacon Bob Connor, and then have a "Celebration"

#### **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)**

of Life" with refreshments and draw for door prizes.

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **November 12**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall. We will discuss *The Liturgy*. We will NOT meet on Wednesday, November 5.



## **SCHOOL NEWS**

Nov. 6 PTO Meeting, 8:15am, GH

**Nov. 7** Basketball Night, 6:00-10:00pm, GYM

Nov. 15 Saturday Night Life, 6:00-9:00pm, GYM

9th Grade and above \$10 with Chick-fil-a Dinner Deadline to Register - Nov. 12

Register HERE

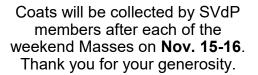
# All Souls' Day - Sunday, Nov. 2

Anticipated Mass on Saturday, Nov. 1 at 5:00pm Mass at 8:00am, 10:30am & 5:00pm in Upper Church Book of Remembrance will be available

Please go <u>HERE</u> for All Souls' Day Indulgences Guidelines.

**Daily Masses on Nov. 4-6**, will be Communion Services as our priests attend the Diocesan Priests' Retreat.

Please help "Church Without Walls"
minister to the children of Grove Road
Elementary School by providing
new or gently used coats.



On Monday, Nov. 3, go to **The Saints podcast**<a href="#">HERE</a> to listen to the dramatized story of St. Vincent de Paul. The five part script was written by Fr. Longenecker. In the podcast archives you can also listen to his series on the life of St. Nicholas Owen.

# On Saturday, Nov. 8, the Guadalupe Hall kitchen will be deep cleaned.



If you have any personal items or food in the refrigerator, please remove them as soon as possible. After Nov. 8, anything remaining will be removed.

Recently baptized was
Samuel Elijah Gans
son of
Stephen & Aimée Gans



We welcome Samuel as a

We welcome Samuel 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 December 6**. For more information, please email Meghan at <a href="mailto:scnaprofnp@gmail.com">scnaprofnp@gmail.com</a>.

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<b>Saturday - Nov. 1</b> All Saints' Day NOT a Holy Day of Obligation	<b>Sunday - 2</b> All Souls' Day Book of Remembrance available	3 Monday	
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM	7:30a Choir Practice, GH	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC	
9:30a <b>Pro Life Mass</b> , UC Relics available for veneration	8:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC For The Departed Souls	8:30a <b>Mass</b> , LC For Ron Menegay+	
10:30a NFP Class, 5th Grade Classroom	9:00a Mugs & Muffins, GH 9:00a Choir Practice, UC	9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC	
1:00p Wedding Prep, GH 2:00p Wedding, UC	9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC	11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC	
3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC	10:00a Rosary, UC	12:00-2:00p St. Martha's Book Club, JDR	
4:30p Choir Practice, GH	10:30a <b>Mass</b> , UC For The Departed Souls	SDIX	
4:30p Rosary, UC	12:00p Baptism, UC		
5:00p  Anticipated Mass, UC For Josephine & Murray M. Howard, Jr. and all the deceased members of the Suit, Votava, Sokol, Ayers, O'Barr, Bagwell, Howard, and Hornady Families+	4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC For The Departed Souls 6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups GH, GYM, CAF, LC		
8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC			
4 Tuesday	5 Wednesday	6 Thursday	
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH	7:15a Mass, CANCELED	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC	
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8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH	8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH	10:00a Communion Service, LC	
12:00p Communion Service, LC	3:00p Schola Practice, UC	10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC	
12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC	4:15-5:15p No Confessions	3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC	
2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC	5:15p Benediction, LC	6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC	
3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC	6:00p Communion Service, UC	7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC	
7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH	6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH 7:00p Fellowship of St. Joseph, JDR		
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7 Friday	8 Saturday	Sunday - 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM	7:30a Choir Practice, GH	
8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH	7:00-9:00a Kitchen Deep Clean, GH	8:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC For Ben Schiller	
10:00a <b>School Mass</b> , UC (Limited Seating)	9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM		
For Emily Smith	9:00a Adoration, All Night Vigil ends, LC	9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC	
11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC	10:00a Rosary, UC	
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begins, LC	4:30p Rosary, UC	For Ursula Hubschman+	
6:00-10:00p Basketball Night, GYM	5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC	4:30p Rosary, UC	
	For Dan Rambo+	5:00p Mass, UC	
	6:00-8:00p Norris Small Group, GH	For The People	
If viewing online, please scroll down to the next page for all the Respect Life Ministry News.	8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	12:00-4:00p MS & US Youth Groups GH, GYM, CAF	



# RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY Current News and Events November 2, 2025



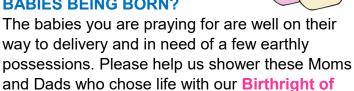
Will you join us in praying outside the Greenville abortion facility during the 40 Days for Life campaign? Be the ONE to make this a priority in your

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.

# CAN YOU BELIEVE WE'RE 2 MONTHS AWAY FROM OUR



Greenville Baby Shower.



From Nov. 1-16, you may place your donation into the Pack 'n Play in the Narthex. Birthright needs the following: New baby bottles (small and large) and pacifiers, diaper rash cream, cotton/muslin baby blankets, baby wash and shampoo as well as diapers sizes 4, 5 & 6. *Thank you!* 

#### The FDA and a Generic Abortion Pill

The FDA shocked and deeply disappointed us with the approval of a generic version of mife-pristone (the first pill used during a chemical abortion). This decision should be immediately reversed, and mifepristone should be pulled from the market altogether. **LiveAction** has made this easy for you to send an email <u>HERE</u> with just a few clicks to demand these lifesaving actions.

#### November – Month of Saints and Souls!

As our prayers chase away the Halloween demons, we welcome and pray to our Saints as well as remember the Souls in Purgatory. Go <a href="HERE">HERE</a> for guidelines for praying that souls of the faithful departed can be helped into heaven!

# 40 Days for Life CLOSING CELEBRATION

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# Spiritual Adoption WEEK 32: November 2

With less than ten weeks to go, your baby weighs about 4.4 pounds, and his total length is approximately 19.4 inches. Baby's heart has been beating for 27 weeks and he has been breathing for 23 weeks.

# **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: <a href="www.wwmin@proton.me">wwmin@proton.me</a> 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!