



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*

October 12, 2025

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week we celebrated our patronal Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, so it is a good time to encourage you to pray the rosary daily. While this is not a prescribed discipline of our church, it is a personal and daily devotion recommended by many saints, popes and spiritual directors.

The rosary engages three parts of our person: our will, intellect and imagination. I have described our free will as "a smidgen of God's omnipotence". His omnipotence is his complete and total power. If we are created in his image, then it follows that we share in his attributes. If he is omnipotent, then our will is free and all powerful (but within the limits of our morality) When we say in the Lord's prayer, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven" we are aligning our will with His omnipotence, so we can affirm that "with God all things are possible". When we decide to pray the rosary, our will is engaged. We have put our beliefs into action, and have decided to do something beautiful for God.

Our intellect is the rational, reasoning part of our mind. When devotees of Eastern religions meditate, they attempt to empty their mind in order to enter into the "emptiness of the universe". This is essentially nihilistic and irrational. The rosary is very different. As we meditate on the mysteries of the gospel we must think them through. Our intellect is engaged and if we have intellectual difficulties the prayer of the rosary helps to dissolve them. When counseling non-Catholics who have intellectual objections to the Marian dogmas, for example, I advise them to pray the rosary, and this devotion helps to enlighten the mind and heart to help them understand the dogmas intellectually and with the understanding of the heart.

The imagination is the part of our mind that uses images or picture language. This is the center of our emotional life and it pre-dates the development of language and verbal reasoning. This is the "deep down" part of our minds and hearts. The rosary also engages this deep part of our being because as we meditate on the mysteries of the rosary our imagination and emotions are involved.

In addition to this, the rosary involves our body, mind and spirit: Body because we hold and finger the beads, mind because the three aspects of our mind are engaged as outlined above, and spirit because we pray in the power of the Holy Spirit, engaging our immortal souls. The beauty of this devotion is that, while it is theologically and intellectually profound, it is accessible to everyone. I love to hear our school children recite their rosaries knowing that the same beautiful prayer is also being prayed by the adults in the parish—those who are highly educated or not so highly educated—the old, the young, the men and women, boys and girls—and that this is true around the world among billions of our fellow Catholics in every race, nation, tribe and tongue.

As an encouragement, we have a **Parent Led Rosary** on Tuesdays at 2:30pm in Lower Church, **Mothers of the Rosary** meeting monthly, and the newly established **Rosary Confraternity** with information [HERE](#).

Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. AMEN.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Oct. 5, 2025

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 31,930.

Surplus: \$ 6,430.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #15
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 382,500.

Received: \$ 399,381.

Surplus: \$ 16,881.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

St. Augustine (on Gospel Questions, Book 11, Chap. XL)

“VI. There is no doubt about this; yet it may happen that we are delivered from leprosy, that is, from false doctrines after accepting the true faith and embracing the doctrine of the Church in all its points, so as to be able to distinguish between the things coming from the Creator and those proceeding from His creatures. But we still remain ungrateful towards God, by Whom we were cleansed from our spiritual leprosy. Our pride and our presumption, preventing us from humbly recognizing the blessings of our Creator, are the cause of our ingratitude. We are like those spoken of by the Apostle: When they knew God, they have not glorified Him as God, or given thanks (Rom 1:21). Note these words of the Apostle. They mean that these people knew God, and were freed from the leprosy of error, yet were still afflicted with ingratitude towards their Creator Who had enlightened them. They must, therefore, be reckoned among the nine lepers of the Gospel. This number nine is imperfect, and must increase by one, and thus be made perfect, since nothing can be added to the number ten, perfect in itself. This tenth is the leper who came back, with a loud voice glorifying God and giving thanks. He represents the Church, in whom alone there is unity. He is praised by our Lord, whereas the nine others are rejected and condemned on account of their ingratitude. Consider also that these nine lepers were a type of the Jews, who, through their pride and ingratitude, lost the kingdom of heaven; whereas the one who came back giving thanks was a Samaritan, who, like a faithful keeper of entrusted goods, preserved this kingdom by his humility and thankfulness, and could say with the prophet: I will keep my strength to Thee, for Thou art my Protector (Ps 58:10)

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel we hear that only one of those healed returned to glorify God and to give thanks to God. It is true, that when we have a grateful heart we know that everything is a gift from God.

**To give thanks for all that God has given to you,
have you considered answering the call to help serve
the poor by joining the Society of 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 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, 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.

On Sunday, Oct. 12, Middle and High School Youth Groups will have our regular meeting from 6-8pm.

Mr. Beach will be presenting on how worldviews affect belief, and how belief in turn, affects evangelization.

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

Palmetto Journey of Hope Special Event



Join us on Wednesday, **October 15**, at 7:00 pm in Guadalupe Hall as our parish hosts a powerful evening in partnership with South Carolinians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (SCADP).

You will hear moving testimonies from Jimmy MacPhee and Terri Steinberg, voices of mercy and forgiveness in the face of tragedy. This is an evening of hope, healing, and God's redemptive love you won't want to miss. Seating is limited to 75 people - reserve your spot today!

Go [HERE](#) to register.

School and Parish offices will be closed on **Monday, October 13, for Columbus Day.**

The usual Daily Mass will be celebrated in Lower Church at 8:30am.

Monday Eucharistic Adoration from 9am-1pm has been canceled.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **Oct 15, at 7:00pm**, in **Lower Church**, discussing *Mary the Mother of God*.



Lost and Found

Items will soon be removed from the hall outside the men's restroom. Please pick up your personal belongings before October 20.

MEN'S RETREAT at Heart Ridge - Oct. 24-25.

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

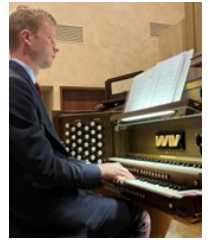
All men above high school age and up are invited.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Oct. 13** NO School
- Oct. 16** MS and US Spirit Day
- Oct. 17** Fall Festival, 6-9:30pm, Playground behind Lower School

Several organists from the Greenville area, including our own Mr. Phillips, are playing a collective **Organ Concert** here at OLR on **Tuesday, October 14**, at 7:00pm in Upper Church.

This program is free and open to the public.



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.

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



The **Midpoint Candlelight Vigil** will be held **Monday, Oct. 13**, at 7:00pm, in the OLR Outdoor Memorial Chapel. We will pray the Rosary in different languages and praise the Lord with singing. Greg Grimm, cantor and choir member at OLR, will lead the singing.

Thank you to all who took part in Sunday's Life Chain. Our Lady of the Rosary and St. Joseph's had a very nice turnout. Even the light rain didn't dampen spirits. We were spread out all the way from Cracker Barrel down to Verizon. Most of those holding signs were the youth. We are very grateful to David Haggard, Karl Orbon, and Jill Kriegel for encouraging them. Many of us have been involved in this ministry since the early 1990's and are ready to pass the torch. The youth are our future and from Sunday's participation, it looks to be a good one. The Greenville Life Chain had 250 to 300 participants.



Friday, Oct. 17

6-9:30pm

**Lower School
Playground**

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 November 4**, and December 6. For more information, please email Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com.

OCTOBER

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

11 Saturday	Sunday - 12 <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	13 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 12:00p Wedding Prep, GH 1:00p Wedding, UC 2:30-6:00p Party Set Up, Courtyard 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00p Parish Party, Courtyard Sponsored by Knights of Columbus 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Rosemary Schiller+</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> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Michelle Tennant+</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups GYM, CAF, GH	<i>School and Parish Offices Closed</i> 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Bruce & Heather Jennings</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC, CANCELED 9:00a-4:00p Organ tuning, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 6:00p 40 Days for Life Midpoint Candlelight Vigil, Outdoor Chapel
14 Tuesday	15 Wednesday	16 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 2:00p Mass, UC <i>For Thomas Brabston, 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 7:00p Organ Recital, UC	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 and UC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Eugene Edward O'Reilly+</i> 6:45p Palmetto Journey of Hope, GH 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 6:30-9:30p Sports Dinner, CAF 7:00p OCIA, Lower Church	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Gail Rosenthal+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:00p Respect Life Ministry, GH 6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
17 Friday	18 Saturday	Sunday - 19 <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass, UC <i>For Matthew Craft+</i> (Limited Seating) 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 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 David Bozard</i> 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 Becky Ketchen</i> 12:00p Third Sunday Brunch, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Brooke Renee Bozard Baldowski+</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups GYM, CAF, GH
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.		