



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 19, 2025

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From time to time it is necessary to remind ourselves of best practice regarding Mass attendance.

As Catholics we are obliged to attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation. The obligation is lifted, however, if we are sick or looking after a sick loved one. It is only a sin to skip Mass—not to miss Mass. Skipping Mass is when we don't bother to go to Mass or we put something else before our obligation. Missing Mass is when we miss Mass through no fault of our own—a snowstorm, a traffic or travel delay or an accident or unforeseen circumstance of some kind. You may request a dispensation from your obligation from your parish priest if you foresee an insurmountable obstacle to your attendance—for example: you are traveling to a remote part of the world where attendance at Mass is impossible. Travel alone, however, does not lift your obligation because with a little bit of research using an app like Masstimes.com you should be able to find a Mass time that fits your location and schedule.

Your attendance at Mass should also be thoughtful and planned. You should plan to be punctual. We are noticing an increasing number of people rushing into Mass at the last minute. Plan to arrive at least fifteen minutes BEFORE Mass starts. This gives you time to park, find a seat and have a few moments of recollection and prayer before Mass begins. When you are late you not only impede your own worship experience, you inconvenience others and impede their worship also.

Please also observe the church's disciplines regarding reception of Holy Communion. If you are aware of unconfessed mortal sin you should *not* receive communion. To receive communion while you are manifestly not in a state of grace imperils your own soul, causes scandal to others and further imperils your spiritual condition before God. Do not treat the sacrament lightly!

Now that we have an altar rail, we are finding that reverence in the reception of communion is improving at OLR. Please remember a few details to help with this. You may receive communion on the hand, but recently we have had some disturbing occurrences in which individuals have taken a host with them away from the communion rail. The clergy and servers try to be alert to this happening and we will follow such persons to make sure the Body of Christ is not profaned. However, the way to avoid this if for communicants to receive the sacred host on the tongue. I encourage you to do so. This needn't be embarrassing or awkward. Simply place the tip of your tongue behind your lower teeth and open your mouth. The priest or deacon will place the host on your tongue neatly with no problem.

Finally, standing at the back of church before Mass begins, I also notice how many of you neglected to bless yourself with holy water as you enter. Many also neglect to genuflect before entering the pew. These signs of reverence are usually neglected by those who are late for Mass. (see paragraph 2 above)

The church teaches that blessing oneself with holy water with the intention of confessing venial sins is one of the ways to receive forgiveness for venial sins and thus prepare our hearts to meet the Lord.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Oct. 12, 2025

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 24,245.

Deficit: \$ 1,255.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #16
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 408,000.

Received: \$ 423,626.

Surplus: \$ 15,626.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"The lesson of the Holy Gospel builds us up unto the duty of praying and believing, and of not putting our trust in ourselves, but in the Lord." St. Augustine (Sermon 65)

The messages throughout the readings are prayer and trusting in God, not growing weary when we lift up our hands (and hearts) in prayer, and relying on Him alone. At Mother Teresa House, the work is hard, tiring, and often with few bright spots. Many people we deal with have mental health disorders, drug addiction and a "you owe me" mentality. There are many stories about how they got where they are, and each one has a thread of truth that we must find to be able to truly help them. We must not get tired of this work and constantly lift our hands and hearts in prayer for them.

This past week, we celebrated the Memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus. Her writings have helped shape my prayer life. If you are interested in a deeper prayer life, I recommend her writings, *The Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection*.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today Jesus tells his disciples to pray always without becoming weary, indeed our prayer must always be an expression of our love for God, our family, our world, and especially for the suffering poor.

As you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, please say a special prayer for the poor who have no one to pray for them.

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, Luigina Wurga, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

On Sunday, Oct. 19, Middle and High School Youth Groups will have our regular meeting from 6-8pm.

The Saturday Night Life event has been moved to November 15.

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

Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of October 19, will be for World Mission Sunday.



Daylight Saving Time ends on Saturday, Nov. 1. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

Join us for an introductory **self-defense class** on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 9:15-11:15am in Guadalupe Hall. The class will focus on situational awareness and de-escalation tactics as well as basics in self-defense for women of all ages.

Cost: \$55 at sign up
Instructor: Terence Brister with Unified Self-Defense
Register: email Bren Gerten - brengerten@gmail.com
Limited to 20 participants



You are welcome to join St. Martha's Book Club on Monday November 3, from 12:30-2:00 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.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, **Oct 22, at 7:00pm**, in **Guadalupe Hall**, discussing *Saints and Relics*.



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. 23-24 NO School
Oct. 31 Dress down day for ALL grade levels
Saint Costumes Only
Students will have the opportunity to venerate relics in Upper Church

Upcoming Mass Schedule

All Saints' Day - Saturday, Nov. 1

Mass at 9:30am (1st Saturday Pro-Life Mass)
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Relics will be available for veneration

All Souls' Day - Sunday, Nov. 2

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

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



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>.

It's not too late to join other Christians throughout the Upstate to take part in our local 40 Days for Life effort with a vision to change hearts and minds about abortion through prayer, fasting, public vigil at abortion facilities, and community outreach. Be the ONE to say YES to praying for the least and most vulnerable among us! To find out more and sign up to help please visit: www.40daysforlife.com/greenville or contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid Help to spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.



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 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 of Life" with refreshments and draw for door prizes. Bring a chair.

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)

18 Saturday	Sunday - 19 <i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	20 Monday
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	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Robert Morelli+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00a Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC 5:00-8:00p Staying Connected, GH
21 Tuesday	22 Wednesday	23 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, UC <i>For Adam Trapasso+</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 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 3:00-6:00p Secular Franciscans, JDR 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC and UC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Adam Trapasso+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Special Intention</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC 6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
24 Friday	25 Saturday	Sunday - 26 <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Ursula Hubschman+</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Wedding Prep, GH 4:00p Wedding, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 9:00-11:00a Classical Coffee, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Cheryl Trimarco+</i> 6:30p Family Enrichment, GYM, CAF, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Special Intention</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> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For A Parishioner</i>
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.		
		6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups CANCELED