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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*

November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The four weeks of Advent provide a time of teaching in preparation for the great feast of the Nativity of Our Lord. I would like to focus on the four gospels and how they help lead us to Christmas.

Who wrote the four gospels and how are they connected? Matthew, Mark and Luke are called the "synoptic" gospels. "Synoptic" means "looking the same". They are called "synoptic" because these three gospels contain many of the same stories and sayings of Jesus. Sometimes the stories are word for word, the same.

However, each of the synoptic gospels contain stories and sayings that are unique to that particular gospel. Scholars like to debate how the synoptic gospels are interdependent and how they came to be written. John's gospel is a unique composition which we'll discuss on the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Matthew's gospel has always been placed first because tradition teaches that it was the first to be written. Tradition also teaches that it was written by Matthew the apostle. However, its composition is not straightforward.

The gospel as we now have it was written in Greek, which was the international language of the time. However, it seems that some sections of the gospel may have been translated from Hebrew and Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus and his followers.

This would connect with a very early tradition that Matthew collected the stories and sayings of Jesus in his own tongue. We can therefore conclude that there was a very early version of Matthew's gospel which was a collection of the stories and sayings about Jesus, and that this collection was compiled within about ten or fifteen years after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Because Matthew's gospel also seems to rely on Mark and Luke, we can guess that there was a later Greek version of Matthew's gospel which put together the early Aramaic-Hebrew version with the stories from Luke and Mark.

Matthew's audience is the Jewish believers in the area of Judea. Matthew makes it a point therefore to explain how the birth of Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecy. His account of the Nativity is told from the point of view of St. Joseph who is presented as being in the line of the Old Testament patriarchs. Matthew is also the one who tells the story of the visit of the Magi, which also fulfills Old Testament prophecies.

Matthew's gospel is therefore also a perfect link between the Old Testament and the birth of the Savior.

Your Pastor,
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MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Man's maker was made man, that He, Ruler of the stars, might nurse at His mother's breast; that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired on its journey; that the Truth might be accused of false witness, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Foundation be suspended on wood; that Strength might grow weak; that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die."

St. Augustine – Sermon 191

The first week of Advent is for Hope. Our hope lies with Him who stepped into this world to become fully human (while still fully God) to save us from our sins, so we can be with Him for eternity.

We are all sinners, and this hope of salvation helps us persevere through hard times. I recommend "*St. Augustine's Confessions*" if you want a good conversion story from the fourth century.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, of yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond our selves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.

As you give your gift to St. Vincent de Paul, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor, to long for the coming of the Lord.

Please scan this QR code to go directly to the new member registration form. This is an easy way to sign up and volunteer at SVdP.



Parish Operating Financials

Offertory totals are not yet available and will be published next week.

Collection for the week ending Nov. 23, 2025

Needed:	\$.
Received:	\$.
Surplus:	\$.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #22 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$.
Received:	\$.
Surplus:	\$.

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, Marina Osborn, 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. 30, we will **NOT** have our regular meetings for the Middle and High School Youth Groups, as families return from Thanksgiving travel.

Please remember to [register](#) if you are planning to attend the pilgrimage to March For Life in January.

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

Parish Meeting Update on the Master Plan

*The installation of the modular classrooms is well under way. Please try to attend an important parish meeting for an update on the campus master plan on **Wednesday, Dec. 3, at 7:00pm in the Gym.***

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service will be held on Saturday, **December 6**, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.

Upcoming Events . . .

Sunday, Nov. 30 - First Sunday of Advent

The OLR Full Choir will celebrate the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church with a service of **Solemn Choral Evensong** with Te Deum on **Sunday, Nov. 30**, at 4:00pm in Upper Church. Choral Evensong is a non-eucharistic service of scripture readings, Psalms, hymns, canticles, and anthems.

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:00pm, Advent Concert at *Christ on Main*, 14 S. Main St. Greenville, OLR choirs performing.

Monday, Dec. 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses held in Upper Church:

8:30am

10:00am (limited seating)

12:00pm

Usual Monday Adoration from 9am-1pm CANCELED

Go [HERE](#) for a complete listing of all the Masses and events scheduled for December and January.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dec. 4

PTO Meeting, 8:15am, GH

Dec. 4-6

"Much Ado" Play Performances

Dec. 8

Mission Day, HDO Mass, 10:00am



St. Martha's Book Club will be discussing "**Theo of Golden**" by Allen Levi in Juan Diego Room on Monday, Dec 1, from 12:30 - 2:00. Come join us. Call or text (864) 360-2406.

Pre-Gala Wine Event

Join us for a special OLR "Bella Notte" pre-gala event on Saturday, January 17, at The Wine Fountain in downtown Fountain Inn, 112 South Main Street. Come support OLR school at 5pm and enjoy great food, wine, beer and a special \$25 cash only wine pull. Money raised will benefit the OLR School Gala. Email Stephanie Launius, stashie05@icloud.com for details.



"Ado you hear the news?" Tickets for the Upper School's production of Shakespeare's **Much Ado About Nothing** are now on sale!

Go [HERE](#) to access the box office.

Performances will be **Dec. 4, 5, and 6**, at 7pm with one matinee on Saturday afternoon at 2pm.

If you have any questions, please email the school's box office at boxoffice@olrschool.net.

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)



The next class will be held on Wednesday, **December 3**, at 7:00pm in **Lower Church**. We will discuss *Catholic Devotions and Traditions*.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with All Night Vigil

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the Lower Church on **Friday, Dec. 5**.

It begins immediately following the 10:00am School Mass and continues until Saturday, Dec. 6, at 9:00am.



Adorers are needed for these extended hours. Please sign up [HERE](#). For additional security, we ask adult men to sign up for the all night time slots.

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**.

Please **RSVP** Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com so we can prepare class materials.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

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

29 Saturday	Sunday - 30 <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	Dec. 1 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Bob Morelli+</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 James Cronican+</i> 4:00p Solemn Choral Evensong 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Brooke Renee Bozard Baldowski+</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups Canceled	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass , LC <i>For Betty Hines+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC 12:00-2:00p St. Martha's Book Club, JDR 5:00-9:00p Play Rehearsal, GH 6:30p St. Vincent de Paul, JDR
2 Tuesday	3 Wednesday	4 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass , LC <i>For Timothy Bricco+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 5:00-9:00p Play Rehearsal, GH	7:15a Mass , UC 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 5:00-9:00p Play Rehearsal, GH 6:00p Mass , UC <i>For Ursula Hubschman+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, LC 7:00p F. of St. Joseph, JDR 7:00p Parish Meeting-Campus Master Plan, GYM	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass , LC <i>For David Meade</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 5:00-7:00p Play Rehearsal, GH 7:00p Play Performance, GH
5 Friday	6 Saturday	Sunday - 7 <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Daily Mass , LC <i>For David & Mari Bozard</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 11:00a Adoration/All Night Vigil, LC 5:00-7:00p Play Rehearsal, GH 7:00p Play Performance, GH	12a-9:00a Adoration/All Night Vigil, LC 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 9:30a Pro-Life Mass & Healing , UC 10:15a NFP, 5th Grade Classroom 2:00p Play Performance, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Robert Bagnato+</i> 7:00p Play Performance, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For Ospina Family</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 The People</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Patrick Lennon+</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.		