



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*

December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

For Christmas reading, St. Luke's gospel is the richest of the three synoptic gospels. Here we find the story of the Annunciation, the Visitation and the Nativity of the Lord. Luke tells us about the shepherds of Bethlehem and the angel choirs that herald the coming of the Christ. Here we find the stories of the Presentation in the Temple and the Finding of the boy Jesus in the Temple.

St. Luke was a traveling companion of St. Paul, the author of The Acts of the Apostles, a physician, and from his style of writing, a well-educated and cultured person. Luke, like Mark, is not one of the Apostles, but is a friend and companion of the Apostles. In Mark we hear the echoes of Peter's life and preaching. In Luke we hear echoes of Paul's life and preaching. Because they are one step away from the inner circle of Apostles, Luke and Mark offer the necessary distance to record the stories about Jesus with some thought and analysis that comes with that slight distance. This balances well with Matthew and John's gospels which are by the Apostles themselves.

How did Luke access the stories of the Lord's nativity? The ancient traditions teach that he actually knew the Blessed Virgin and she related the stories about Jesus' birth and childhood herself. If the traditions are correct, Luke was a native of Antioch in Syria and became a disciple under the ministry of St. Paul. If so, when would he have met the Blessed Mother? We can only speculate, because he does not record such a meeting in any of his writings.

It is possible that during his travels he was in the Jerusalem area when the Apostles met in council and that he met the Blessed Virgin then. It is also possible that he gathered the traditions about the birth and boyhood of Jesus from the Jewish Christians living in and around Jerusalem in the early days.

In Luke's writings we can trace not only the stories that are unique to his gospel, but also the stories that he has in common with Matthew and Mark. We believe that Luke therefore had access to both the early versions of Matthew's gospel and Mark's gospel. He gathered those stories and sayings along with the results of his own research and composed the gospel to fulfill a purpose that he makes clear at the beginning of his work:

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the first were eyewitnesses and servants of the Word. With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you...so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Dec. 7, 2025

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 31,103.

Surplus: \$ 5,603.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #24
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 612,000.

Received: \$ 664,809.

Surplus: \$ 52,809.

Scan this code for a direct link to
the Building Fund giving site.



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"For there is a joy not granted to the wicked but only to those who worship you thankfully – and this joy you yourself are. The happy life is this – to rejoice to you, in you, and for you. That is it and there is no other. But those who think there is another follow after other joys, and not the true one. But their will is still not moved except by some image or shadow of joy." **St. Augustine – Confessions**

For third Sunday of Advent, the theme is Joy. St. Augustine reminds you joy is not found in the things of this world but only in Him. We meet Him in prayer, in Holy Scripture, and most personally, in the Eucharist. As we draw every closer to the stable and the manger during this Advent season, pray more, study the scriptures more and come adore Him in the Eucharist. It is there, we will find Him, our joy.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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Secular Franciscans at OLR

Do you love St. Francis and his love for simplicity and care for the poor? Secular Franciscans are married and single, striving to live in the world as they follow Christ in Franciscan spirituality.

Drop in at **Christ on Main, 14 S. Main St., Greenville**
on Tuesday, Dec. 16, 5-7pm for an informal reception with refreshments and a chance to learn about us.

Go [HERE](#) for details.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt, and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we cannot just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.

Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

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, 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, Dec. 14, we will meet immediately after the 10:30am Mass. Lunch will be served in the cafeteria, and then we will go to Terra Bella to sing Christmas carols at the retirement home. Pickup after caroling will be at the church at 1:45pm.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, we will host an alumni panel of past youth group members who are now in college. They will share about their experience and take questions in a Q&A format.

At the beginning of a new year it is worth remembering our obligations as Catholics. Fr. Ballard has written an article about the Precepts of the Church which will be sent out by email this week. Please pause for a moment in your busy week to read it!



Sunday, Dec. 14, is the 19th anniversary of Fr. Longenecker's priestly ordination.

Join us in thanking him for his sacrificial service to God and the OLR family.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 24

4:00pm (Family)

8:00pm (Solemn)

11:30pm (Solemn Midnight)

Thursday, Dec. 25 10:30am

The Wednesday 7:15am Mass, Adoration, Confessions and 6pm Mass are canceled on Dec. 24.

After all four Christmas Masses a second collection will be taken for our Christmas Campaign.

Parish Offices will be closed for Christmas Break, Dec. 24-Jan. 2, and will reopen on Monday, Jan. 5.

SCHOOL NEWS

Dec. 18 MS & US Dress Down Day
Dec. 19 NOON Dismissal – No After Care
Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 Christmas Break
Jan. 5 Classes Resume

Registration forms for Confirmation 2026 are due on January 5, at the Parish Office. The forms can be found on the parish website. Please contact JohnMark Cayer at icayer@charlestdiocese.org with any questions.



Join St. Martha's Book Club on Monday, January 5, as we discuss "**An Invisible Thread**" by Laura Schroff. We will meet in the meeting room at **Augusta Road Library** from 12:30-2:00. Call 864-360-2406 for info.

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. For details, email Stephanie Launius, stashie05@icloud.com



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)



The next class will be held on **Wednesday, January 7**. We will not meet Dec. 17-31, for Christmas Break.

Recently baptized was
Emery Ann Summer
daughter of
Blake & Kasey Summer



We welcome Emery 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 Saturday, January 10**.

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

DECEMBER

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

13 Saturday	Sunday - 14 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	15 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 11:00a-1:00p Recording Session, UC 12:00-3:00p Strings Recital, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Murray M. Howard, III</i> 6:00p Advent Parish Party, GYM 6:00p Norris Small Group, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For Christine Jackowski+</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> 12:00-4:00p MS & US Youth Groups GYM, CAF, GH 12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For The People</i>	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:00-9:15a School Prayer, LC 8:30a Mass , UC <i>For Christina Aleuy+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
16 Tuesday	17 Wednesday	18 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass , LC <i>For Albert Faller+</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 Marge Hauffler+</i> 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 6:00p Mass , UC <i>For The Baldowski Family</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass , LC <i>For Jamie Cuthbert+</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
19 Friday	20 Saturday	Sunday - 21 <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass , UC <i>(limited seating)</i> <i>For Brooke Renee Bozard Baldowski+</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC School - NOON Dismissal	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 12:00-1:00p Wedding Prep, GH 1:00-2:00p Wedding, UC 2:00-4:00p Reception, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Michaela Wavra</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> 12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Jamie Cuthbert+</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups GYM, CAF, GH
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