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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 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

One of the questions scholars ask about the gospels is when they were written. It is an important question because the earlier they were compiled, the more the stories and sayings will be historically accurate. It matters that the stories of Jesus really happened because our salvation depends on it.

It is also important because the earlier they are, the more likely it is that the stories in the gospels are rooted in eyewitness accounts. The earliest version of Matthew's gospel was probably a collection of sayings and stories about Jesus dating from around 45 AD. We know disciples in Jesus' day took notes when their teacher was speaking. Matthew's stories therefore are based on accurate eyewitness accounts.

St. Mark's gospel is the second to be recorded. The author is the same person as John Mark—a disciple of Jesus and a companion to both St. Peter and St. Paul on their journeys. In his first epistle St. Peter mentions that Mark is with him in Rome, and the earliest traditions teach that Mark compiled his gospel based on the teaching and preaching of St. Peter. This aligns with the details in Mark's gospel where Peter is a prominent figure and where there are certain details in the story that only Peter would have witnessed and remembered.

We can date the composition of the gospels by the date of the martyrdom of St. Peter and St. Paul in 65 AD. Acts of the Apostles ends with St. Paul still alive in Rome. So, it must have been written before his death in 65. Luke (who wrote Acts) wrote his gospel first. Therefore, Luke's gospel must have been written around 60 AD. If Mark and Matthew were even earlier, we can date them to the 40s and 50s — just fifteen or twenty years after Jesus' death and resurrection.

Mark's gospel is the shortest and punchiest of the gospels. Jesus is presented as a man of action and purpose, and this portrait of Jesus would also reflect St. Peter's presence behind the gospel of Mark.

Mark includes some of the same stories as Matthew, so it would seem that Mark knows of Matthew's early collection of sayings and stories. The later edition of Matthew indicates knowledge of Mark's gospel.

If Mark knows of Matthew's early gospel it makes us ask why he does not include anything about the birth of Jesus. It must be that he did not consider these stories to be relevant to his hearers. He is writing to a Gentile audience and he wants to get straight to the point, and tell them about the ministry and saving work of Jesus.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Nov. 23, 2025

Needed:	\$ 25,500.
Received:	\$ 21,571.
Deficit:	\$ 3,929.

Collection for the week ending Nov. 30, 2025

Needed:	\$ 25,500.
Received:	\$ 25,016.
Deficit:	\$ 484.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #23
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed:	\$ 586,500.
Received:	\$ 633,706.
Surplus:	\$ 47,206.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"You touched me, and I burned for your peace."

St. Augustine

The theme of the second weekend of Advent is Peace and Preparation. Peace is not only the absence of conflict, but it is the ordering of human nature according to the eternal law of God. How do we order our lives with His law? It is through preparation. Do we pray daily? Read and study His holy words in scripture? Attend Mass regularly? Go to confession often? Read the lives of saints? Perform acts of mercy for those in need? As we await the celebration of His birth, let us prepare for the peace only He can give.

"Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow."

Saint Augustine

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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, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family, and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

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.



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, 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 Wittberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

YOUTH GROUPS

This Sunday, Dec. 7, we will have our regular meetings - after dinner we will go to Lower Church for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will have music for the first half of Adoration, spend the rest of the time in silence, and will conclude with Night Prayer.

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



Many thanks to the 60 volunteers who organized, distributed, and delivered over 950 prepared dinners at both the St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry and to over 150 residences on Thanksgiving morning. God bless you!

The Bishop's Annual Appeal is now called the **Catholic Appeal of South Carolina**. This charitable fund offers assistance to various worthy cause across the state. Brochures and donation envelopes are in the narthex. Bishop Jacques asks us all to give generously.

Upcoming Events

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Monday, Dec. 8**

Holy Day of Obligation

Masses held in Upper Church:

8:30am

10:00am (limited seating)

12:00pm

Usual Monday Adoration from 9am-1pm CANCELED

Lessons and Carols

Thursday, Dec. 11, 7:00pm

in Upper Church

Advent Parish Party with Potluck and Cookie Swap, Saturday, Dec. 13, 6:00pm, in the Gym

Not sure what to bring? Go [HERE](#) for the sign up

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

SCHOOL NEWS

- Dec. 8** Mission Day, HDO Mass, 10:00am
- Dec. 11** Advent Lessons & Carols (Grades 6-8) 7pm
- Dec. 13** Parish & School Advent Party 6pm, Gym
- Dec. 18** MS & US Dress Down Day
- Dec. 19** NOON Dismissal – No After Care
- Dec. 22 - Jan. 2** Christmas Break
- Jan. 5** Classes Resume

Mugs & Muffins

Early risers, coffee awaits you **after the 8am Mass this Sunday Dec. 7**, in Guadalupe Hall. All families are invited for fellowship, muffins, coffee and juice.



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults)



The next class will be held on **Wednesday, December 10**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall. We will discuss *The Eucharist*.

Christmas Campaign

The **Campus Master Plan Update** on Wednesday evening provided information on the interim phase of our campus master plan. In addition to the new modular classrooms the gym will be renovated and an extension built for increased athletics and drama facilities.

This will release Guadalupe Hall and kitchen for parish use. If you need to catch up on this information, please take an information booklet from the narthex or check the parish website. Next week and the fourth week of Advent we will distribute Christmas Campaign cards to be returned at the Christmas Masses.

Recently baptized was

Jude Fisher Taylor

son of

Michael & Ashetin Taylor

*We welcome Jude 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 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)

6 Saturday	Sunday - 7 Second Sunday of Advent	Monday - 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation
<p>12a-9:00a Adoration/All Night Vigil, LC</p> <p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM</p> <p>9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM</p> <p>9:30a Pro-Life Mass & Healing, UC</p> <p>10:15a NFP, 5th Grade Classroom</p> <p>2:00p Play Performance, GH</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>4:30p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Robert Bagnato+</i></p> <p>7:00p Play Performance, GH</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Ospina Family</i></p> <p>9:00a Mugs & Muffins, GH</p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Patrick Lennon+</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p MS & US Youth Groups GYM, CAF, GH, LC</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>8:00-9:15a School Prayer, LC</p> <p>8:30a Mass, UC <i>For Jean Worthy+ (Memorial)</i></p> <p>9:00a-1:00p Adoration, Canceled</p> <p>9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>10:00a Mass, UC (limited seating)</p> <p>12:00p Mass, UC</p> <p>6:30p St. Vincent de Paul, JDR</p>
9 Tuesday	10 Wednesday	11 Thursday
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>12:00p Mass, LC <i>For John Warga, Sr.+</i></p> <p>12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC</p> <p>3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH</p>	<p>7:15a Mass, UC <i>For the Family of Miguel Aguilor Martinez</i></p> <p>8:00a-5p Adoration, LC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>3:00p Schola Practice, UC</p> <p>4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC</p> <p>5:15p Benediction, LC</p> <p>6:00p Mass, UC <i>For James Kercher+</i></p> <p>6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC</p> <p>7:00p OCIA, GH</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>10:00a Mass, LC <i>For William Mitchell+</i></p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p> <p>7:00p Lessons & Carols, UC</p>
12 Friday	13 Saturday	Sunday - 14 Third Sunday of Advent
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For Jean Worthy</i></p> <p>11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM</p> <p>9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM</p> <p>12:00-3:00p Strings Recital, GH</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>4:30p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Murray M. Howard, III</i></p> <p>6:00p Advent Parish Party, GYM</p> <p>6:00p Norris Small Group, GH</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Christine Jackowski+</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i></p> <p>12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>12:00-4:00p MS & US Youth Groups GYM, CAF, GH</p>

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