



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*

February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Monday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, traditionally known as Candlemas.

Also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it is the formal end of the Christmas season. This observance occurs exactly 40 days after Christmas, aligning with Jewish law as described in Leviticus 12 and Exodus 13, which required a woman's ritual purification after childbirth, and the presentation of a firstborn son to God. According to the Gospel of Luke (2:22-40), Mary and Joseph brought the infant Jesus to the Temple, where they offered the sacrifice prescribed for poor people: two turtledoves or pigeons. If you look closely at portrayals of this event in Christian art, you will often see St Joseph carrying a cage holding these two pigeons.

Once in the temple, the elderly Simeon recognized Jesus as the Messiah, proclaiming him "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel," while the prophetess Anna also gave witness. From Simeon's beautiful words we associate this feast (as with Epiphany) with the celebration of Christ as light of the world.

The feast was first documented in the 4th century in Jerusalem by St. Cyril of Jerusalem. By the 5th century, it spread to Constantinople and the Emperor Justinian formalized it as a major festival. In the West, Pope Sergius I introduced it to Rome around 701 AD, emphasizing candle processions to symbolize Christ's light dispelling darkness. The name "Candlemas" derives from the custom of blessing candles on this day, a practice formalized in the 11th century.

The candle blessing and procession evoke Simeon's words, signifying purification, enlightenment, and the transition from darkness to light and from the Old to New Covenant.

In many Catholic churches, a solemn procession with lighted candles precedes Mass, where beeswax candles are blessed for home use against storms or illness. It is also a foreshadowing of the great Easter Vigil at which the Holy Fire and Pascal Candle are blessed, and the darkened church is illuminated by the Light of Christ.

We will celebrate this feast at OLR with a special service of Choral Evensong at 4 pm on Sunday (ending in time for the 5 pm Mass) and on Monday morning with a School Mass, at which candles will be solemnly blessed and children from each grade in the school will process with lighted candles. We invite you to bring candles to be blessed which you will use at home. The candles should be placed on the table in the Narthex before Mass.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Jan 25, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 19,679.

Deficit: \$ 5,821.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #31
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 790,500.

Received: \$ 844,556.

Surplus: \$ 54,066.

Year End Tax Reports - Please contact
[Rachel Hutson](mailto:rhutson@charlestdiocese.org) for a copy of your contribution
statement for 2025. Electronic contributions
made exclusively through OSV can be printed
directly from the OSV website [HERE](#).

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

St. Augustine summarizes the Beatitudes, the perfect standard of Christian life, as:

Fear of God - Which is the beginning of wisdom.

Piety Second - Piety corresponds to meekness, for he who inquires piously honors Holy Scripture.

Knowledge Third - Those who mourn discover in Scriptures what evils they are chained to.

Fortitude Fourth - Those who hunger and thirst after righteousness eagerly seek joy from the truly good, turning away from the things of this world.

Counsel Fifth - Counsel corresponds to mercy, we forgive as we have been forgiven, and assist others as far as we are able.

Understanding Sixth - Understanding corresponds to the pure in heart.

Wisdom Seventh - Wisdom corresponds to the peacemakers, so passion does not oppose reason, so we may obey God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The kingdom of God belongs to both the poor in spirit and the persecuted.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today Jesus gives us the Beatitudes, which embody a radically alternative vision of life, and we find that God indeed calls us to blessedness.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom and brings healing to the broken hearts of those who live in poverty.

Please scan this QR code to go directly to the new member registration form to be a volunteer.



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, Helena Murca, 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 GROUP

- Feb. 1** We will have our regular meeting from 6-8pm.
- Feb. 8** We will meet from **12-4pm**, preparing for Lent.

Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)



You are invited to bring any candles to have them blessed at the **10am Mass on Monday, Feb 2.**

(The 8:30am Daily Mass is canceled)

There will be a table where the candles can be placed, and they will be blessed during the Mass.

The Full Choir will sing Evensong for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord this Sunday, Feb. 1, at 4:00pm in Upper Church. All are invited.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with All Night Vigil

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on **Friday, Feb. 6.** It begins immediately following the 10:00am Mass and continues until Saturday, Feb. 7, at 9:00am. Please sign up [HERE](#).

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

The **Blessing of Throats** will be given on **Tuesday, Feb. 3**, during the Mass at **12:00pm** in **UPPER Church**.

OCIA

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **Feb. 4**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall.



SCHOOL NEWS

- Feb. 2** School Mass, 10am (Presentation of the Lord)
Confirmation Session #1, 7:30pm, GH
- Feb. 9** Confirmation Session #2, 7:30pm, GH
- Feb. 16** Presidents' Day - NO School

Support the OLR Gala — Donate a Basket!

Help make our Silent Auction a success by donating a themed basket. Your generosity directly supports OLR! Families, parishioners, and groups are all invited to participate.



For details, scan the QR code, or visit olr.school/gala-2026 and click "Donate a Basket."

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Hansen

The Ordination of the Permanent Diaconate Class of 2026 can be viewed online at the links below.

The event will take place at **11:00 am, on Saturday, Feb. 7**, and will be broadcast from the Cathedral in Charleston.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1bBbLSsZap/>

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/KqC4WfUlfug?feature=share>

Everyone is invited to a reception for Brian and his family on **Sunday, Feb. 15**, in the Gym immediately after the 10:30am Mass.



Join St. Martha's Book Club on **Feb. 2**, from 12:30-2:00pm at the Augusta Rd. Library Meeting Room, as we discuss **When Crickets Cry** by Charles Martin. Call (864) 360-2406 for more info.

Recently baptized was
Cassian Ambrose Maimone Sanchez
son of
Nick & Molly Maimone

We welcome Cassian 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, **Feb. 7**, and Mar. 7. **We will also have a session for high schoolers and their mothers on Saturday, Feb. 14, at 1:30pm in Guadalupe Hall.**

Please **RSVP** Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com or [HERE](#) so we can prepare class materials.

JANUARY- FEBRUARY

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

31 Saturday	Sunday - Feb. 1 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Monday - 2 Candlemas <i>Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</i>
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, LC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Maria of the Angels, OP</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Karen Herrington</i> 8:45a 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> 12:00-3:00p Quiz Bowl Practice, GH 12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM 4:00p Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Cahillance Family+</i> 6:00p MS & US Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass, Canceled 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, Canceled 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 10:00a Mass, UC (School Mass) <i>For Samantha Kluger+ Blessing of Candles</i> 7:00p Confirmation Session #1, GH
Tuesday- 3 <i>Feast of St. Blaise</i>	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Agnes Maria of St. John, OP</i> Blessing of the Throats 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-5:00p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Andre Nadeau+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Kelly McGuire+</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
6 Friday	7 Saturday	Sunday - 8 <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For Samantha Kluger+</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00a-12:00a Adoration/All Night Vigil, LC	12a-9:00a Adoration/All Night Vigil, LC 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 9:00a-5:00p Risers Installed, GH 9:30a Pro-Life Mass & Healing, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Dcn. Ray Perham+</i>	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Samantha Kluger+</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 & HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF 12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i>
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.		