



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*

January 18, 2026

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brothers and Sisters,

On Jan. 10, 2026, Pope Leo XIV proclaimed a “Special Year of St. Francis” to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint’s death. This jubilee year will extend until January of 2027. One of the special aspects of this year is that all Catholics are granted the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence.

The Church offers indulgences in order to lessen the degree of satisfaction for temporal punishment that we may have to experience in Purgatory. By means of the authority that Christ gave his Church (to St. Peter, the apostles, and their successors) in the “power of the keys,” the power to “lose and bind,” and the power to “forgive and retain sins” (Matt. 16:19; 18:18; John 20:23), the Church has the ability to confer the satisfactions from the treasury of the merits of Christ and his Saints upon the faithful for their sanctification. The Church does this by means of granting indulgences. An indulgence is a declaration of the lessening of all (a plenary indulgence) or a part (a partial indulgence) of the temporal punishments (punishment in this life, “in time”) that are due because of an individual’s sin. Indulgences are granted after the person seeking them performs the particular prescribed acts of penance, prayer, good works, charity, etc. to which the indulgence has been attached.

The decree for the Year of St. Francis states: “to all the faithful without distinction who, with a spirit detached from sin, will participate in the Year of St. Francis by visiting in the form of a pilgrimage any Franciscan conventional church, or place of worship in any part of the world named after St. Francis or connected to him for any reason, and there they will devoutly follow the Jubilee rites or spend at least a suitable period of time in pious meditation and will raise prayers to God so that, following the example of Saint Francis, sentiments of Christian charity towards one’s neighbor and authentic wishes for harmony and peace among peoples may spring up in hearts, concluding with the Our Father, the Creed and invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Francis of Assisi, St. Clare and all the saints of the Franciscan Family.” Prayers for the Pope’s intentions must be offered, and an individual must go to confession and receive Holy Communion within a few days (about 20) before or after making the visit. The elderly or infirm who can’t make such a visit may still obtain the indulgence, under the usual conditions, by spiritually participating in the Jubilee Year. Indulgences can be obtained not only for a living person’s particular benefit, but also for the holy souls in Purgatory.

There are two churches in our Diocese one can visit to obtain this indulgence: St. Francis by the Sea, 45 Beach City Road, Hilton Head Island and St. Francis of Assisi Mission, 103 West Mauldin Street, Walhalla. The chapels at St. Francis Hospitals, downtown and eastside, in Greenville also qualify.

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Jan 11, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 24,786.

Deficit: \$ 714.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #29
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 739,500.

Received: \$ 797,738.

Surplus: \$ 58,238.

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



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"He who lives according to God ought to cherish towards evil men a perfect hatred, so that he shall neither hate the man because of his vice nor love the vice because of the man."

St. Augustine, City of God (427 AD)

We have all heard, *"love the sinner, hate the sin"*. At Mother Teresa House, it is what we do thousands of times each year, separate the sin from the person we are helping.

People we serve can sometimes be difficult, whether because of their situation, mental health, or drug use issues, but we must still see the child of God in front of us. Jesus tells us *"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."* We offer them possible solutions and aid, but we also do not want to harm them when we do so.

Sometimes helping them actually makes it worse for them - this is known as "Toxic Charity". When working with other organizations dealing with homelessness in our community, we make sure we are not doing more harm than good. If you want to know more about toxic charity, I recommend this excellent book, "Toxic Charity" by Robert Lupton.

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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 School Mass and continues until Saturday, Feb. 7, at 9:00am. Please sign up [HERE](#).

St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel after Jesus was baptized, John testified saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove, and remain upon him."

As you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, know that you are a sign of God's Spirit of love to those who are suffering.

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, 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

Jan. 18 We **WILL** have youth group immediately after the 10:30am Mass. This meeting is mandatory for all students attending the March for Life.

Jan. 25 Returning from March for Life, we will **NOT** meet.



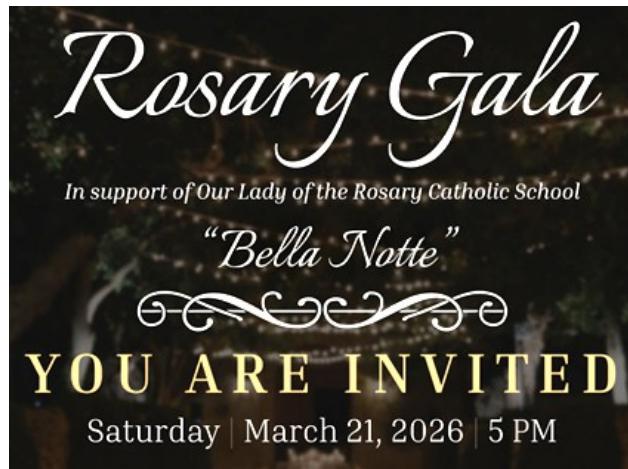
OCIA

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **Jan. 21**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall.

OLR Parishioner, **Marianne Stoddard** will be honored as the Community Service Award recipient at the MLK Day Celebration on Monday, Jan. 19, at 11:30am at The Waters on Augusta. All are invited to support Marianne and the Church Without Walls ministry.

3rd Sunday Brunch

Join us this Sunday, Jan. 18, for Coffee and Donuts in Guadalupe Hall immediately following the 10:30am Mass.



SCHOOL NEWS

Jan. 19 Headmaster's Address, 6:30pm, GH

Jan. 22 – 25 March for Life Trip

Jan. 26 – 30 Catholic Schools Week & Interim

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>



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 **William George Salinas** son of **Austin & Mary Salinas**



We welcome William 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 schnaprofnp@gmail.com or [HERE](#) so we can prepare class materials.

JANUARY

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

17 Saturday	Sunday - 18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 9:00a-12:00p RLM Deanery Mtg., GH 3:30p Baptism, LC 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> 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> 12:00-1:00p 3rd Sunday Brunch, GH 12:00-2:00p MS & US Youth Group, GH 12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Charles Settoon, Sr.+</i>	Parish Offices Closed for MLK Holiday 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass , LC 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC
20 Tuesday	21 Wednesday	22 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Communion Service , LC 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 Canceled 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions Canceled 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass Canceled 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH 7:00p Fellowship of St. Joseph, JDR	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass , LC 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
23 Friday	24 Saturday	Sunday - 25 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass , UC <i>(limited seating)</i> <i>For OLR Faculty and Staff</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 12:00-1:00p Wedding Prep, GH 1:00-3:00p Wedding, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Sophia & Ray Nelson+</i> 6:30p Family Enrichment, GH, GYM, CAF 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 Samantha Kluger+</i> 12:00-4:00p School Basketball, GYM 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For John Warga, Jr.+</i> 6:00p Youth Group Canceled
If viewing on the website, please go HERE for the Respect Life Ministry newsletter. Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.		