



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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UPPER CHURCH
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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 15, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. The word “Lent” comes from the Old English “*lencten*,” meaning “springtime” or “when days are lengthened.” As Lent coincides with the season of spring, the association is obvious. The ashes used in the liturgies on Ash Wednesday come from the burned, blessed palms from the previous year’s Palm Sunday. Traditionally, Lent is comprised of 40 days. This period is based on Christ’s fasting for 40 days in the desert. The number 40 is mentioned dozens of times in the Sacred Scriptures and symbolizes a time of testing, trial or preparation.

As we approach this season of penance and baptismal renewal in preparation for Easter, we should be intentional about focusing upon the three traditional pillars of Lenten discipline: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During Lent, we make time for additional opportunities to pray - for the good of our souls; to fast - for the discipline of our bodies; and to give alms - for the benefit of our neighbors in need. More attention to prayer helps draw us closer to God. Fasting helps us to achieve self-mastery and draws our attention to the Lord, who alone is the true fulfillment of all our desires. Giving alms helps us to have compassion for the plight of the needy, and to understand that when we serve “one of the least of these, His brethren,” we are serving the Lord Himself who comes to us in the distressing disguise of the poor.

One way of hallowing Lent is to participate more fully in opportunities for prayer, liturgical and otherwise. One of the popular prayer observances during Lent consists of praying the Stations of the Cross, done here at OLR on Wednesday evenings in Lent at 5:30 p.m., and on Fridays at 2:30 p.m. This devotion originated with the Franciscans who erected outdoor stations corresponding to the places in the Holy Land associated with our Lord’s passion. Pilgrims who could not go to the Holy Land to prayerfully walk the *Via Dolorosa*, the way of sorrows that Jesus walked going to his crucifixion, could thus take part vicariously in our Lord’s sorrowful journey.

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The rules for fasting and abstinence from meat during Lent are as follows (from the USCCB): “Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of universal fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for all who have completed their 18th year and have not yet reached their 60th year. Fasting allows a person to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may be taken, not to equal one full meal. Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of complete abstinence from meat for all who have completed their 14th year.” If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.”

Almsgiving, or charity, allows us to minister directly to those in need. Good opportunities for almsgiving would include a gift to the Catholic Appeal of South Carolina, to our St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP), or to Mother Teresa House.

Lent is also a particularly appropriate time to make a good examination of conscience and go to the Sacrament of Confession. Confessions are heard Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m. in the lower church; and Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the upper church. Be sure to make your Lenten confession so that you are able to celebrate Easter fully reconciled to the Lord and his Church.

An exceptional opportunity available during Lent this year is the possibility of receiving a plenary indulgence during the special Jubilee Year of St. Francis proclaimed by Pope Leo to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the saint's death. To learn more about this read the pastor's letter I wrote for January 18, which can be accessed on our website here: <https://olr.church/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/January-18-2026.pdf>

Let's all resolve to make this a holy and fruitful Lent, so that we can celebrate Easter with authentic joy!

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Feb. 8, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 32,737.

Surplus: \$ 7,237.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #33
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 841,500.

Received: \$ 895,131.

Surplus: \$ 53,631.

Year End Tax Reports - Please contact
[Rachel Hutson](mailto:rhutson@charlestdioocese.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

“He (God) judged it better to bring good out of evil than to suffer no evil to exist.” **Saint Augustine, Enchiridion or On Faith, Hope and Love Chapter 27**

From Pope Leo XIV: TOPIC: GOD HEALS WHAT YOU ARE WILLING TO LET GO, NOT WHAT YOU CLING TO

Restoration does not always begin with thunder from heaven or fire from the altar. Most times, it begins with a quiet and unsettling question: “Do you want to be well?” Not can I heal you... but do you want to be healed. That question goes deeper than pain. It searches the heart. It exposes attachments we have learned to live with — wounds that have become familiar, sorrows that have become identity, chains that have become shelter. Some hurts stay not because God is absent, but because we are holding them like evidence of our past, like proof that what happened to us was real. God heals what we are willing to release, not what we secretly cling to. To be restored is not only to be touched by God; it is to agree with God. It is to loosen your grip on the story that says, “This is just how I am now.” It is to drop the crutches of excuse, bitterness, and fear and say, “I don’t want this pain to define me anymore.”

Sometimes sickness becomes a language. Sometimes weakness becomes a hiding place. Sometimes brokenness becomes a comfort zone. And so, God asks, “Do you want to be well?” Because healing will change your habits. Healing will demand movement. Healing will take away the sympathy and restore responsibility. Healing will pull you out of the familiar shadows into the demanding light. Restoration begins when you stop defending your wound and start desiring your wholeness. There are things God can remove in a moment, but there are things He waits for you to surrender. He will not force healing on a heart that still needs its chains for emotional safety. Grace is free, but release is required. Mercy is offered, but consent is needed.

If God is asking you the question, it means healing is already near. Questions from God are invitations, not accusations. They are doors, not judgments. Your miracle may not start with power... it may start with honesty. It may start with a decision. It may start with release.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel Jesus says: “Whoever fulfills and teaches these commands shall be great in the kingdom of God.”

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul puts your faith into action as you fulfill the commands 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, Beth 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, Mary Walker, Cheryl Wallace, Luigina Warga, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

YOUTH GROUP

Feb. 15 - We will meet from 6-8pm, with Mr. Tommy Smith, discussing Spiritual Directors.

Before Ash Wednesday . . .

Bring your dried palms from last year to be burned for our ashes. Please drop them off in the Narthex this weekend, Feb. 15.



Our Knights of Columbus will be serving **Lenten Fish Dinners** on Friday nights, in the Gym, Feb. 20 - March 27.

Service begins at 6:00pm, doors open 5:00pm
\$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 7-18, 6 and under, free
\$50 per family Cash bar - wine and beer

SHROVE TUESDAY February 17

Join us for donuts in the Narthex after the Daily Mass at 12:00pm in **Upper Church**.

Palms from last year's Palm Sunday will be burned after Mass to provide the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

The Full Choir will sing Evensong on Sunday, Feb. 15, at 4:00pm in Upper Church.

The weekend of Feb. 21-22 the Blessing Table will be available for those that wish to have religious items blessed. The deacons will be in the Narthex after all the Masses.

OCIA

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **Feb. 25**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall. Due to Ash Wednesday Masses, we will NOT meet on Feb. 18.



Tickets now available until Feb 28, The Gala, to support our school is on **Saturday March 21, 2026** at 5 PM, and the theme is *Bella Notte: Elegant Attire, Fine Dining, Silent & Live Auctions, Music & Dancing.* Special guest speaker Cardinal Thomas Collins of Toronto, and an Italian musical performance by Stephen & Aimée Gans from the OLR community! Tickets are \$150/each, and sponsor packages are also available.

To purchase tickets go to: olr.school/gala-2026/

SCHOOL NEWS

Feb. 16 Presidents' Day - NO School
Feb. 18 Ash Wednesday Mass, 10:00am
Feb. 21 1st Communion Retreat, 9am-12pm, GH

Please note . . .

Parish Offices will be closed on **Monday, Feb. 16**, for the Presidents' Day holiday. The usual Daily Mass at 8:30am WILL be held in Lower Church.

ASH WEDNESDAY - Feb. 18

School Mass at 10:00am

Penitential Service at 12:15pm

Evening Mass at 6:00pm.

The usual 7:15am Wednesday Mass is canceled.

Support the OLR Gala — Donate a Basket!

Help make our Silent Auction a success by donating a themed basket **by Feb. 20**. For details, scan the QR code, or visit olr.school/gala-2026 and click "Donate a Basket."



CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Hansen

Recently Ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on February 7, at the Cathedral in Charleston.

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

St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Report for 2025 is now available [HERE](#). Please take a minute to review and feel free to [email us](#) with any questions.

The Spring Campaign of "40 Days for Life" will run from Feb. 18 - March 28. There will be a **kickoff on Tuesday, Feb. 17**, at 6:30 pm at Christ the King church, 1223 Grove Road, in Greenville.

Former abortion workers report that when somebody is praying in front of an abortion facility, the no-show rate for abortion appointments can go as high as 75 percent!

Visit 40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up.

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, **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.

FEBRUARY

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

14 Saturday	Sunday - Feb. 15 <i>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	16 Monday
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 12:00-4:00p NFP Intro. Class, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Susan, OP</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>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 Reception for Deacon Brian Hansen, GYM 4:00p Evensong, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Peter Milne</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>School and Parish Offices Closed for Presidents' Day</i></p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Maria Escobar+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, Canceled 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>
17 Shrove Tuesday	18 Ash Wednesday	19 Thursday
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For John Warga, Sr.+ Join us for donuts after this Mass</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</p>	<p>7:15a Mass, Canceled 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass, (limited seating) <i>For Scarlett Meade</i> 12:15p Penitential Service, UC 1:00-5:00p Adoration, LC (after 12:15 Penitential Service) 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Matthew Kulhman+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, Canceled</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Jessica Gadowski+</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</p>
20 Friday	21 Saturday	Sunday - 22 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For OLR Faculty & Staff</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 6:00p Lenten Fish Dinners, GYM Knights of Columbus</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 8:00a-5:00p Set Up - Winter Dance, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 9:00a-12:00p 1st Communion Retreat, GH 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 Arthur & Pearl Gowe+</i> 6:00-11:00p Winter Dance, GYM 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>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 Ma'May Grimm+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Mike Busby+</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>Go HERE for the Respect Life Ministry News. Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.</p> </div>		