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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*

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

3710 Augusta Rd. † Greenville, SC 29605

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Because of the winter storm we were unable to celebrate the beautiful Feast of Candlemas. In last week's bulletin (which you may have missed because of the Mass cancellations) I wrote about the history and significance of Candlemas—celebrating the Presentation of the Infant Jesus in the Temple.

I did not have room to write further about how the New Testament stories echo and fulfill the various stories in the Old Testament. The relationship of the two testaments—old and new is summed up by the saying attributed to St. Augustine of Hippo: **Novum Testamentum in Vetere latet, Vetus in Novo patet**", which translates as "The New Testament is hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is made manifest in the New."

If we have eyes to see, the whole Bible is a marvelous unity that sheds light on the mystery of Our Lord's incarnation, life, death, resurrection and ascension.

Some of you will know that in addition to writing a blog and authoring some books, I have also written the words to some hymns, a couple of stage plays, and some poetry. To illustrate what I've said about the Old and New Testaments working in harmony, here is a poem I have written to help us meditate on the full meaning of the Feast of the Presentation.

Presentation

See the father with two turtledoves.
Fluttering in his heart are fear and joy,
and by his side, two unexpected loves,
the sudden mother and her infant boy.

Going up the mountain, he stops to rest
Remembering Isaac and Abraham—
the cruel command and the terrible test,
the knife, the boy's throat and the thorn crowned lamb.

In the distance he sees the temple's towers,
smells the smoke and hears the animals' cry,
and wonders how and why the ancient powers
Demanded blood to reconcile earth and sky.

We like to see here a homely family sight,
but this feels barbaric, not sweet and nice.
It is the memory of some obscene rite—
of blood and fire and human sacrifice.

Then on this hill another father looks on
As another son is lifted up, and another dove descends.
For here a more tremendous love is shown
on which all history and the world depends.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Feb. 1, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 17,828.

Deficit: \$ 7,672.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #32
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 816,000.

Received: \$ 862,394.

Surplus: \$ 46,394.

Year End Tax Reports - Please contact
Rachel Hutson 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

"Now it is placed on a candlestick by him who subordinates his body to the service of God, so that the preaching of the truth is the higher, and the serving of the body the lower; yet by means even of the service of the body the doctrine shines more conspicuously, inasmuch as it is insinuated into those who learn by means of bodily functions, i.e. by means of the voice and tongue, and the other movements of the body in good works."

St. Augustine

Christ is the Light of the World yet in the gospel reading today, he tells the disciples they are the Light of the world. We are His body here on earth. We are to be His light to the world through our actions, words and deeds.

The first reading today from Isaiah says *"Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own. Then your light shall break forth like the dawn"*. This is what we do here at OLR through our work at Mother Teresa House and with our St. Vincent de Paul Society. We do it through your prayers, time, and generosity.

"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus says, "You are the light of the world," He is calling us to live our Christian vocation in words and deeds.

Be a "light" to those living in poverty and in a world of darkness by giving a donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

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, 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. 8 We will meet in Guadalupe Hall from **12-4pm**, preparing for Lent.

Before Ash Wednesday . . .

Bring your dried palms from last year to be burned for our ashes.

Please drop them off in the Narthex next weekend, Feb. 15.



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

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.

OCIA

The next class will be held on **Wednesday, Feb. 11**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing Lent, Stations of the Cross, Ash Wednesday, and fasting.



SCHOOL NEWS

Feb. 9 Confirmation Session #2, 7:30pm, GH

Feb. 16 Presidents' Day - NO School

Please note . . .

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

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 took place on February 7, at the Cathedral in Charleston.

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

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/live/KqC4WfUlfg?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.**

Recently baptized was **Josephine Catherine Self** daughter of **Travis & Stella Self**



We welcome Josephine 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, **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.

FEBRUARY

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

7 Saturday	Sunday - Feb. 8 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9 Monday
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> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	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 9:15-10:15a St. Vincent de Paul, GH 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>	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass , LC <i>For Deborah Turner+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 7:30p Confirmation Session #2, GH
10 Tuesday	11 Wednesday	12 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass , LC <i>Sr. Mary Ruth Bernard, OP</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 Anne Ouimette+</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 Meghan Sterrat+</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 Ernest & Florence Wilder+</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
13 Friday	14 Saturday	Sunday - 15 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass , UC <i>For Scott Menegay+</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC	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> 6:00-8:00p Norris Small Group, GH	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
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and announcements.		