



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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***All services are held in  
UPPER CHURCH  
unless otherwise noted.***

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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

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### **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

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### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Monday, 9a - 1p (during school term)  
First Friday, 11a - 5p  
Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church*  
Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church*

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We often confuse the vice of pride with arrogance, bragging or vanity. These are really just outward expressions of pride - and rather shallow expressions at that. Real pride is a much deeper root in our lives.

Pride is best defined as the complete and total conviction that you are right. Other people are always wrong. They cannot be right because YOU are always right.

I was speaking on this topic once and a sincere woman in the audience was troubled by my definition. She said, "But Father, we Catholics ARE right aren't we?" I answered that we can have confidence in the right teaching of the Catholic Church, and it is liberating to uphold the true teaching of the church, because we can therefore avoid the pride and self righteousness of insisting that WE are right. In other words, my own opinions don't matter. I don't have to be right all the time because the church is the source of right teaching not me.

The insistence that I am always right is the distortion of this right relationship to the truth.

The wise teachers say Pride is the root of all the other deadly sins and it doesn't take much thought to see why: Pride leads to gluttony because my unrestrained appetites are always right. Pride leads to greed because my unrestrained desire for money and material possessions is always right. Pride leads to lust because my unrestrained sexual impulses are always right and good. Pride leads to sloth because my desire to do my own thing rather than my duty is always right. Pride leads to envy because I am better than the other person, and pride leads to wrath because I need to destroy that other person who (through their own pride) thinks they are right.

The virtue that counters pride is humility. Humility is not being a worm or a doormat, but simply becoming the person God created us to be. St. Therese of Lisieux teaches that true humility recognizes in ourselves not only our weakness, but also our gifts and strengths, and realizes both come from God, rely on God, and one day return to God.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Mar. 15, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 22,051.

Deficit: \$ 3,449.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #38  
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 969,000.

Received: \$ 1,031,946.

Surplus: \$ 62,946.

**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

“While you despise [Christ], you lie in the arms of death; and if your contempt reaches the lengths I have mentioned, you are buried as well: but when you make confession, you come forth. For what is this coming forth, but the open acknowledgment you make of your state, in quitting, as it were, the old refuges of darkness? But the confession you make is effected by God, when He cries with a loud voice, or in other words, calls you in abounding grace. Accordingly, when the dead man had come forth, still bound; confessing, yet guilty still; that his sins also might be taken away, the Lord said to His servants: Loose him, and let him go. What does He mean by such words? Whatsoever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 16:19”

**St. Augustine Tractate 49:24**

We are sinners. When we sin, we turn away from God and we are spiritually dead. He awaits in confession to loose your bonds and bring you back to life. I deal with many people at MTH who have fallen into the darkness of a spiritual death. They have turned their back on Him. Pray that they can see their sins and make the decision to turn back to Him. It is only through His lights can they walk out of their dark worlds.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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On Good Friday, April 3, our Diocese will take up  
a collection for the holy places in the Holy Land.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society

The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

**Last month, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to provide 209 families with food, and 8 households with help for utility bills. Thank You!**

## 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, Bethe Kitchen, John Knope, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Frank McKenna, 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, Johnny Schiera, 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

**March 22** We will meet this week from 6-8pm and have our Lenten Adoration Service.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**Apr. 2** NOON Dismissal  
**Apr. 3-10** NO School, Easter Break

### Holy Week Schedule

*All services are held in Upper Church except on Palm Sunday when the 8am Mass Procession begins in the Courtyard, and the 10:30am Mass Procession begins in the Lower Church parking lot.*

**Palm Sunday Anticipated Mass**                      **March 28**      **5:00 pm**  
**Palm Sunday**    **March 29**      **8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm**

*Holy Monday and Spy Wednesday will follow the usual schedules. There will be no Mass on Holy Tuesday as the priests will be at the Cathedral in Charleston for the Chrism Mass.*

**Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**   **April 2**      **7:00 pm**  
(foot washing, stripping of the altar, procession to Lower Church, Adoration until 11:00 pm)

**Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion**           **April 3**      **3:00 pm**  
(with distribution of Holy Communion)

**Holy Saturday Easter Vigil**                      **April 4**      **8:30 pm**

**Easter Sunday**    **April 5**      **8:00 am, 10:30 am**

*NO Confessions on Saturday, April 4  
On Easter Sunday, NO Confessions at 9:00 am, and NO 5:00 pm Mass  
NO Mass or Communion Service on Easter Monday, April 6*

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord - Wednesday, March 25, is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation. However, Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 pm in Upper Church with organ music and full choir.**

In celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation we invite all parishioners who have not yet enrolled in the **Confraternity of the Rosary** to do so now.

Please follow this link for more information! <https://www.rosarycenter.org/enroll-in-the-rosary-confraternity>.

**"If you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family rosary."** Pope Saint Pius X

**Spiritual Adoption Sign-Up! *What Is It?*** Can you say a two-sentence prayer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for an unborn child who is in danger of abortion? Please find the Spiritual Adoption box in the Narthex and fill out the form, naming your baby, and cut in half. Place one-half in the green basket. Take the other half as a reminder and take a Prayer Card. Beginning March 25, (Feast of the Annunciation), pray the Spiritual Adoption prayer found on the back of your prayer card.

#### Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Please Help

- \* Hide eggs on Easter Sunday morning
- \* Donate pre-filled eggs (drop off in Narthex or School Office before Holy Thursday)
- \* Help clean up

Please Call 404-834-6886



#### OCIA

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **Mar. 25**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing Triduum and the Pascal Mystery.



**LAST CHANCE**  
**Lenten Fish Dinner**  
**Friday night, March 27, in the Gym.**  
\$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 7-18, 6 and under, free OR \$50 per family

Recently baptized was  
**Roy Roberta Doshier**  
daughter of  
**Andrew & Julia Doshier**



*We welcome Roy Roberta 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 Mass at 10:15am in the 5th Grade Classroom. The next session is on **Saturday, April 4.**

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

# MARCH

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

<b>21</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - March 22</b> <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>	<b>23</b> <b>Monday</b>
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 11:00a-2:00p Set Up for Holy Week, UC 2:30-3:30p 2nd Grade Students Only Confessions, LC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b>, UC <i>For Vita &amp; Carmelo Caruso+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Nicholas Mayfield</i> 6:00-8:00p MS &amp; HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a <b>Mass</b>, LC <i>For Veronica Kuhlman</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>
<b>24</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Thursday</b>
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p <b>Mass</b>, LC <i>For Sr. Patricia, 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</p>	<p>7:15a <b>Mass</b>, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 7:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:30p Stations of the Cross, UC 6:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Kevin Malena</i> <b>Feast of the Annunciation</b> <b>NOT a Holy Day of Obligation</b> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>Mass</b>, LC <i>For Romley &amp; Beverly Webb+</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>
<b>27</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - 29</b> <i>Palm Sunday</i>
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>School Mass</b>, UC <i>(limited seating)</i> <i>For Mary Jane Arrequin</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:15p Stations of the Cross, UC 6:00p Lenten Fish Dinners, GYM</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 10:00-11:00a St. Martha's Group, GH 11:00a-2:00p Set Up for Holy Week, UC 1:00-3:00p Confessions for OCIA Only, LC and UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b>, UC <i>For Neil Turner+</i> 6:30p Family Enrichment, GH, GYM, CAF 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For James &amp; Lorraine Matheny+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For The People</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Ruth Hansen+</i> 6:00-8:00p MS &amp; HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF</p>
<p>Please see the OLR websites at <a href="http://olr.church">olr.church</a> and <a href="http://olr.school">olr.school</a> for all the most recent news and events.</p>		