



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

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, on this Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday, we enter into the celebration of the Great and Holy Week, wherein the mystery of our salvation was accomplished. We walk with Jesus from the Mount of Olives to the Holy City of Jerusalem where he enters in triumph and is hailed as King of the Jews. But only a few days from now, on Spy Wednesday, he will be betrayed by one of his own disciples and handed over to the Jews and Romans. Soon, the very same people who welcomed him as their Messiah will cry out for his crucifixion, and we, along with all of humanity, are included in that number.

This week, we will also recline at table with Jesus and his disciples on Holy Thursday at the Last Supper, and ponder the mystery of humility and service, the mystery of the priesthood and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. On Good Friday we will walk with Jesus along the Via Dolorosa, the Way of Sorrows, the Way of the Cross, and stand with his Blessed Mother and St. John beneath the instrument of his crucifixion, as the sacrifice for our salvation is made complete. We will walk with his Holy Mother, Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus to the darkness of the tomb into which his lifeless body is placed. And we will wait, and watch, and hope, and pray during that holy night until the light of the new day dawns and the glory of the resurrection is revealed.

This entire week, and especially the Three Days of the Sacred Triduum, are a unified movement and a singular moment in time, the center of the Church Year and the center of all time - past, present and future. We do not merely remember or observe these happenings as if from a distance, but through the sacred liturgies and ritual of the Church we truly participate in these holy events, we are actually there as if in a time out of time, as we enter into and experience the paschal mystery of our Lord.

Let us be faithful this Holy Week, so that when the Lord asks us, as he did his first disciples, "could you not watch with me one hour?" (Matt. 26:40) we can reply with confidence, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (John 6:68). And then, with an integrity born from this faithfulness, arrive at Easter morning to truly share in the triumph of the risen Christ!

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Mar. 22, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 33,112.

Surplus: \$ 4,612.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #39
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 994,500.

Received: \$ 1,065,058.

Surplus: \$ 70,558.

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

“... why should we wonder that He rose from supper, and laid aside His garments, who, being in the form of God, made Himself of no reputation? Literally, “emptied Himself,” as in the Greek.

And why should we wonder, if He girded Himself with a towel, who took upon Him the form of a servant, and was found in the likeness of a man?

Why wonder, if He poured water into a basin wherewith to wash His disciples’ feet, who poured His blood upon the earth to wash away the filth of their sins?

Why wonder, if with the towel wherewith He was girded He wiped the feet He had washed, who with the very flesh that clothed Him laid a firm pathway for the footsteps of His evangelists?

In order, indeed, to gird Himself with the towel, He laid aside the garments He wore; but when He emptied Himself [of His divine glory] in order to assume the form of a servant, He laid not down what He had, but assumed that which He had not before. When about to be crucified, He was indeed stripped of His garments, and when dead was wrapped in linen clothes: and all that suffering of His is our purification.

When, therefore, about to suffer the last extremities [of humiliation,] He here illustrated beforehand its friendly compliances; not only to those for whom He was about to endure death, but to him also who had resolved on betraying Him to death. Because so great is the beneficence of human humility, that even the Divine Majesty was pleased to commend it by His own example; for proud man would have perished eternally, had he not been found by the lowly God. For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. And as he was lost by imitating the pride of the deceiver, let him now, when found, imitate the Redeemer’s humility.”

Saint Augustine, Tractates on the Gospel of John, 55. 7.

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First Saturday Pro-Life Mass on April 4, has been CANCELED.

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

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and follow Jesus through death to new life.

Please support the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the poor as they carry their cross of suffering and pain.

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, Beth 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 29 We will meet this week immediately following the 10:30am Mass in G. Hall.

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*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday Evening April 2,
and First Friday, April 3, have been canceled.*

Save the Date!

Sunday, April 12, is Divine Mercy Sunday

OLR will offer a special program in Upper Church

2:00pm Adoration
2:45pm Benediction
3:00pm A talk by Dave Haggard
"King David: A Man After God's Own Merciful Heart"

Divine Mercy Novena Begins on Good Friday, April 3
(See details in the print flyers in the Narthex)

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>.



Join us on Monday April 6, at 12:00 for lunch and discussion of "Treasure in Clay" by Fulton Sheen.
Call 864-360-2406 if interested.

Please note . . .

School and Parish Offices will be closed April 6-10.
On April 7-10, usual Daily Masses will be celebrated.

OCIA



We will NOT meet during Holy Week on April 1.
The next class will be held on Wednesday, **April 22**, in Lower Church. We will discuss prayer and being Catholic in a Non-Catholic Society.

This weekend, March 28/29, the Blessing Table will be available for those that wish to have religious items blessed.



Recently baptized was
Margaret Rose Bailey
daughter of
Patrick & Sara Bailey
We welcome Margaret as a new member of the OLR family.



Contact Sue Bannio to help prepare our church for Easter. Text or call (864) 313-4479 or email 4SueBannio@gmail.com.

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 or [HERE](#) so we can prepare class materials.

MARCH - APRIL

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

28 Saturday	Sunday - March 29 Palm Sunday	30 Holy Monday
<p>11:00a-2:00p Set Up for Holy Week, UC</p> <p>1:00-3:00p Confessions for OCIA Only, LC and UC</p> <p>3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC</p> <p>4:30p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Palm Sunday Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Neil Turner+</i></p> <p>6:30p Family Enrichment, GH, GYM, CAF</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For James & Lorraine Matheny+</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p>12:00-4:00p MS & HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Ruth Hansen+</i></p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Fr. Joseph Kuhlman</i></p> <p>9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC</p> <p>9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>
31 Holy Tuesday	April 1 Spy Wednesday	2 Holy Thursday
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH</p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>12:00p NO Mass</p> <p>12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC</p> <p>3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>6:30-8:30p Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH</p>	<p>7:15a NO Mass</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>7:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC</p> <p>3:00p Schola Practice, UC</p> <p>4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC</p> <p>5:30p Stations of the Cross, UC</p> <p>6:00p Mass, UC <i>For John Warga, Sr.+</i></p> <p>6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-12:00p School Events, GH NOON Dismissal</p> <p>5:45-6:45p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>7:00p Mass of the Lord's Supper, UC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Procession after Mass to Lower Church, Adoration until 11:00pm</i></p>
3 Good Friday	4 Holy Saturday	Sunday - 5 Easter Sunday
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>1:45-2:45p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>3:00p Liturgy of the Passion, UC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>NO First Friday Adoration</i></p>	<p>10:00a-2:00p Set Up for Easter, UC</p> <p>2:00-4:00p Vigil Rehearsal, UC</p> <p>3:30-4:30p NO Confessions, UC</p> <p>7:00-8:15p Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:30p Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, UC <i>For The People</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>NO First Saturday Pro-Life Mass</i></p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Josephine & Murray M. Howard, Jr. and the Suit, Howard, Votava, Sokol, Ayers, O'Barr, Hornaday, and Bagwell families.</i></p> <p>9:00a Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>9:00-10:00a NO Confessions, UC</p> <p>10:00a Rosary, UC</p> <p>10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Matthew Craft+</i></p> <p>12:00p PTO Sponsored Easter Egg Hunt, Courtyard</p> <p>5:00p NO Mass, UC</p>
<p>Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><i>NO Mass or Communion Service on Easter Monday, April 6</i></p>