



# 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*

April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter  
*Divine Mercy Sunday*

*The Pastor's Letter this week is from Deacon Mike Bannio*

Brothers and Sisters,

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope St. John Paul II decreed in 2000 that the second Sunday of Easter will be known as the feast of the Divine Mercy for the universal Church. This feast is fitting because it concludes the Easter Octave.

As we celebrate this feast, we not only experience God's Divine Mercy, but we need to live it out in our lives by radiating mercy and love in all that we do and speak. But how do we accomplish this in a society where the fabric of civility has significantly frayed in recent years? It starts with recognizing the dignity of all people, that they have been created in the image of God. As such, we are not only called to be civil, but to express love and mercy toward others. St. Paul writes "...God proves his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). And if God gives us this undeserved love (who have been created in his image), then we too must have that same love for others.

To help us truly be people who live out God's mercy in our lives we need to have a devotion to the Divine Mercy. To do this, we turn to St. Faustina who is known as the apostle of Divine Mercy. Jesus revealed through private revelations to St. Faustina God's unfathomable love and mercy for all people. And she recorded these revelations in her diary so that all may know God's Divine Mercy. In these revelations, she was instructed on how to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, given details for the image of the Divine Mercy with the words "Jesus I Trust in You!", and for the Church to establish a feast of Divine Mercy on the Second Sunday of Easter.

Through St. Faustina, we have been given not only knowledge of God's Divine Mercy, but practical ways to be devoted to his Divine Mercy. And by having this devotion, it truly gives us the graces needed to radiate God's love and mercy to a world in such need of it. I encourage you to take part in the events planned at OLR for this Divine Mercy Sunday and to visit the Lower Church where there is a shrine dedicated to the Divine Mercy. Finally, consider praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet after daily Mass that is led by members of the Divine Mercy Cenacle.

Deacon Mike Bannio

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## Parish Operating Financials

*Not yet published, offertory totals will  
be available next week.*

Collection for the week ending Apr. 5, 2026

Needed:

Received:

Surplus:

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**[Rachel Hutson](#) for a copy of your contribution**  
**statement for 2025. Electronic contributions**  
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## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Though I am but dust and ashes, suffer me to utter my plea to Thy mercy; suffer me to speak, since it is to God's mercy that I speak and not to man's scorn. From Thee too I might have scorn, but Thou wilt return and have compassion on me. ... I only know that the gifts Thy mercy had provided sustained me from the first moment. ... All my hope is naught save in Thy great mercy. Grant what Thou dost command, and command what Thou wilt"* **St. Augustine, Confessions**

This is Divine Mercy Sunday when we celebrate Jesus' mercy for us. There is no end to His mercy and there is nothing we can do that His mercy won't cover, if we ask. We have all fallen, many times worse than we could have ever imagined, but His love and mercy are waiting for us to turn toward Him.

We deal with many souls at MTH who are broken, have turned away or never known Him, or have done things we can't imagine - things they do not think are forgivable. They cling to their sins, too ashamed to look at Him. Pray for them on this Day of Mercy, and for the whole world to turn to Him and His Divine Mercy.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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## Dates to Remember

**Saturday, May 2** **First Holy Communion**, 10:00am in Upper Church, with reception following in the Gym.

**Monday, May 4** **Confirmation** with our Bishop, 6:00pm in Upper Church, with reception following in the Gym.

## 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, Tonya Lucas, 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

**April 12** Divine Mercy Sunday - Party from 6-8pm in Guadalupe Hall. Please bring a dish to share, and be ready for games!

## Sunday, April 12, is Divine Mercy Sunday

Join us this Sunday 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 [HERE](#) and the print flyers in the Narthex)

## OCIA

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.



## St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!"

**During Mass we say, "Peace be with you!" As you give your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul society you say, "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.**

Please scan this QR code to go directly to the new member registration form to be a volunteer.



## SCHOOL NEWS

- Apr. 13** Classes resume
- Apr. 18** PTO sponsored Father/Daughter Dance, 7-9pm, Gym
- Apr. 20** Confirmation Session #5 Rehearsal in Upper Church, 7:30-8:30pm.

*Fiddler on the Roof* - performances, April 23-25, and April 40-May 2. Buy tickets [HERE](#)

Did you know that **"Walking with Moms in Need"** is a program promoted by both the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Diocese of Charleston to assist Moms with unexpected pregnancies and Moms in dire need? *Our ministry is growing and we invite you to join us!*



Our volunteers connect with Moms via email and phone and advise them of needed resources. In addition, we especially need translators (SPA-ENG) as well as drivers who can take Moms to Birthright of Greenville or local food banks.

Please email ([wwmin@proton.me](mailto:wwmin@proton.me)) or text us (864-618-6814) to learn more!

## "Third" Sunday Brunch

Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship **this Sunday, April 12**, in the Courtyard, immediately following the 10:30am Mass.

Recently baptized was

**Amelia Joan Lechowicz**

daughter of

**Andrew & Amanda Lechowicz**



We welcome Amelia 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, May 2**.

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

# APRIL

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

<b>11 Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - 12 <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i></b>	<b>13 Monday</b>
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass, UC</b> <i>For Lloyd &amp; Karen Millegan</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 2:00p Divine Mercy Program, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Sr. Mary Ann, OP</i> 6:00-8:00 Youth Groups, CAF, GH, GYM</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a <b>Mass, LC</b> <i>For Doris Hirota+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>
<b>14 Tuesday</b>	<b>15 Wednesday</b>	<b>16 Thursday</b>
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p <b>Mass, LC</b> <i>For John Warga, Sr.+</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, UC</b> <i>For Chiara Josephine Cayert+</i> 8:00a-5:00p 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 <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Beth Wallace+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p <b>NO OCIA Class</b></p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>Mass, LC</b> <i>For David Hanvey, Jr.+</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>17 Friday</b>	<b>18 Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - 19 <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i></b>
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>School Mass, UC</b> (limited seating) <i>For Grant Woods</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass, UC</b> <i>For Bob &amp; Ellen Cousino+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Matthew Kuhlman</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For Hamilton Woodis</i> 12:00-4:00p Youth Groups, CAF, GH, GYM 12:00-4:00p WWMIN, JDR 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass, UC</b> <i>For The People</i></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>		