



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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## **Parish Office Hours**

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## **School Office Hours**

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School Office Phone: 864-277-5350

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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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## **WEEKDAY 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)

## **WEEKDAY 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*

May 24, 2026

Pentecost

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I'm afraid we too often take the Holy Spirit for granted. We fail to see the awesomeness of the event that took place at Pentecost.

To really grasp the enormity of what happened we should first understand what life was like in the ancient world. For eons mankind had been cut off from God. The door to paradise was closed. An angel guarded the entrance to Eden so the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve could not return.

The Roman Empire was a cruel, bloodthirsty, lustful and murderous society. Plagues, famines, death and natural disaster surged through the world. The religions consisted of dark, loathsome and terrifying rituals to appease capricious and bloodthirsty demons who were worshipped as "gods and goddesses". As a result, I believe, a large proportion of the population were actually demon possessed.

Then, as the fruit of the resurrection and ascension, a new gift was poured out on the human race. The Holy Spirit who was given was the same spirit that hovered over the waters of creation and who hovered over the Lord Jesus at his baptism. This was none other than the third person of the Holy Trinity poured into the hearts and minds of ordinary mortals.

This new gift transformed humanity forever. New life, new love, new light began to flow in the world. The doors of eternity were opened, the path to paradise was restored.

This is the spirit we welcome into our own lives. It is a gift given at Baptism and renewed as we live in Christ.

Come Holy Spirit!

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

## Pastoral Staff

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending May 17, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 26,120.

Surplus \$ 620.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #48  
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 1,198,500.

Received: \$ 1,297,541.

Surplus: \$ 99,041.

*For your increased security and efficiency,  
please use the OLR online giving site [HERE](#).*

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*“Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.” (Ps. 103:30)[28] We should speak about Him without whom no one can speak rightly, about Him who gives speech and gives the power to speak copiously. And indeed, it is impossible to speak rightly without Him. Nor should one marvel at what is said: “Who can know the sense [sensus]” of the truth of God “unless he shall send His Spirit from the Most High?” (Wis. 9:17).*

### St. Thomas Aquinas, Sermon on Pentecost

The Holy Spirit is always there to guide us into THE TRUTH, a deeper conversion and right ways. We often, instead of surrendering to the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, rely on ourselves for “our” truth, “our” right ways. While Christ is the Bridegroom of the Church, the Holy Spirit is the “Soul” of the Church.

The people I work with at Mother Teresa House struggle with the same issues we do, they create their own truth. They justify their issues as someone else’s fault and resist looking inward. A spiritual director of mine once said the scariest thing of quiet, contemplative prayer is looking at your “true” self. I pray that each of us look inward, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and search for our true selves in Him.

*“Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.”*

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today as we celebrate Pentecost, Jesus says to his disciples: “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”

Last month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting 183 families at the Food Pantry and providing 7 households a total of \$2,698.76 for utility bills. Thank You!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Silessa 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, Bob Linn, 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, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

**The next Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service** will be on Saturday, **June 6**, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.

School and Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday. The usual Daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:30am in Lower Church.



Our **Seven Sisters Apostolate** is seeking women to pray one Holy Hour a week for Fr. Longenecker as he prepares to retire in December.

If you would like to show your appreciation for his 16 years of faithful service at OLR in this way, please contact Pat Wilder at 864-663-9565. Go [HERE](#) for more information.

**Study Bibles** - have arrived, please pick up your copies in the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you are unable to come during office hours, please contact us to make special arrangements.



**New fellowship and adult education course** led by OLR parishioner, Pat May, will meet in Guadalupe Hall on Saturday evenings after the 5pm Mass,

**May 16 - June 13.** The course, "**Behold the Lamb**" will look at the Biblical symbolism of the Lamb of God, and show how it is all fulfilled in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Join us to meet new friends, deepen your faith, and invite non-Catholics for this time of fellowship and faith sharing. The course is free, but please register [HERE](#).

**The Divine Mercy Ministry of Prayer for the Dying** Through St. Faustina, Jesus promised many graces to the dying when the Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed for them. If you would like the consolation of having the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayed for a loved one who is dying--in hospice, hospital, or at home--the eight members of the Divine Mercy Cenacle at OLR will be glad to pray for him or her for a full week.

Anyone may request these prayers by sending an email to [atbaird.divinemercury@gmail.com](mailto:atbaird.divinemercury@gmail.com).

## SCHOOL NEWS

- May 25** NO School - Memorial Day
- May 28** 11th Grade Excelsior Banquet
- May 29** Last Day of School - NOON Dismissal

### Summer Camps at OLR

Sign Ups are now open, please go [HERE](#) to see the listing. Payment is due at sign up.



### St. Anthony of Padua of Greenville

Wednesday, June 17, St. Anthony's will celebrate Juneteenth with a Mass at 6:00pm with the Most Rev. Jacques Fabre-Jeune, CS, Bishop of Charleston, presiding. A BBQ dinner will follow in the school gymnasium from 7:00pm to 8:30pm with a program of music, dance and Black history.

Parishioners, participants in the Lyke Conference, friends and the public are invited. Admission is free with love offerings accepted.

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### Are you interested in learning Natural Family Planning?

Maureen Holy, an OLR Parishioner and Registered Nurse, is seeking 10 couples to learn the Marquette Method of NFP as part of her certification program through Marquette University. Participation includes three brief education sessions (initial, 1 month follow-up, and 6 month follow-up). This training is being offered **free of charge** to these first 10 couples. Visit the Boland Institute for Natural Family Planning website to learn more about the Marquette method of Natural Family Planning [HERE](#).

Interested couples please contact [Holy.Maureen@gmail.com](mailto:Holy.Maureen@gmail.com)

Recently baptized was

**John Henry Ladwig**

son of

**Robert & Lisa Ladwig**

*We welcome John 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, June 6**.

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

# MAY

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

<b>23 Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - 24 Pentecost</b>	<b>25 Monday</b>
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 12:30p Wedding Prep, GH 2:00p Wedding, UC 3:00-4:00p Strings Recital, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b>, UC <i>For Natalee Geerts</i> 6:00p "Behold the Lamb" Class, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Samantha Kluger+</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 The Cahillance Family+</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>Memorial Day</b> <b>School and Parish Offices Closed</b></p> <p>8:30a <b>Mass</b>, LC <i>For Rose Cusumano+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>
<b>26 Tuesday</b>	<b>27 Wednesday</b>	<b>28 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 Angela Schlosser+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls' Choir Practice, UC 3:00-5:30p Summer Camp, GYM 7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH</p>	<p>7:15a <b>Mass</b>, UC 8:00a-5:00p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 3:00-5:30p Summer Camp, GYM 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>Mass</b>, LC <i>For Dorothy Martin+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys' Choir Practice, UC 3:00-5:30p Summer Camp, GYM 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p>
<b>29 Friday</b>	<b>30 Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - 31 The Most Holy Trinity</b>
<p style="color: red;"><b>Last Day of School, NOON Dismissal</b></p> <p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-12:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>School Mass</b>, UC (limited seating) <i>For Keith Allen+</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC 12:00-2:00p Summer Camp, GYM 3:00-5:30p Summer Camp, GYM</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 8:00a-3:30p Sports Tournament, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b>, UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00p "Behold the Lamb" Class, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Rose Cusumano+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Jude Gillen</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b>, UC <i>For Chad Bauer+</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>		