



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

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

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 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What other explanations do people give to explain away the Resurrection of Our Lord? Some people claim that it really was Jesus on the cross, but He didn't really die.

The gospels record how Jesus was tortured and then killed by professional executioners. Not only were the executioners professionals, but their careers and even their lives depended on them doing a thorough job. Furthermore, this execution took place in public in front of a howling crowd who was there to make sure the job was done properly.

Nevertheless, people say that He couldn't have risen from the dead so it must be that He wasn't dead to start with. They say Jesus didn't really die on the cross because someone gave Him drugged wine and He just passed out. Or maybe He passed out from the intense pain. Either way, He woke up again a few days later and everyone thought He had risen from the dead.

So let's get this straight: The man was tortured to within an inch of his life, then after dragging the heavy cross through the city streets, Jesus was nailed to it by professional executioners who, instead of breaking His legs to hasten His death, stabbed him with a spear instead. Nevertheless, someone slipped past the professional execution squad to give Jesus drugged wine. Would that have been one of His followers? But we know they fled in terror when He was arrested. Was it one of the professional executioners who would have had to risk his own life to give the criminal an overdose of painkiller?

Let us imagine for a moment that such a theory is true. Now we must believe that Jesus woke up in a freezing-cold tomb on a chilly morning in April, having suffered scourging, crucifixion, massive blood loss, shock, and a spear wound to the heart. First He unwraps the shroud and burial wrappings and takes care to fold them neatly at the foot of His bed. Then (from the inside) he rolls back a stone on the outside of the tomb that weighs a couple of tons. He then stumbles out, totally naked, and limps up to the disciples on His bloody feet, shows them His hands, and gasps out a greeting between the stabs of agonizing pain from the spear wound. Most people would have concluded that the man had somehow survived crucifixion and given him first aid and put him to bed.

Are we to believe that the disciples saw this terribly wounded survivor and said, "How wonderful! Something that has never happened before has happened. The Lord of Life has risen from the dead! Let's write it all down and start a new religion."

I don't think so.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Apr. 26, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 21,586.

Deficit: \$ 3,914.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #45
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 1,122,000.

Received: \$ 1,211,168.

Surplus: \$ 89,168.

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

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

“O thou Omnipotent Good, thou carest for every one of us as if thou didst care for him only, and so for all as if they were but one!” St. Augustine, The Confessions

In today’s first reading, it is the calling of the original deacons to tend to the needs of the community. While we have great deacons in our parish who serve us, we are called to serve others as members of the royal priesthood.

At Mother Teresa House, we tend to the needs of our local community with the help of our SVdP Society and many local community partners. With the hundreds we work with every month, some have simple requests and others are more complex.

We need to remember to care for them as if they are the only one, *“Jesus in disguise”*. We get to share in His ministry of service to show that He is ***“THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE”*** for each and every one of us and the only way to the Father.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In the Gospel today, Jesus says “...whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father.

Through your almsgiving you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. The gift you give to the St. Vincent de Paul society brings Christ’s love and compassion to the poor.

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, 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.

YOUTH GROUP

- May 3** We will have our usual meeting from 6-8pm, discussing Confirmation.
- May 10** Mother's Day - we will NOT meet.

The Full Choir will sing **Solemn Vespers** for the Ascension of the Lord on Sunday, **May 17**, at 4:00 pm in the Upper Church.

Our **Seven Sisters Apostolate** is seeking additional 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.

Everyone is invited to the school's **Annual Spring Concert** on Thursday, **May 14**, at 6:00pm in Upper Church.

The Annual **Art Exhibition** will open immediately after the concert, in the Gym.

Solemnity of the Ascension will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 17**, (transferred in our diocese from May 14) and is a Holy Day of Obligation, as are all Sundays during the year!



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.

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

SCHOOL NEWS

- May 14** Spring Concert, 6:00pm, Upper Church
- May 15** Alumni Mass and May Crowning, 10:00am in Upper Church

Summer Camps at OLR

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



Did you know?

To receive sacraments at OLR you need to be a registered parishioner for at least 6 months. We have many families who attend faithfully, but still need to register.

Printed registration forms are now available in the Narthex. Please complete the form and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the offertory basket.

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



Recently baptized was
Genevieve Jill Cesarone
 daughter of
Paul & Clare Cesarone



We welcome Genevieve as a new member of the OLR family.

You are invited to a **Mother & Daughter Tea** celebrating the beauty of growing up, for girls age 10-12 **Saturday, May 16, 11:00am-1:00pm** in Guadalupe Hall. Cost \$20. per mother, and \$10. per daughter Register [HERE](#). There are print flyers available in the Narthex.

MAY

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

2 Saturday	Sunday - 3 <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	4 Monday
<p>12:00-9:00a First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil, LC</p> <p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM</p> <p>9:30a NO First Saturday Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service</p> <p>10:00a First Holy Communion, UC</p> <p>11:00a First Holy Communion Reception, GYM</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 Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Thomas Gillen+</i></p> <p>7:00p Upper School Musical, GH</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For The People</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 Clare Malena</i></p> <p>12:00p Baptism, UC</p> <p>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Baltruweit-Hale Family+</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p Youth Groups, CAF, GH, GYM</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Kenneth Barone+</i></p> <p>9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC</p> <p>9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC</p> <p>4:00-5:00p Confirmation Confessions, UC</p> <p>5:00-6:00p Confirmation Interviews, GH</p> <p>6:00p Confirmation Mass, with Reception following, UC</p>
5 Tuesday	6 Wednesday	7 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 Mass, LC <i>For Richard Roche+</i></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>7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH</p>	<p>7:15a NO Mass, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p Adoration, LC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>3:00p Schola Practice, UC</p> <p>4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC</p> <p>5:15p Benediction, LC</p> <p>6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Janice Crawford Bozard+</i></p> <p>6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Samantha Kluger+</i></p> <p>10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p> <p>3:00p Boys' Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC</p> <p>7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p>
8 Friday	9 Saturday	Sunday - 10 <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC</p> <p>8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH</p> <p>10:00a School Mass, UC (limited seating) <i>For Mary Pearl Hutson</i></p> <p>11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM</p> <p>9:00a Baptism, UC</p> <p>10:00a Baptism, UC</p> <p>11:00a Baptism, 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 Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Joseph & Mary Torres</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p Norris Small Group, GH</p> <p>8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mother's Day</i></p> <p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH</p> <p>8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Kaylee Kuhlman</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>4:30p Rosary, UC</p> <p>5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Dcn. Ray Perham+</i></p> <p>6:00-8:00p NO Youth Group</p>
<p><i>If viewing online, please scroll down to the next page for all the Respect Life Ministry News.</i></p> <p>Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.</p>		



RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY
Current News and Events May 2026



40 Days for Life

Former abortion workers report that when somebody is praying in front of an abortion facility, the no-show rate for abortion appointments can go as high as 75 percent!

With the end of the Spring campaign last month, we were blessed to be able to have 3 confirmed “saves” at the Greenville abortion clinic, and multiple “turnarounds” that may also result in additional saved children.

Although the Spring campaign has ended, Greenville is one of a small number of “365 Cities” where 40 Days for Life never stops. This also means that we continue to save even more children by our presence all year.

Please go to 40DaysforLife.com/Greenville to sign up and join us, or you can speak to Deacon Bob Connor (Greenville 40 Days Leader) to see how you can get involved.

**First Saturday Pro-Life Mass
and Healing Service**

The next Pro-Life Mass will be on Saturday,
JUNE 6, 2026 at 9:30am, in Upper Church.

Online Giving for Life!

Go here, osvhub.com/olrgreenville/giving/funds at the OLR website to donate to the Respect Life or the Walking With Moms in Need ministries.

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) or text us (864-618-6814) to learn more!

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? Of course, you can! 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 please take a Spiritual Adoption Prayer Card! Please pray the Spiritual Adoption prayer found on the back of your prayer card. Each week, you can follow the “footprints” of your baby’s growth. You will also receive an email about the development of your spiritually adopted child. Please join this spiritual battle to protect each small and innocent life.

Go [HERE](#) to see the weekly progress!