



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*

July 12, 2026

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pastor's Letters in June and July will be from our Holy Deacons.

Deacon Brian Hansen

Assisting the priest, proclaiming the Gospel, preparing the altar, and distributing communion draw me close to the mysteries of our faith. But liturgy is only part of a deacon's vocation. Service at the altar strengthens deacons and sends us into the world to serve Christ in our neighbors.

Every Friday, I drive out to the state prison to catechize and share fellowship with about forty of our neighbors. The men at Perry Correctional Institution are more than just people I serve. They're my friends. We pray together, encourage one another, and share struggles and joys. The guys rely on me to show up each week, and I've come to rely on them too. Their faith, honesty, and perseverance have shaped my heart in unexpected ways.

In Matthew's account of the final judgment, Jesus says, "I was in prison and you visited me." See, I'm not bringing Christ into a place where he's absent. Christ is already there, waiting for me to show up. He's present in the men who gather with me to pray, read scripture, and seek God's mercy. The Holy Spirit is at work in forgiveness, in tears, and in lives being transformed. Behind the walls and barbed wire, I've encountered deep and sincere faith that humbles me. Those overlooked by society reveal an amazing trust in God.

Jesus speaks of "the least of these," and I sometimes wonder if there is a holy irony in his words. I've encountered amazing faith, humility, gratitude, and perseverance. More than once, I've left Perry thinking that maybe these men are actually among the "greatest of these." I always leave the prison with more than I bring in. I've seen hope replace despair and watched men strengthen each other in faith. I'm humbled by their gratitude and challenged by their trust in God. My friendships with the men at Perry have reminded me that Christian community isn't about circumstances. It's about a shared Savior.

People sometimes say, "I couldn't do prison ministry," and I once felt the same way. But as we often hear, God doesn't call the qualified; he qualifies the called. Scripture is full of stories about God equipping imperfect people for all kinds of roles. When we just show up with sincere hearts, God gives us the words, patience, and courage we need. The men at Perry aren't looking for experts. They're looking for sincere presence, listening, prayer, and a reminder that they're not forgotten. The Holy Spirit provides those gifts in every visit.

I invite you to come with me and meet the men. The only requirement is a sincere heart. Listen and pray with us. You may discover, as I have, that Christ is calling you to join him there.

Deacon Brian

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Parish Operating Financials

*Collection for the TWO weeks
ending Jul. 5, 2026*

Needed: \$ 51,000.

Received 6/28/26: \$ 19,215.

Received 7/5/26: \$ 8,851.

Total Received: \$ 48,066.

Deficit: \$ 2,934.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #2
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 51,000.

Received: \$ 48,066.

Deficit: \$ 2,934.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen." **St. Thomas Aquinas**

For the third week in a row, I have used the same daily prayer from St. Thomas Aquinas. It is a powerful daily prayer and I encourage you to add it to your prayer life. I have written weekly about vocations, not the worldly definition, but the theological one. What the world calls "vocation" or your job, theologically we call avocation.

What do we do to live out our primary vocation: a career, ministry or hobby? I work at Mother Teresa House which is both my career and a ministry but before that, I was chief financial officer to support my family. I always do my best to follow my faith in those roles, which at times can be tough to do. I also set an example for my children by my actions, words and deeds. Many of the folks I deal with have mothers or fathers who were absent or will not work, and the children suffer, causing the cycle of poverty. Always discern God's will on your avocation and how it supports your vocation. Pray for the strengthening of traditional families in our community, our country and world.

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

The Food Pantry will be temporarily closed due to ongoing construction. We apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience as this work is completed. We hope to reopen as soon as construction is finished.

Please contact Stephanie Lopez
at slopez91084@gmail.com with any questions.

Due to this temporary closing, please do NOT donate any food items for the Food Pantry until further notice.

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, 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, Cheryl Wallace, Luigina Warga, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

Although our pantry remains closed due to construction, we are currently looking for someone to assist with our **Financial Assistance Ministry** to coordinate applications for assistance and communicate with volunteers. This position requires 5 hours or less each month. If you are feeling called to serve, please contact Stephanie Lopez, slopez91084@gmail.com.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be hosting a **Backpack Drive the weekend of August 1–2**. New backpacks will be collected after each Mass that weekend to help local students prepare for the upcoming school year.

From mid-August through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the **USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities** will be inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. In addition to invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Defender of Life, participants can learn about the danger of abortion pills, and can send messages to pharmacies and pharmaceutical companies that are involved.

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up at <https://www.respectlife.org/>.

For more information:
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Marriage Help – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too, or a hurting couple you might know. For confidential information about the program or to register for the upcoming Oct. 2-4, weekend in the Charlotte area, call Bill and Lyn Folsom at 727-343-6701 or email: bill-lyn@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site www.HelpOurMarriage.org Inquire for yourself, a friend, or a relative.

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.divinemercy@gmail.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

Summer Office Hours

Daily 9:00am – 2:00pm

Go [HERE](#) for the 2026-2027 Calendar

Aug. 13
Thursday

First Day of School
NOON Dismissal, No Aftercare

Aug. 28
Friday

Picture Day

Shining the Light on the Darkness of Human Trafficking - from Awareness to Action

Saturday, July 18, 2026

6-8:30 pm in the Parish Life Building

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
2252 Woodruff Road, Simpsonville

The 6th annual **World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly** will take place on Sunday, July 26, 2026, the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme chosen by Pope Leo for this year is 'I will never forget you' (Is 49:15).



The Respect Life Ministry will be hosting a celebration of our Grandparents and Seniors immediately following the Anticipated Mass on **Saturday, July 25**, in Guadalupe Hall for the grandparents and the seniors of our parish. A light meal, a fun game, and fellowship will highlight an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

Call/text Victoria Norris at 864.517.4279 or Cheryl Bever at 864.380.5432 for more information.



Our Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) begins **September 9**, at 7pm in Guadalupe Hall. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, or just interested in learning more, please contact JohnMark Cayer at jcayer@charlestandiocese.org.

First Friday Adoration Schedule

August 7, will be held from 11am-5pm only.

The next ALL NIGHT First Friday Adoration will be September 4-5.

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, August 1**.

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

JULY

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

11 Saturday	Sunday - 12 <i>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	13 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a Pro-Life Mass, UC 11:00a-3:00p Piano Recital, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Fr. J. Robert Yeazel+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 12:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Ann Wagener+</i>	8:30a Communion Service, LC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 9:00a-12:00p Summer Camp, UC, GH
14 Tuesday	15 Wednesday	16 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 8:00a-3:00p Summer Tutoring, JDR 9:00a-12:00p Summer Camp, UC, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For Terry Parillo+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH	8:00a-5:00p Adoration, LC 10:00a-12:00p Summer Tutoring, JDR 12:00-3:00p Summer Camp, UC, GH 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Ignatius Smith</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	8:00a-3:00p Summer Tutoring, JDR 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Chiara-Josephine Cayer+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 10:30a-1:30p Summer Camp, UC, GH 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
17 Friday	18 Saturday	Sunday - 19 <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
10:00a Mass, LC <i>For The Baldwin Family</i> 10:30a-1:30p Summer Camp, UC, GH 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Barry O'Hare+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Grace Cruzan+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 12:00p 3rd Sunday Brunch, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i>
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.		