



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 19, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week I was on retreat at St. Joseph Abbey in Covington, Louisiana. Many of you will remember our young Facilities Manager, Philip Gordy who is now a monk of St. Joseph Abbey with the new name Brother Lazarus.

Brother Lazarus is in charge of the Oblate program at the abbey and he invited me to deliver two talks to the oblates. I took the opportunity to talk about the balance of the Benedictine life which is rooted in St. Benedict's key principles. Benedict's principles for a good and balanced life are enshrined in the three vows of stability, obedience and conversion of life.

Stability means being rooted. The Benedictine monk or nun promises to stay committed to his or her monastic community for life. We need this kind of commitment in our marriages and in our communities. Too often people are not willing to persevere. When things get rough, people bail. Stability means getting stuck in and not giving up on a particular community or commitment. Stability means we find God and happiness right where we are, and if we can't find him there, we won't find him anywhere.

Obedience seems a harsh word in a society where individualism rules and the pursuit of pleasure seems to be the only guiding principle. However, the root of the word "obey" means "to listen." True obedience means listening to others with patience and a deep level of understanding. The obedient person is always alert to the spoken and unspoken needs of those around them. Obedience builds peace and understanding in communities. Obedience is vital for the virtuous life to prosper, and it is absolutely vital for the spiritual life to prosper.

Conversion of Life is the dynamic vow. The person who seeks conversion of life is always looking for a new way to experience life. This principle does not just mean being converted in the religious sense. It is a way of looking at life that is creative, optimistic, and positive. It sees possibilities, not problems. It gives people the benefit of the doubt. It is always seeking to convert the difficulties of life into opportunities for growth. The person who vows to follow conversion of life wants not only religious conversion. He wants to be totally converted as a person and then to convert the whole world from death and despair to new life and hope.

These three principles are not just for monks and nuns. They can be applied to our families, our businesses, our schools, parishes and local communities for our blessing, our prosperity and our growth in grace.

Your pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 30,773.

Surplus: \$ 5,273.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #3
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 76,500.

Received: \$ 78,839.

Surplus: \$ 2,339.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Mercy without justice is the mother of dissolution; justice without mercy is cruelty." **St. Thomas Aquinas**

Today's readings focus on final judgement and God's mercy. St. Thomas Aquinas' quote above deals with earthly mercy and justice. The first part is always forgiving with no accountability for one's actions dissolves the boundary between right and wrong. When there are no consequences for one's actions, people will lose any sense of order, morality or social trust. The second part, applying punishment and rules rigidly with no compassion, mercy, understanding or room for redemption is cruelty and unlivable. Too many people "get a pass" for their actions which only leads to worse behavior.

We see it with the homeless folks we deal with. We don't just "fix" their current issue, but make a plan, with compassion, and walk with them to address their issues when they are ready. It is the same with sin. When we push the moral line a little, it becomes a slippery slope into more sin, worse sin. We always think we have time to "make it right" with God or we don't think the sin is "that bad." Get to confession often, do not wait until someday.

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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

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.

The parish is looking for individuals with accounting and bookkeeping backgrounds or experience who can help the finance department. Please reach out to Rachel in the parish office for more information rhutson@charlestandiocese.org.

We are trying to locate some "family prayer cards" that might have been left in Upper Church. These have sentimental value, if you know of them, please contact the Parish Office.



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)

18 Saturday	Sunday - 19 <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	20 Monday
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> 6:00-8:00p Knights of Columbus Induction Ceremony, GH 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>	8:30a Mass, LC <i>For</i> 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 9:00a-3:00p Summer Camp, GH 11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC
21 Tuesday	22 Wednesday	23 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 8:00a-3:00p Summer Tutoring, JDR 9:00a-3:00p Summer Camp, 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 9:00a-3:00p Summer Camp, 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 9:00a-3:00p Summer Camp, GH 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
24 Friday	25 Saturday	Sunday - 26 <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
10:00a Mass, LC <i>For The Baldwin Family</i> 9:00a-3:00p Summer Camp, GH 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-5:00p Prep-Grandparents Day, GH 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> 6:00p-9:00p Grandparents Day Celebration, GH 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> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i>
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