



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 26, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

From time to time I make an effort to write to you about end of life issues. It is not a topic we like to think about, but it is necessary to be responsible both for ourselves, and our families, to think carefully about dealing with terminal illness and our passing.

The most important aspect, of course, is to ensure that our soul is prepared for the end of this earthly life. The church teaches that at the point of death every soul receives what is called the "particular judgement." This means that at the point of death our eternal destiny is presented to us. Those who are in a state of grace will enter into life. Those who are in a state of enmity against God and his mercy will enter into eternal punishment.

Therefore, we need to daily ask ourselves whether our hearts are oriented toward God, whether we have repented of our sins and opened our whole selves to God's mercy and forgiveness. If we are in a state of mortal sin we had better get right with God! For a sin to be mortal the action must be a serious sin that separates us from God's love. In addition, the sin must have an element of pre-meditation. We must have stopped to consider what we were going to do. Thirdly, it must be intentional. We decided to do this thing even though we knew it was against God's will. Finally, we must continue in the sin without remorse or repentance.

The church teaching is clear that if we die in a state of rebellion against God we will be separated from Him eternally. The way to put this right is to make a good confession, amend our lives and turn away from our mortal sin. If you have further concerns and if you worry about this, then you should talk to your priest who will give you counsel on the matter.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says we should make use of the sacrament of confession at least once a year. Have you done so? We should also go to confession if we feel that we are in a state of mortal sin.

We receive forgiveness for venial sins through an act of contrition and the confession at the beginning of Mass. Venial sins are those sins that are simply part of the rough and tumble of life which are not serious, in which there was no pre-meditation or intention our part.

The first step, therefore, in preparation for death is to make sure we are spiritually prepared. Each one of us needs to get right with God and stay right with God!

In preparation for death we should also receive the sacrament of healing, but I will write about that next week.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Jul. 19, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 29,254.

Surplus: \$ 3,754.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #4
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 102,000.

Received: \$ 108,093.

Surplus: \$ 6,093.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"As it is better to give than to receive, so it is better to share the fruit of one's contemplation than merely to contemplate."

St. Thomas Aquinas

Over the past few weeks, I have had the opportunity to live this St. Thomas Aquinas quote with 39 youth from across the United States. It was an opportunity for priests, religious, and lay individuals to share their discernment to their vocations, as well as teach how to listen to God's call in the small whispering of the winds.

After twelve days of backpacking in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, lives were transformed for both participants and staff. Daily mass, spiritual talks, times to question and reflect, and Eucharistic processions on the trail in God's country, all challenged the group mentally and physically, allowing those youth to rely on each other and their faith.

Continue to pray for vocations in our Church and that many more youth will seek to listen to God's call whether to priestly, religious, single, or married life.

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 is hosting a

BACKPACK DRIVE

the weekend of August 1–2.

New backpacks will be collected in the Narthex after each Mass that weekend to help local students prepare for the new school year.



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

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. 11	Back to School Night, 4:30pm
Aug. 13	First Day of School NOON Dismissal, No Aftercare
Aug. 28	Picture Day

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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Recently baptized was

Vivian Rae Loughman

daughter of

Thomas & Ariyanna Loughman

*We welcome Vivian as a
new member of the OLR family.*



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.

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 - AUGUST

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

25 Saturday	Sunday - 26 <i>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	27 Monday
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 Samantha Kluger+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The Deceased Members of the Bosco and Lydia Families+</i>	8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Fr. J. Yeazel+</i> 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 9:00a-12:00p Summer Camp, GYM 11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC
28 Tuesday	29 Wednesday	30 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 8:00a-3:00p Summer Tutoring, JDR 9:00a-12:00p Summer Camp, GYM 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For Paul Bever, Jr.+</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-12:00p Summer Camp, GYM 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Catherine of the Passion, OP</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	8:00a-3:00p Summer Tutoring, JDR 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Paul Sloan+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 9:00a-12:00p Summer Camp, GYM 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
31 Friday	August 1 Saturday	Sunday - 2 <i>18th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Clare T</i> 9:00a-12:00p Summer Camp, GYM 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC 12:00p Funeral Mass 1:00p Reception-Funeral, GH	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a Pro-Life Mass, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Vincent & Rose Bifano+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Fr. J. Yeazel+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Clare T</i>
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.		