



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*

August 30, 2026

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Pastor's Letter this week is from
Tommy Curtin, Headmaster*

Dear OLR Parishioners,

Parishes and their schools should have the warmest relationship, with families worshipping together, learning together, even growing up together. Those who make up the parish and school should not simply share property and facilities, but they should share a vision, marked by a commitment to serve one another in love. They should embody the communion we celebrate in the Eucharist.

We at Our Lady of the Rosary are truly living out this ideal each and every day. We take for granted a partnership many parishes and schools think impossible. *This is no accident.* Not only are 85% of our school families registered on paper to worship at OLR church, they actually *do* worship here. We see the children all about the church, overflowing the pews. They populate robust ranks of altar boys. They queue up ahead of us for confession (and we are grateful their sins are quickly told!) They scamper about the courtyard on Sunday for so long, one cannot tell if they stayed after the 8:00am Mass or arrived early for the 10:30 Mass.

Every day, OLR school strives to be more united to our parish. *What form does this unity take?* When there is a funeral, the school provides altar servers, even during class. Our Lower School grades join in praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with parishioners after each daily Mass. We supply choirs for the annual Advent Lessons and Carols. It was the initiative of OLR students that resulted in the addition of a 7:15am Mass on Wednesdays. The school organizes summer camps – academic, athletics, artistic – that are open to parishioners. We include teens from the parish in our annual pilgrimage to the March of Life in Washington, DC.

For all the benefits we hope the school provides to the parish, we are doubly grateful for what we have first received from you. Thank you sincerely for your hospitality and spiritual support. We are blessed beyond measure!

In Christ's Love,

Tommy Curtin
Headmaster

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Aug. 23, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,813.*

Received: \$ 25,707.

Deficit: \$ 106.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #9
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 232,317.*

Received: \$ 239,019.

Surplus: \$ 6,702.

** Reflects the new fiscal year budget.*

After Mass this weekend, the Deacons will be available in the Narthex for those who wish to have religious items blessed.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"St Jerome: As much as to say; It is of My will, and of the Father's will, that I should die for the salvation of men; you considering only your own will would not that the grain of wheat should fall into the ground, that it may bring forth much fruit; therefore, as you speak what is opposed to My will, you ought to be called My adversary. For Satan is interpreted 'adverse' or 'contrary.'"

St. Thomas Aquinas – Catena Aurea

Why does God allow suffering? St. Teresa of Calcutta said *"Suffering is a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you."*

But sometimes the suffering is too much? St. Teresa of Avila said *"God does not give anyone more trials than can be suffered and that his majesty is with the afflicted."*

But why do I need to suffer? St. Faustina said *"Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love."*

We have to trust in His plan, not ours. This is why Peter was rebuked. We may not understand why we suffer but as St. Faustina said *"Someday, we will know the value of suffering, but then we will no longer be able to suffer."*

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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School and Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, for the Labor Day Holiday.

OLR School News



Tickets for **Romeo and Juliet** are now on sale.
Performances on

September 17-19, 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall,
with an additional performance on Saturday,
September 19, at 2:00pm. Tickets may be
purchased [HERE](#) or through the school website.



PRAYER REQUESTS

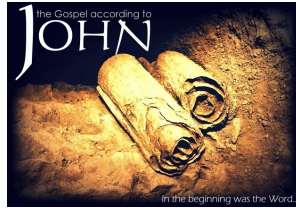
Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Silessa Bischof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Bill Burgess, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culklin, Christy Dias, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Bridget Gracon, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Bethe 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, 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, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

Middle and Upper School YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS
will resume on Sunday, **September 13**, from 6-8pm.

Copies of Fr. Longenecker's new book,
Bloodshed and Blessing, and copies of all Fr.
Longenecker's books, are available at the parish office.

*Adult Catechesis will
begin on Sunday,
September 20, at 9:00am
in Guadalupe Hall.*

*The class will be a study of
the Gospel of John.*



Registrations for Faith Formation K4-6th Grade
are open for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Please register by delivering the registration form
to the parish office or by emailing JohnMark Cayer
at jcayer@charlestandiocese.org.

Registration forms are found [HERE](#).



Calix Society is an association of Catholic
alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members
and friends affected by addiction, who are main-
taining their sobriety through participation in their
Catholic faith and 12 Step program. Our first concern is to
interest Catholics with these problems in the virtue of total
abstinence. Our second purpose is to promote the spiritual
development of our membership. Meetings will be on
Tuesdays following the 12:00pm Mass, beginning on
Sep. 8, in the Guadalupe Hall classroom. calixsociety.org.

First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil
will be on **September 4**, beginning after the
10:00am morning Mass and continuing with
an all night Adoration Vigil until 9:00am
Saturday Sep. 5. Click [HERE](#) to schedule a time to
love, pray, and adore the Real Presence of our Lord
in the most Blessed Sacrament.



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 Mer-
cy 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

- Sep. 4** NOON Dismissal
- Sep. 7** Labor Day, NO SCHOOL
- Sep. 11** Family and retake photos (by request only)

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

Is your family open to a **family mission trip**? Four OLR
families with children of all ages went on a mission trip
to Belize this past summer--and are very eager to share
about their experience! If you are considering a mission
trip for your own family or just simply curious, please
join us for a short presentation on Friday, **Sep. 11**, at
5:00 pm in the 5th grade classroom.



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

Save the date for this year's **Rosary Gala** on Saturday,
February 27. The Rosary Gala is the biggest fundraiser
each year for our school. This year's theme is
"Once Upon a Time: A Fairy Tale Evening".
Tickets will go on sale later this fall.

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass will be held on
Saturday, **September 5**, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.

Family Holy Hour

Join us on the following Mondays from 2-3pm in
Upper Church for a family holy hour (the current
Monday adoration will be extended on these specific
days): **August 31**, September 28, and October 26.
Parents can bring their children to Adoration without
feeling stressed about all their little noises We will con-
clude with a children's rosary for our school and parish.



*Join St. Martha's Book Club on Monday, Sept 14,
at Augusta Road Library from 12:30-2:00pm as
we discuss "Home" by Marilynne Robinson.
Call 864 360-2406 for more info.*

Recently baptized was
Asher Francis Hess
son of
Michael & Lauren Hess



*We welcome Asher 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, September 12**.

Please **RSVP** Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com so we can prepare class materials.

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

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

29 Saturday	Sunday - 30 <i>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	31 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 Fr. J. Yeazel+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For Tom Rypl, Jr.</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For John & Evelyn Mahan+</i> 12:00-1:00p Youth Group Parent Meeting, GH 4:00p Vespers, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For The People</i>	7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:00-9:00a Cayer Class Prayers, UC 8:30a Mass , LC <i>For Maria & Luis Escobar+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC 1:00-2:00p School Prayers, UC 2:00-3:00p Family Holy Hour, UC
September 1 Tuesday	2 Wednesday	3 Thursday
7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 7:00-8:00a Cursillo Group, GH 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:00a-4:15p School Tutoring, JDR 12:00p Mass , LC <i>For Andrew Sullivan+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 3:10-4:10p Jr. Girls Choir, UC	7:15a Mass , UC <i>For Brooke Renee Baldowski+</i> 8:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 1:00-3:00p School Tutoring, JDR 3:10-4:30p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass , UC <i>For John Escobar+</i> 6:30-9:30p Real Love/Real Life, GH 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00-9:00p Fellowship of St. Joseph, JDR	7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:00a-4:15p School Tutoring, JDR 10:00a Mass , LC <i>For Merle Menegay+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 3:10-4:10p Jr. Boys Choir, UC 5:30-6:30p Organ Practice, UC 6:30-7:45p Adult Choir, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
4 Friday	5 Saturday	Sunday - 6 <i>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC 8:00a-12:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass , UC <i>For Samantha Kluger+</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, UC 11:00a-12:00 First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil, LC	12:00-9:30a First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil, LC 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a Pro-Life Mass , UC 1:30-3:30p Organ Practice, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Robert Bagnato+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass , UC <i>For Dan O'Reilly+</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>
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.		