



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 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In the last two weeks I wrote about some end-of-life issues. There are a few other things we should consider:

End of life health care: The Church forbids euthanasia. The end of our earthly life comes when God decides to take us. We may not choose to end our own lives or the lives of our loved ones with any direct action with the intention of ending life. However, it is licit to use medication to alleviate pain, and if the secondary effect is the shortening of life, it is acceptable. The pain relief, however, cannot be used intentionally to end the life. In addition, when the person is suffering from a terminal illness, we are not obliged to undertake heroic measures to maintain life at all costs. Heroic measures are those which may sustain life, but only at great cost, further pain, suffering and humiliation. If you or your family have questions about these issues you may ask the clergy for counsel and advice.

End of life material concerns: Each one of us should be aware of the shortness of life and make plans for the disposal or dispersion of our material goods. It is not morbid to discuss these matters with your family, your attorney and your spouse. When making your will, you should remember the surviving with charity and generosity, not forgetting the church and the Lord's work. Your will should also include funeral plans.

Living wills: a living will assigns an executor should you lose control mentally or physically. In the living will you can state your health care wishes, your wishes about the end of life and terminal medical care.

Funeral plans: With the increasing popularity of cremation, the options for funeral services, burials and interment are increasing. Deacon Bannio plans funerals at OLR and he can answer your questions about funerals. The best option for a Catholic is to have a funeral Mass in church, but there are other options depending on circumstances.

Burial: The principle for Catholic burials is that the mortal remains must be treated with respect and dignity. Cremated remains are not to be retained in a cupboard or on the mantelpiece or turned into jewelry or framed as a memento. Nor are they to be scattered or buried in the ground. They must be retained in an inviolable container and buried in a marked grave or columbarium. Fully mortal remains must be buried in a marked grave in a blessed location. Deacon Bannio, Fr. Ballard, and I can advise on these matters. McAfee Funeral Home is the Catholic Funeral Director in Greenville, and they can also advise.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Aug. 2, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 26,311.

Surplus: \$ 811.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #6
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 153,000.

Received: \$ 161,719.

Surplus: \$ 8,719.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Aug., Sermon, 76, 8: Peter then presumed on the Lord, he tottered as a man, but returned to the Lord, as it follows, "And when he began to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me." Does the Lord then desert him in his peril of failure whom he had hearkened to when he first called on Him? "Immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him."

St. Thomas Aquinas, Catena Aurea – Gospel of Matthew

Jesus has "hearkened" to all of us, and called us by name. We step out in faith toward Him. We fall and are offered forgiveness many times as Jesus "stretches out His hand" to catch us. We are not abandoned to come to Him only through our own efforts, but with His help alone. By ourselves, we, like Peter, will sink into the abyss, but with His help, we can rise to be with Him always. It is a process, we all sadly repeat, falling and rising again. With our people at MTH, it is the constant struggle. We need to keep our eyes fixed on Him and listen to His voice in the gentleness of the breeze.

St. Thomas wrote **Catena Aurea** (Golden Chain) as a verse-by-verse commentary of the Gospels by the early Church Fathers. It is a 4 book series and an excellent read if you really want to dig into the writings of the early Church Fathers that ties to what we believe today, 2000 years later.

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, Sillessa 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, 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.

Regular Parish Office Hours

will resume on Monday, August 10.
Monday - Thursday, 9am - 3pm
Friday, 9am - 12pm



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@charlestdiocese.org.

Mass on Friday, August 14, will be our first School Mass, held in Upper Church at 10:00am.

Please remember that seating is limited. During the school year, Friday Masses will be held in Upper Church unless announced otherwise.

Registrations for Faith Formation K4-6th Grade

are open for the 2026-2027 academic year. Please register by August 30, by delivering the registration form to the parish office or by emailing JohnMark Cayer at jcayer@charlestdiocese.org.

Registration forms are found [HERE](#).

ATTENTION all parents of 8th grade students who are planning to be confirmed this year! We have an exciting 3 session retreat tied into preparation for this Sacrament on Aug. 20, 26, and Sept. 2. This is Family Honor's "Real Love & Real Life" program and is a required part of OLR's Confirmation preparation, so please register you and your teen by Aug. 13, on Family Honor's website [HERE](http://familyhonor.org) (familyhonor.org). Please see Vincent Weaver for questions or further details.

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

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

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

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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Coming soon . . .

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.

The Solemnity of the Assumption is on Saturday, August 15, and is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

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, September 11, at 5:00pm in the 5th grade classroom.

Recently baptized was

Imogen Rose Byrd

daughter of

Madison & Kathryn Byrd



We welcome Imogen 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 5**.

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

AUGUST

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

8 Saturday	Sunday - 9 <i>19th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10 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 Bridget Geerts</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Harm Geerts+</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> 12:00-4:00p Student Welcome Brunch, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Clare T</i>	8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Bob Linn+</i> 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 9:00a-3:00p School Leadership, GH
11 Tuesday	12 Wednesday	13 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 9:00a-3:00p School Leadership, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For Barry O'Hare+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 4:00-8:00p Back to School Night, GYM and GH 7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, CANCELED	8:00a-5:00p Adoration, LC 9:00a-3:00p School Leadership, GH 9:00a School Staff Rosary, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Frank Walker+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	OLR School First Day, Noon Dismissal 10:00a Mass, LC <i>For Mack L. Howard</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
14 Friday	15 Saturday	Sunday - 16 <i>20th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
10:00a School Mass, UC <i>For John Warga, Jr. +</i> (Limited Seating) 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, UC 1:00p Funeral, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Annabelle McManus</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Andrew Sullivan+</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.		