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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

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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

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Monday, 9a - 1p (during school term)
First Friday, 11a - 5p
Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church*
Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church*

September 6, 2026 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Pastor's Letter this week is from
Jose Silva, Director of Upper School

Dear OLR Parishioners,

When people hear the words "classical education," certain images come to mind. Latin conjugations. Thick books. Greek philosophers with impressive beards. Perhaps a student explaining why Achilles was right—or wrong—to sit angrily by his ships.

Yes. We have our fair share of these things at OLR. But none of them, by themselves, make a school classical.

So what does?

I believe there are four marks of a thoroughly classical education.

First, classical education must be Logocentric, rooted in the belief that the cosmos makes sense because God made it so through the Word, through whom all things were made. Mathematics and music, poetry and science, history and theology are not separate islands. They are parts of a whole. We help students behold how these parts fit together and, ultimately, how they point back to their Creator.

Second, this leads to a high view of man. Our students are not simply future workers who need the right skills to get the right degree to get the right job. They are made in the image and likeness of God. They possess a freedom so dangerous that they can become radiant images of the ineffable God or make themselves into vicious beasts. We teach difficult books, ask difficult questions, cultivate virtue, and call students toward holiness because the stakes of becoming human are nothing less than eternal.

Third, classical education is marked by Piety: love and duty toward what has been handed on to us. Our students have inherited a faith, a Church, a language, a history, and a Christian vision of the world that they did not build. We want them to receive this inheritance gratefully, not to preserve it in a museum, but to take responsibility for it, build upon it, and hand it on.

Finally, classical education should be beautiful. Beauty emerges when many parts form a harmonious whole. So, when a school possesses these parts mentioned above and they fit together harmoniously, then will students begin to glimpse the beauty of the whole—and ultimately the God who holds it together.

This is what makes OLR classical.

Yes, we read Homer. Yes, we teach Latin. And yes, our students occasionally know more about ancient Rome than is socially useful.

But these are fruits of something deeper: the conviction that the world is full of meaning, that our children are made for greatness, that we have received something worth passing on, and that when these things are rightly ordered, they become something beautiful.

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Jose Silva

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Aug. 30, 2026

Needed:	$ 25,813.
Received:	$ 41,805.
Surplus:	$ 5,992.

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

Needed:	$ 258,130.
Received:	$ 280,824.
Surplus:	$ 22,694.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"This wonderful conversion of the world to the Christian faith is the most certain sign of past miracles... it would be more wonderful than all miracles if the world had been led by simple and humble men to believe such difficult truths, to do such difficult works, and to hope for such high things, without any wondrous signs"

St. Thomas Aquinas *Summa Contra Gentiles*

At Mother Teresa House, we work with many people in need of conversion. Conversion from drugs, alcohol, mental health issues, and the poverty mentality. I work with a community of providers who offer these services that starts with just one person showing love for their neighbor. We bring in others to help offer pathways out. We then work as a community to support these solutions, knowing the individual has to make the decision to change. Pray the people who work with these individuals are strengthened to continue their work, and for those we reach, that they open up to God's grace to strengthen them to take the steps out of their darkness.

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.

Daily Mass at 8:30am will be celebrated in Lower Church.

Monday Adoration in Upper Church is canceled.

OLR School News

Romeo and Juliet performances will be on **Sep. 17-19**, 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall, with an additional performance on Saturday, Sep.19, at 2:00pm.Tickets may be purchased HERE or through the school website.

PRAYER REQUESTS

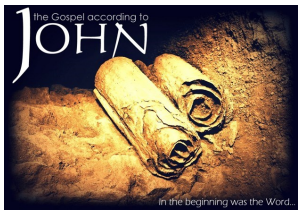
Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Silessa Bischof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Bill Burgess, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culkin, Christy Dias, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & 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.

WHY? Why do we have Youth Group at OLR?
Go HERE to find out.

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@charlestondiocese.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 maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and12 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.

You Are Invited

To celebrate the Jubilee Year of St. Francis, marking the 800th anniversary of his death, the Secular Franciscans invite you to the Transitus after the 5pm Mass on **Saturday, October 3**. This brief service recalls Francis's last moments before his new birthday to the heavenly kingdom on the vigil of his feast day.

A reception will follow in Guadalupe Hall for finger foods, desserts, fellowship, and to honor an extraordinary saint who rebuilt the Church on the foundation of his great humility!

Flowers in Upper Church - we need a volunteer or small group to assist us with maintenance and care of our arrangements. Please contact Martha Mahan in the parish office if you are able to serve in this way.

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 information.*

SCHOOL NEWS

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 Catholic, or just interested in learning more, please contact JohnMark Cayer at jcayer@charlestondiocese.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".

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE
Saturday, September 12

You are invited to A Day of Remembrance Service for those who have lost children due to cancer, illness, miscarriage, abortion, stillbirth or accident, on Saturday, September 12, at 6pm, in Lower Church. Call or text 864-791-5089 for information.

The **St. Luke's Art Guild** is calling all Christian visual artists! Painters, illustrators, iconographers, wood carvers, sculptors, fabric designers, jewelry makers, film makers, graphic designers, photographers, architects, landscape artists, etc. Join us for our first meeting on Wednesday, **September 23,** from 7 - 9 pm at Christ on Main, 14 S. Main St. Get information, meet other Christian artists, pray together, inspire each other. Contact Caleb Payne at payneberry@gmail.com

40 Days for Life starts on Sep. 23. The Kickoff Rally is on Tuesday, Sep. 22, at 6:30pm, in the parking lot of Christ the King Church, 1223 Grove Road, Greenville. Guest speaker will be Megan Pillow, with prayers led by local church representatives. There will be music, prayer, and a light meal. Parking is on the premises. Come and enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and encouragement. Please bring a chair if needed.

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.

SEPTEMBER

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

5 Saturday

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
For Robert Bagnato+
8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC

Sunday - 6
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a Choir Practice, GH
8:00a **Mass**, UC
For Dan O'Reilly+
9:00a Choir Practice, UC
9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC
10:00a Rosary, UC
10:30a **Mass**, UC
For Katie O'Brien Vogg+
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Mass,** UC
For The People

7 Monday

School and Parish Offices Closed
Labor Day

8:30a **Mass,** LC
For Samantha Kluger+
9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
9:00a-1:00p Adoration in UC is CANCELED

8 Tuesday

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
For Sr. Ruth Marian, OP
12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC
3:10-4:10p Jr. Choir, UC

9 Wednesday

7:15a **Mass**, UC
For Pajak Family
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
For Helen Rita Greene+
6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC
7:00p OCIA, GH

10 Thursday

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
For Grant Burgess+
10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC
5:30-6:30p Organ Practice, UC
6:30-7:45p Adult Choir, UC
7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC

11 Friday

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
For Paul Sloan+
11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC
5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC
6:00-9:00p Reception Set Up, GYM

Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.

If viewing online, please scroll down to the next page for all the ***Respect Life Ministry News****.*

12 Saturday

7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM
10:00a Baptism, UC
10:00-11:00a NFP, 5th Grade Classroom
12:00-1:00p Wedding Prep, Music Room
1:00p Wedding, UC
2:00-4:00p Organ Practice, UC
3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC
4:30p Choir Practice, GH
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Anticipated Mass,** UC
For Dieter Geerts
6:00p Day of Remembrance, LC
6:00-9:00p Wedding Reception, GYM
8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC

Sunday - 13
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a Choir Practice, GH
8:00a **Mass**, UC
For The People
9:00a Choir Practice, UC
9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC
10:00a Rosary, UC
10:30a **Mass**, UC
For Rachel & Paul Idzior
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Mass,** UC
For Antionette McDonald+

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Current News and Events September 2026

40 Days for Life: Every child's life that is lost through abortion is nothing short of an affront to God, and if that does not spur us to action, then what will? The most effective way we can work to end this genocide is through prayer. People stand and pray daily to end this blight, and you are being called to join them. **Starting September 23rd**, please join our 40 Days for Life campaign. Despite laws to protect our children, abortions continue here in Greenville, and last year thousands of children lost their lives in our state as a result. We must continue to pray and to be a visible presence to draw attention to this human tragedy until all life is protected from conception to natural death.

40 Days for Life is a prayer campaign of prayer, fasting, and public vigils at abortion facilities. There are two major campaigns each year, although Greenville keeps vigil every day. Scripture tells us our responsibility is to "Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter" (Proverbs 24:11). Are you? This ministry's backbone is prayer, and you are needed as a witness to join us in praying outside the Greenville abortion facility during the Fall campaign, starting September 23rd.

Please make this a priority, for the sake of those children who may be sacrificed without your participation. Visit www.40daysforlife.com/greenville to sign up on the vigil calendar or contact Judy 864-506-0964 or Deacon Bob at 828-860-5622. Help spread the word about this important life-saving effort.

40 Days for Life Kickoff Rally: Tuesday, Sept 22nd at 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm, parking lot of Christ the King Church, 1223 Grove Rd., Greenville, SC. Guest speaker Megan Pillow, prayers led by local church representatives. There will be music, prayer, and a light meal. Parking is on the premises. Come and enjoy fellowship, refreshments, and encouragement. Please bring a chair if needed.

Life Chain: Sunday, Oct. 4th, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Woodruff Road, Greenville, and different locations in SC. Please join others across the country and Canada for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. Your church is assigned the same place on the route as last year. Life Chain guidelines request that we use approved signs and stand at least 10 feet apart. Call or text Ingrid at 864-991-5873 for sign pick-up information and other questions.

Human Life International (excerpts of articles):

A new mother walking down the aisle at church is likely to grab the rapt attention of half the congregation, some of whom will wave quietly at the baby, trying to get a reaction. Older folks sometimes feel as if they have become ten years younger when they first learn that they are to become grandparents. Suddenly, it is not just the decline of old age that they have to look forward to, but rather the love that they can shower upon a grandchild, and a kind of re-living of their own years of youth and parenthood (but without all the responsibility!). Such is the joy that a baby can bring. And such, it seems, is the joy on which our entire civilization has turned its back.

In a recent feature-length article in *Bloomberg*, historian Niall Ferguson analyzes many of the consequences of this global decline.

One point that he makes stands out for its importance. Ferguson notes that all the projections indicate that sometime within this century, the human population will peak, and then will begin to fall. However, Ferguson notes, the rates of population collapse will not be the gentle, gradual fall that some people might expect.

Ferguson quotes Dean Spears, who wrote in the ***New York Times***, "Humanity will not reach a plateau and then stabilize. It will begin an unprecedented decline … If the world's fertility rate [after 2100] were the same as in the United States today, then the global population would fall from a peak of around 10 billion to [less than] 2 billion about 300 years later, over perhaps 10 generations. And if family sizes remained small, we would continue declining."

The Church has always known the answer. The first commandment God gave the human race was not a prohibition but a blessing: "Be fruitful and multiply" (Gen 1:28). As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, let us pray for this blessing upon it: the blessing of children, of youth, of happy families, of a thriving, hopeful civilization.

Online Giving for Life!

Go here, osvhub.com/olrgreenville/giving/funds at the OLR website to donate to the Respect Life or the Walking With Moms in Need ministries.

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service

The next Pro-Life Mass will be on **Saturday, Oct. 3,** at 9:30am, in Upper Church.