



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*

September 13, 2026

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*The Pastor's Letter this week is from
Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach*

St. John of the Cross wrote "*Where there is no love, pour love in, and you will draw out love.*" Today's readings focus on forgiveness of others. We are to forgive, as we have been forgiven through frequent confession, those around us who have done us harm. Forgiveness does not represent justice, which is the Lord's alone. We forgive others to be closer to Him.

At Mother Teresa House, we deal with many types of people who have done many things against others, but we are still to show Christ's love to them. Over the hundreds of calls and the dozens of personal visits each month, we deal with extreme poverty, addiction issues, mental health issues and lifestyle issues that place them in great need. For those seeking financial assistance, we work with our great St. Vincent de Paul conference here at OLR, the other local SVdP conferences and the many other organizations that help. So many are trapped in this cycle of poverty, I call the poverty culture. It is a culture of no hope, do as little as possible, and survive using community resources. For the homeless, we open doors into the shelters if they are willing to go. With those with addiction issues, we work to get them with counseling and into treatment programs. For mental health, we get them with Greenville Mental Health to work on solutions to treat their mental health. For those with alternate lifestyles, we show Christ's love and find programs for them if they want to change. Nobody can be forced to make a permanent change; they have to want it for themselves. We can open doors, but they must walk through. We will take every step with them they are willing to take for themselves. Do some folks lie just to get something they want? Sure, but we keep offering. We keep showing His love to them. We love the sinner, not the sin.

What I ask from each of you is to increase your faith, take advantage of the sacraments and pray for us and those we work with. Your generous contributions and prayers have strengthened us. Your prayers for those we work with will pay off in the proper season. We will continue to work the fields, and your prayer will eventually produce more fruit, as it already has.

*"My whole strength lies in prayer and sacrifice;
these are my invincible arms; they can move hearts far
better than words, I know it by experience."*

St. Therese of Lisieux

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Sep. 6, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,813.

Received: \$ 33,532.

Surplus: \$ 7,719.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #11
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 283,943.

Received: \$ 314,356.

Surplus: \$ 30,413.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"The case is the same with one who pardons an offence committed against him, for in remitting it he may be said to bestow a gift. Hence the Apostle calls remission a forgiving: 'Forgive one another, as Christ has forgiven you' (Eph 4:32).

St. Thomas Aquinas, Summa Theologiae

Forgiveness of one who has harmed you can be a very difficult thing to do. When someone cheats or steals you out of money or things, lies to you, or betrays your trust, it hurts you and forgiveness is hard. It is even harder at home with loved ones as we let little things pile up until resentment and anger build. My wife certainly knows how to forgive "seventy-seven times" and then some. When you are forgiven, it does not mean you do not need to pay for your offense, it means another has shown you Christ's love. When you forgive others, you remove barriers between Jesus and you.

We have all heard "love the sinner, hate the sin." We show Christ's love to everyone, no matter what they have done. Pray for those who have harmed you that they will seek Christ and his forgiveness before it is too late. It is what we do at MTH every day.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach
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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.

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 Culklin, Christy Dias, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Bridget Gracon, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Carol Hoffman, 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 Warg, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

Middle and Upper School YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS

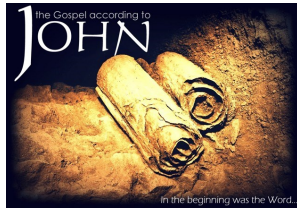
will resume on **Sunday, September 13**, from 6-8pm.

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 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 are after the
12:00pm Mass on Tuesdays, in the Mother Teresa House
at #6 James Drive. calixsociety.org.
Call for info 864-636-5548.

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!

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 pray-
ers 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.

SCHOOL NEWS

- Sep. 17-19 Romeo & Juliet Performances
- Sep. 21 St. Matthew Feast Day
- Sep. 25 Mothers of the Rosary Apostolate
- Sep. 25-26 MS and US Girls Retreat

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

Diocesan Second Collection for this weekend will
be for the Catholic University of America.



Introduction to Catholicism class
(OCIA) will meet on Wednesday,
September 16, at 7pm in Guadalupe
Hall. The discussion will be on the
Existence of God and the Trinity.

The **St. Luke's Art Guild** is calling all Christian visual
artists! Painters, illustrators, iconographers, wood carv-
ers, 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

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.



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".

Recently baptized was
Joseph David Hutson
son of
Joseph & Rachel Hutson



*We welcome JD 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, October 3**.
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)

12 Saturday	Sunday - 13 <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	14 Monday
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 <i>For Dieter Geerts</i> 6:00p Day of Remembrance, UC 6:00-9:00p Wedding Reception, GYM 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 Rachel & Paul Idzior</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Antionette McDonald+</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GYM	7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 8:00-9:00a Cayer Class Prayer, UC 8:30a Mass , LC <i>For Albert & Mary Fallor+</i> 9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 1:00-3:00p Class Prayers, UC 5:30-8:30p Play Practice, GH
15 Tuesday	16 Wednesday	17 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 Irene Wright+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 2:30-3:00p Parent Rosary, LC 3:10-4:10p Jr. Choir, UC 5:30-8:30p Play Practice, GH	7:15a Mass , LC <i>For The Pajak Family</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 Brian & Martha Mahan</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 5:30-7:00p Play Practice, GH 7:00p OCIA, GH	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 Fr. J. Yeazel+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 5:30-6:30p Organ Practice, UC 6:00p Respect Life Min., JDR 6:30-7:45p Adult Choir, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC 7:00-9:00p Play Performance, GH <i>Romeo & Juliet</i>
18 Friday	19 Saturday	Sunday - 20 <i>25th 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 MaryAnn Mahan+</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC 7:00-9:00p Play Performance, GH <i>Romeo & Juliet</i>	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 2:00-4:00p Organ Practice, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 3:00-5:00p Play Performance, GH <i>Romeo & Juliet</i> 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass , UC <i>For Richard & Fran Walz+</i> 7:00-9:00p Play Performance, GH <i>Romeo & Juliet</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 9:00-9:50a Adult Catechesis, GH 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass , UC <i>For Alvin & Naomi Clark+</i> 3:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass , UC <i>For Leon Kaboski+</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GYM
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.		