

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

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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*

October 25, 2026 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The second tool in the Benedictine toolbox is work. St. Benedict is credited for being the first person to actually grant work a special human dignity. Humans have always had to work by the sweat of their brow for their daily bread, but when he made work one of the tools of holiness, St. Benedict granted work a special dignity.

In Benedict's day, in the sixth century Italy, "work" meant physical labor. Field had to be plowed, crops planted and watered, crops harvested and food prepared. Life was hard and no one was spared the hard physical labor required for survival.

By weaving prayer and study into the life of work, St Benedict not only dignified work itself, but added a new dimension to the mundane drudgery most people experienced. By living in community, the work was shared and the load was lightened. By interspersing prayer and study the back breaking work was eased a little as the monk knelt in the coolness of the chapel to worship the Lord or spent time in the library expanding his knowledge.

The three tools together therefore became interdependent. During work the monk had something to think about because of his reading and because of prayer his reading was also an act of worship. Prayer became work and study. Study became work and prayer. Work became prayer and study. Thus, a unified and whole life was built up.

In our modern world these three are often imbalanced. We work too much, then our leisure time is wasted in shallow entertainment and fun. We neglect prayer because we are too busy and we don't take time for the hard, but rewarding work of study and serious reading.

To build an abundant Benedictine life in our parish, our school and our families we should strive for a balance of work, prayer and study and the area where most of us need to back down a little is work. To achieve balance, we should spend a bit more time in study and prayer.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Oct. 18, 2026

Needed:	$ 25,813.
Received:	$ 32,731.
Surplus:	$ 6,918.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #17 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed:	$ 438,821.
Received:	$ 477,101.
Surplus:	$ 38,280.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"St. Augustine, i, 26, 30: But since the Divine substance is more excellent and higher than our nature, the command to love God is distinct from that to love our neighbour. But if by yourself, you understand your whole self, that is both your soul and your body, and in like manner of your neighbour, there is no sort of things to be loved omitted in these commands. The love of God goes first, and the rule thereof is so set out to us as to make all other loves center in that, so that nothing seems said of loving yourself. But then follows, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself," so that love of yourself is not omitted."

St. Thomas Aquinas, Catena Aurea

The last few words of the passage from the *Catena Aurea* from St. Augustine is something we often forget and do not examine. This is true of the people I work with at MTH. We love God and we show love to our neighbor, but we forget to love ourselves. We often feel we are unworthy of love by our sins or something that was done to us. This makes us feel separated from God even though he does not leave us.

We cannot fully love others or God without loving ourselves. First, we must make a good confession and then sit quietly with God in prayer and ask for His grace to love ourselves. I am a sinful person, but I know God loves me, forgives me, and lifts me up so I can love myself and Him more fully. Learn to love yourselves and you will grow closer to Him and those around you.

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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, Carol Hoffman, Kathy Illingworth, Bethe Kitchen, John Knope, Kenneth Landgrover, Bob Linn, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Tonya Lucas, Anna Lunn, Bruce McDaniel, 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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Oct. 25

Join us at the Millegan's house for "S'mores N Saints" 6:30-8:30pm

40 Days for Life Closing Celebration will be held on Sunday, **Nov. 1,** from 3-4pm at Christ the King Church, 1223 Grove Road. Prayer warriors will share testimonies from the current campaign, and we will have a "Celebration of Life" afterwards. Ministry updates and refreshments will be available. Please join us!

Join St. Martha's Book Club Monday, Nov. 2,



at Augusta Road Library meeting room from 12:30-2:00pm for a discussion with Fr. Longenecker on his latest book, "*Bloodshed and Blessing*". Call 360-2406 for more info.

First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil

Friday, November 6, beginning after the 10:00am Mass and continuing with an all night Adoration Vigil until 9:00am Saturday, Nov. 7. Click HERE to schedule a time to love, pray, and adore the Real Presence of our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament.



Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) will meet on Wednesday, **October 28**, at 7pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing "*The Four Last Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell".*

Stewardship Campaign

If you have not turned in your commitment card, you may bring your card to the Parish Office or mail it in. If you use online giving, please update your account reflecting your new commitment.

All Saints' Day will be observed at OLR at all the usual weekend Masses on Saturday, Oct. 31, and Sunday, Nov. 1. Numerous authentic first class relics of saints and martyrs will be on display for veneration in the Upper Church. A first class relic is a particle from the saint's mortal remains. Fr. Richard will write more about this in the pastor's letter next weekend.

SCHOOL NEWS

Oct. 26	Family Holy Hour, 2-3pm, UC
Oct. 28	Upper School Info. Night, 6:45- 8:00pm Benedict Hall
Nov. 2	School Mass, 10am, UC Saints Showcase, 6pm, UC



The Choir will sing Solemn Vespers for All Saints Day on **Sunday, November 1,** at 4:00 pm in Upper Church. Please join us for this reverent service of psalms, hymns, canticles, and prayer!

Men of OLR Parish . . .

Our choir director, Mr. Phillips, and Mr. Curtin, our school headmaster, are planning to assemble a **special men's choir for the 10:30 Mass on the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, November 22.**

The vision is to gather 30-40 men (and older sons 8th grade and up) to lead music from the loft.

This is just for this one Mass, with only 2 rehearsals, not a regular commitment to join the choir.

All the details can be found HERE.

All Saints' Day - Since our relics of saints and martyrs will be displayed in Upper Church from Friday afternoon, Oct. 30, through the 5pm Mass on Sunday, we are offering **continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** during these days, in addition to the usual First Friday Adoration. We will need many extra volunteers to sign up for an hour of adoration. **Please go HERE to sign up.**



Join us to meet new friends, deepen your faith, and invite non-Catholics for this time of fellowship and faith sharing. Wine and cheese will be provided. The course is free, but please register HERE.

On **November 7**, we will cover
"The Three Stages of Spiritual Life"

December 5, *"Catholic Social Teaching 101'"*

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, November 7.** Please RSVP Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com so we can prepare class materials.



Daylight Saving Time will end on **Sunday, Nov. 1.** Remember to "fall back" and set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

Items placed in the Narthex for distribution, or simply to share with parishioners need to be approved by JohnMark Cayer, our Director of Faith Formation. Please contact him in the Parish Office or at jcayer@charlestondiocese.org.

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

Meet the Deacons – at Christ on Main
Thursday, Nov. 5, 6-7pm



Jody Armstrong - St. Paul's
Brian Hanson - OLR
George Tierney - St. Mary's

Join us for an engaging evening with the deacons of our parishes as they share their journeys of faith, service, and calling. This panel discussion offers parishioners a unique opportunity to learn about the diaconate — its history, role within the Catholic Church, and the diverse ministries deacons carry out in our community. Whether you have questions about how deacons serve at Mass, their work in outreach and social justice, or what it means to be called to holy orders, this is your chance to hear their stories firsthand and ask the questions on your heart. Light refreshments will be provided.
All are welcome. Please register HERE.

Recently baptized:

Helena Therese Shick
Eleanor Violet Corneroli
Therese Maria Thompson
Teresa Muyao Sisk



We welcome these new members of the OLR family.

SAVE THE DATE
Once Upon a Time: A Fairy Tale Evening
2027 Annual Gala
February 27, 2027
Hyatt Regency Ballroom, Greenville
Watch for more details coming soon

Bishop Jacques will celebrate a Votive Mass for Blessed Fulton J. Sheen on Thursday, Oct. 29, at noon at the Basilica of St. Peter in Columbia.
Following Sheen's beatification on Sept. 24, in St. Louis, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops granted every diocese the opportunity to celebrate one Votive Mass in his honor.

Archbishop Sheen became one of the most beloved preachers in American history. His Sunday radio program "The Catholic Hour" reached an estimated 4 million listeners at its peak, and his weekly television series, "Life Is Worth Living," drew some 30 million viewers. The Votive Mass is open to the public, and will be livestreamed here.

Please note . . . Access to the church office, via the sidewalk from the lower and upper church, will be limited from time to time because of construction. When the orange barrier is in place, please drive to the small parking lot behind the church office off of James Dr., and enter via the front entrance.

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 are after the 12:00pm Mass on Tuesdays, in the SVdP Lobby. calixsociety.org. Call for info 864-636-5548.

1st Annual Upstate Catholic Prayer Breakfast

Registration is now open!

Christ On Main will bring together Catholics and people of all faiths on **Thursday, December 3,** at the Greenville Convention Center for a morning of prayer and reflection with local clergy. Our keynote speaker will be Alessandro DiSanto, co-founder of Hallow.

Seats are limited and expected to fill quickly.
Register HERE.



OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

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

24 Saturday

7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM
10:00a Baptism, UC
1:00p Wedding Prep, Art/Music Room
2:00p Wedding, UC
2:00p MS Play, "Mousetrap", GH
3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC
4:30p Choir Practice, GH
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Anticipated Mass,** UC
For Mary Batanian+
7:00p MS Play, "Mousetrap", GH
8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC

Sunday - 25

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a Choir Practice, GH
8:00a **Mass**, UC
For Fr. Leonardo Pestano
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
For The People
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Mass,** UC
For Antoinette McDonald+
6:30-8:30p Youth Group, off campus at the Millegan's House

26 Monday

7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC
8:00-9:00a Cayer Class, UC
8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH
8:30a **Mass,** LC
For Matthew Conroy+
9:00a-1:00p Adoration
9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
1:00-2:00p Class Prayers, UC
2:00-3:00p Family Holy Hour, UC

27 Tuesday

7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC
7:00-8:00a Cursillo Group, GH
8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH
12:00p **Mass**, LC
For Cheryl Primardo+
12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
1:00p Calix Society, SVdP Lobby
1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC
2:30-3:00p School Parent Rosary, UC
3:10-4:10p Jr. Choir, UC

28 Wednesday

7:15a **Mass**, CANCELED
8:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC
8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH
1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC
3:00-6:00p Secular Franciscans, JDR
3:10-4:30p Schola Practice, UC
4:15-5:15p Confessions CANCELED
5:15p Benediction, LC
6:00p **Communion Service**, UC
6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC
7:00p OCIA, GH

29 Thursday

7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC
8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH
8:00a-3:00p Saints Showcase Practice, UC
8:00a-4:15p School Tutoring, JDR
10:00a **Communion Service** LC
10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
5:30-6:30p Organ Practice, UC
6:30-7:45p Adult Choir, UC
7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC

30 Friday

7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC
8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC
10:00a **School Mass**, UC
For Linton West+
11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC
11:00a-2:00p Home School Art, JDR
11:00a-1:00p Set Up Relics, UC
1:30p Convalidation, UC

Special All Saints' Day Continuous Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in Upper Church from Friday afternoon, Oct.30, through the 5pm Mass on Sunday.

31 Saturday

7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM
10:00a Baptism, LC
3:00-4:00p Organ Practice, UC
3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC
4:30p Choir Practice, GH
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Anticipated Mass,** UC
For Robert Maruz+
8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC

* Reminder, Daylight Saving Time ends, clocks "fall back" one hour.

Sunday - NOV. 1

All Saints' Day

7:30a Choir Practice, GH
8:00a **Mass**, UC
For Josephine & Murray M. Howard, Jr. and all the deceased members of the Suit, Votava, Sokol, Ayers, O'Barr, Bagwell, Howard and Hornady Families+
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
For Hilgrad Taylor+
3:00-4:00p Choir Practice, UC
4:00p Solemn Vespers, UC
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Mass,** UC - *For The People*
6:00-8:00p Youth Group, CANCELED