



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*

October 4, 2026

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first vow the Benedictine monk or nun takes is obedience. The second is stability of life. Stability requires the monk to literally stay put in his monastery for life. He turns away from flitting from one entertainment to another or from one community to another.

Stability means putting down deep roots. It means blooming where you are planted. It means, "Don't worry about the things you cannot change. Instead do what you can with what you have where you are."

In a fast changing and mobile world, the virtue of stability is necessary more than ever, and in building a Benedictine Option parish stability is vital. For the local parish stability means joining one parish and getting involved with that community in our stewardship, our worship, our prayers and our service

However, it is an increasing practice for Catholics in the United States to belong to more than one parish and to worship at various parishes according to their schedule. It is as if the different Catholic parishes are franchise operations--like McDonald's--and folks just drop in to whatever parish seems to be right for that particular weekend. This kind of church hopping and church shopping does not build the commitment and stability that is required for real spiritual growth.

Stability is linked with obedience because we cannot build stability unless we submit to the practicalities of the parish schedules and requirements. That stability and obedience make up an important element in spiritual life. Through stability and obedience, we stop saying to God "I'll do it my way" and we start saying to God "I'll do it your way."

The vows of stability and obedience are the way we do this, and if it is sometimes tough and requires self sacrifice, well, that's part of the deal! But it is through these times that we become stronger and learn more about how to trust the Lord in all things.

Finally, it is through stability that we deepen our spiritual lives. Stability is closely linked to contemplative prayer. In stability we learn to sit still. In obedience we learn to listen, and only as we sit still and listen can we learn to discern the still, small voice of the Lord in our lives.

I therefore strongly encourage you to join this parish if you are not already a member, and to get involved and put down your roots in this community. The stability you eventually require will keep you rooted and secure when difficult storms arise.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Sep.27, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,813.*
Received: \$ 23,133.
Deficit: \$ 2,680.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #14
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed: \$ 361,382.
Received: \$ 388,559.
Surplus: \$ 27,177.

* 6/30/27 budget finalized: copies available
in the Narthex with the 6/30/26 financials.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

Today's readings deal with the gifts God has given us and what we do with them. We can choose to ignore them and let them be overtaken by the weeds and thorns in our lives, or take those gifts and use them only for our purpose and our desires. This leads to our loss of His kingdom.

We could also choose to use these gifts as He intended to get closer to Him, spread His word, grow good fruit and share eternal life with Him. Being Catholic doesn't guarantee salvation. We can waste it and choose only what we want from it, or we can choose to embrace it fully. The choice is ours.

Our folks at MTH also make choices and we try our best to plant good seeds and help them grow, but for so many, they just want the transaction and don't want to make a true change in their lives. Change is hard for all of us and the road to Him is hard, narrow and rocky, but He gives all we need for the journey. *"Jesus, I trust in you."*

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St. Vincent de Paul Society - OLR Food Pantry

Since our Food Pantry is still closed, please remember to pray for the needy families in our neighborhood. We look forward to serving them again when we are able to open our doors.

Please Note . . . Mass Changes

Wednesday 7:15am Masses will now resume
in Lower Church.

Wednesday, Oct. 7, School Mass in Upper Church.

Friday, Oct. 9, Daily Mass in Lower Church

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, 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.

Family Honor "Changes & Challenges" Dads/Sons Retreat

Dads of 5th-7th grade sons - you are invited to a fun, overnight retreat at Heartridge Retreat Center with other dads and their sons. Please register [HERE](#) for Family Honor's "**Changes & Challenges**" retreat on Friday evening, Oct. 16 & Saturday, Oct. 17. Contact Vincent Weaver at: upstatefamilyhonor@protonmail.com with any questions.



Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) will meet on Wednesday, **October 7**, at 7pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing *Mary, the Mother of God*.

Free & Fantastic Sunday Brunch

This Sunday, October 4, following the 10:30am Mass

No reservations or donations required.



Respect Life Ministry's Annual Brunch is a thank you for parishioner support throughout the past year! Come join us for fellowship in Guadalupe Hall - we'll have a delicious assortment of quiche, pigs in a blanket and yummy pastries. Enjoy your coffee while the kids play at the Children's Respect Life Table.

40 Days for Life - Life Chain on **Sunday, Oct. 4**, from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, Woodruff Road, Greenville. Please join others across the country and Canada for this peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the sanctity of human life. OLR will stand in the grassy area in front of Whole Foods and Cracker Barrel, spreading towards the former Verizon store. Life Chain guidelines are to stand a minimum of 10' apart. Pick up signs there. Call Ingrid, 864-329-0044 for info.



Join St. Martha's Book Club Monday, October 5, at Augusta Road Library from 12:30-2:00pm as we discuss 2 books: "The Getaway Girls" by Dee MacDonald and/or "The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules" by Catherina Ingelman-Sundberg. Call 360-2406 for more info.

Irish Catholic men are invited to the **Ancient Order of Hibernians, Harp & Shamrock Division**, America's oldest Irish Catholic fraternal organization. Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity. Visitors welcome. aohgreenvillesc.org
Bryan Dunleavy, president@aohgreenvillesc.org

SCHOOL NEWS

Oct. 7 Mission Day, School Mass, 10am, UC
Oct. 12 NO School, Columbus Day
Oct. 13 NO School, Parent/Teacher Conferences
Oct. 17 Classical Coffee, 9:00am, GH

Feast of St. Francis - Sunday, Oct. 4
Blessing of the Animals, 3:30pm in the Courtyard

Monday, October 12

School and Parish Offices will be closed the Columbus Day holiday.

Mass at 8:30am will be celebrated in LC.

Monday 9-11am Adoration is canceled.

Please join us for an **OLR Parish Party** celebrating the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on **Saturday, Oct. 10**, at 6pm, immediately following the 5pm Mass, in the Courtyard.



All parishioners, friends, and family are invited for food, drinks, games and fellowship. This is a free event, sponsored by Knights of Columbus, and will be potluck, so please bring your favorite dish.

We need at least 20 families to bring food. Please sign up [HERE](#).



JohnMark Cayer, Director of Faith Formation, is hosting a fellowship and adult education course, **(In Vino Veritas)** once a month after the Saturday 5pm Mass.

This course will cover general topics of interest, including **'St Thomas 101: Thomism and Catholic Theology' on Oct. 17**, **'The Three Stages of the Spiritual Life'** (Nov 7), and **'Catholic Social Teaching 101'** (Dec 5).

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](#).

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.

OCTOBER

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

3 Saturday	Sunday - 4 <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	5 Monday
12:00-9:00a 1st Friday Adoration, All Night Vigil, LC 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a Pro-Life Mass, UC 10:00a-4:00p US Dance Set Up, GYM 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 Lilo Geerts</i> 6:00p Secular Franciscans Transitus, UC 7:00p St. Francis Reception, GH 6:00-10:00p US Hoe Down Dance, GYM 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Ken & Joan Warnhuis</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 Luke Strelow+</i> 12:00a Respect Life Ministry Brunch, GH 3:30p Blessing of the Animals, Courtyard 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GYM, GH	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 <i>For Bill Mitchell+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00-2:00p Class Prayers, UC 2:00-3:00p Family Holy Hour, UC
6 Tuesday	7 - Wednesday <i>Solemnity of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8 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 Samantha Kluger+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00p Calix Society, SVdP Lobby 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 2:30-3:00p Parent Rosary, LC 3:10-4:10p Jr. Choir, UC	7:15a Mass, LC 8:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC 8:00-9:00a Mission Day Prayers, UC 8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass, UC 1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC 3:10-4:30p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Roger & Wilma Beaver+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 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 Linton West+</i> 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
9 Friday	10 Saturday	Sunday - 11 <i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC 10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For Tom Calamia, Jr. +</i> 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC 3:00-4:00p Family Reception, GH	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 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 The People</i> 6-9p OLR Parish Party, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For William David Bozard, III</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 Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For JoAnn Rypl</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GYM, GH
Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.	<i>If viewing online, please scroll down to the next page for all the</i> Respect Life Ministry News.	

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

Current News and Events October 2026



40 Days for Life: 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. 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.

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.

Rosaries for Life: Pray the rosary during 40 Days for Life for the intentions to end abortion, for the conversion of our society, and for an end to other assaults on human life. Turn in your counts at your local parish or email your count each week to familylife@charlestdiocese.org.

Sidewalk Counseling Training: Online/virtual training and in-person training are both offered. Contact Judy 864-506-0964, or info@sidewalkadvocatesgreenville.org.

Pro-Life Alliance Gains Momentum at United Nations

Since rejoining the U.N. Geneva Consensus in January 2025, the United States has once again assumed the group’s secretariat. Since then, three countries have signed on to the **Geneva Consensus Declaration** - a multi-national initiative affirming that there is no international right to abortion, while promoting health, the family, and national sovereignty. And second, the creation of a pro-life and pro-family core group at the U.N.

Aarón Lara, president of the Ibero-American Congress for Life and Family, has advanced this coalition and stated, “It is precisely in this context that we are confident the creation of a pro-life core group at the U.N. can be achieved. This is the moment. May God open doors and prosper the work of our hands.”

Colombia withdrew from the U.N. core group advocating for LGBT rights, and the simultaneous accession of three new states to the Geneva

Argentinian President, Javier Milei, stated: “My position is one of opposition, because **I consider that life begins at conception**. ... Life is a continuum with two distinct moments: conception and death. Any interruption between the two is murder.” **During that same meeting with the press, he expressed his personal disagreement with euthanasia.** “For me, life is a gift we must honor. The ability to live each day is a source of joy,” he noted.

Dominican Republic, [formalized](#) its participation in early September.

Mauritania also joined ahead of the U.N. meeting in New York in September 2026.

The trend is shifting in favor of high-level policies that address the right to life and the protection of the family openly and with moral clarity. And there is strength in unity.

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, Nov. 7**, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.