

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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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*

November 15, 2026 Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last week I discussed with Benjamin Phillips, our Organist and Choir-master, the requirements for sacred music according to the church's teaching. Benjamin pointed out that it is not good enough to simply use secular music with "Christian words added." Sacred music is different. It needs to possess Sanctity, Intrinsic Beauty and Universality. So, I asked what types of music possess these qualities.

BP: St. Pope Pius X tells us that "these qualities are to be found, in the highest degree, in Gregorian Chant." This is because the aim of Gregorian Chant is to "add greater efficacy" to the Biblical texts (the antiphons) provided for us in the Roman Missal. One reason for this is because Gregorian Chant takes the words of the antiphon and shapes the melody to fit the rhythm and mood of the words, instead of fitting the words to an existing melody, like a hymn.

Fr. DL: Does that mean that we should immediately switch to singing Gregorian Chant and sing nothing else?

BP: Absolutely not! St. Pope Pius X also said that "Gregorian Chant has always been regarded as the supreme model for sacred music." He said the chant is the model, not the only option. That means that the more closely a musical composition approaches the Gregorian form, the more sacred and liturgical it becomes.

Fr. DL: What other types of music possess Sanctity, Intrinsic Beauty, and Universality, then?

BP: These qualities are also exemplified in a high degree by Classical Polyphony, the greatest examples of which are the works of G. P. da Palestrina. The word "polyphony" means "many sounds," that is, multiple independent melodies working together to produce a cohesive result. It is kind of like each voice part singing its own independent Gregorian chant. That is why Classical Polyphony is also set forward for high regard in addition to Gregorian Chant. It takes a very skilled composer to weave 4 to 8 independent voices together into a pleasing sound!

Fr. DL: We've discussed Gregorian Chant and Classical Polyphony. Those are types of music that the choir normally sings. Are there any types of music that the people in the pews are supposed to sing?

BP: Yes, the people are invited to join in the music of the Church by singing the Ordinary of the Mass and the Hymns. Why don't we discuss those types of music next week?

Fr DL: Sounds good!

Your Pastor,
Fr Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Nov. 8, 2026

Needed:	$ 25,813.
Received:	$ 35,975.
Surplus:	$ 10,162.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #20 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed:	$ 516,260.
Received:	$ 580,435.
Surplus:	$ 64,175.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what he ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do."
St. Thomas Aquinas

Today's readings deal with the gift of faith through the Holy Spirit. If we have faith, we believe in all that Jesus and the Church has taught us, guided by the Holy Spirit. It is a gift beyond any value, but what we do with that faith is important. Do we bury it in a dark hole and let none of its light shine forth to others, or do we take it into the world to shine forth to others?

Our work at MTH is one of our parish's visible lights shining in a dark world, supported by your gifts and prayers. Ask yourself, how do I shine my gift, my light to the world? It doesn't have to be a thundering sound, it can be as simple as the sound of a light breeze, but it must be shared to bear fruit.

On a side note, in the reading from Proverbs, for those of us with wives or moms, cherish them and let them know how much you love them. They are truly a gift with a *"value far beyond pearls."*

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If you are interested in learning more about the **Secular Franciscans**, please contact Valerie Baronkin at 864-275-5505 or Baronkin@hotmail.com.



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, 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.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Nov. 22	Christ the King - Men's Choir at the 10:30am Mass
Nov. 23-27	School Closed for the Thanksgiving Holidays
Nov. 25-27	Parish Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Mass of Thanksgiving, 6pm, in Upper Church
Thursday, Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day NO Mass NO Adoration, 7-8pm
Friday, Nov. 27	Daily Mass at 10am in Lower Church
Sunday, Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent

Book of the Names of the Dead

will be available in the Narthex for the month of November. Parishioners may write the names of deceased family members and friends as a reminder to pray for the souls of the departed.

Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) will meet on Wednesday, **Nov. 18**, at 7pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing "*The Incarnation".*

(NO meeting on Nov. 25)

Join us after the 5pm Mass in Guadalupe Hall 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 Saturday, December 5, we will discuss *"Catholic Social Teaching 101".*

SCHOOL - Save the Dates

Nov. 20	Mothers of the Rosary Apostolate After School Mass, GH
Nov. 23-27	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 3	Advent Concert, Lessons & Carols, UC

School News

Sharing Faith, Hope, and God's Love with Prisoners

HOUSE OF MARK Religious Items PRISON DRIVE

We are collecting Catholic religious items to share with incarcerated individuals and help them grow in their faith. They are loved and not forgotten. Go HERE for details.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Nov. 15

6:30-8pm

Works of Mercy and Service, and make snack bags to hand out next weekend.

Thanksgiving Morning Meal Delivery

A great volunteer opportunity.



Please consider helping other OLR parishioners assist Pastor Johnson with delivery of Thanksgiving meals to Meals on Wheels recipients who have requested them. Volunteers will be meeting at the OLR Upper parking lot at 9 am on Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 26, for meal pickup after a short prayer. Each team will be assigned a route, and deliveries should take less than 2 hours. This is a great family project!

To volunteer, please call 864- 360-2406

Recently baptized:

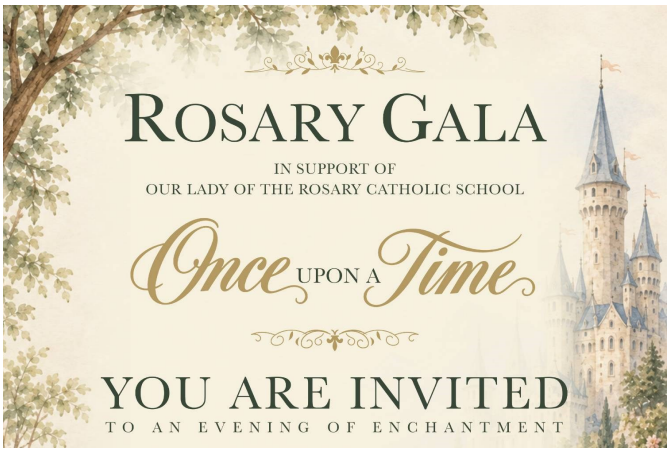
Isaiah Joseph Dirndorfer
Annabelle Therese Miller
Benedict Leo Queen
Samuel Arthur Burgess



We welcome these new members 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, December 5.** Please RSVP Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com so we can prepare class materials.



Tickets are now available for the annual Rosary Gala

"Once Upon a Time: A Fairy Tale Evening"

February 27, 2027

Regency Ballroom Downtown.

The special guest speaker is Dr. Robert P. George, a Catholic Princeton professor, well-known for his public defense of the unborn and traditional marriage.

And our very own Grimm Family Singers will regale us with fairy tale classics.

Early bird tickets are $125/person until the end of December. Tickets are first come, first served. We sold out last year, so act quickly! It's a fun time and for a good cause. You can learn more and get your tickets **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 are after the 12:00pm Mass on Tuesdays, in the SVdP Lobby. calixsociety.org. Call for info 864-636-5548.

All are welcome to join St. Martha's Book Club on **Monday, Dec 7,** from 12:30-2:00pm at the Augusta Road Library to discuss **"The Correspondent"**, by Virginia Evans. Call 864- 360-2406 for more information.



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.

Annual Pink & Blue Gala for St. Clare's Home
Early Bird Tickets now on Sale
Jan. 30, 2027, 5:30pm
Fluor Corporation, Greenville

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.





CAN YOU BELIEVE WE'RE ABOUT 7 WEEKS AWAY FROM OUR SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABIES BEING BORN? The babies you are praying for are well on their way to delivery and in need of a few earthly possessions. Please help us shower these Moms and Dads who chose life through our Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower.

A Pack 'n Play will be placed in the Narthex until Sunday, Nov. 29, to donate baby items. Birthright tells us they need warm baby clothes (sizes 1 to 9 months), diapers (newborn size as well as 4 & 5s), Desitin (or similar diaper rash cream) and shampoo or baby wash. Thank you for your generosity!

OLR's Respect Life Ministry

Please note . . . if you would like to purchase a monthly subscription to the **Liturgy of the Hours** booklets, published by Word on Fire, please go HERE. The orange paperback copies in the Narthex are for use at the 7am Lauds in Upper Church.

Lost and Found

Please check the storage bins near the men's restroom in the Narthex and retrieve your personal items. They will soon be removed and donated.

You're invited to a potluck and first meeting of the Upstate Chapter of the **Catholic Land Movement** on Saturday, **Nov. 21**, at Elf Leaf Farm, Landrum. Please RSVP at UpstateSC.CLM@gmail.com. More info can be found HERE.

NOVEMBER

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

14 Saturday

7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM
9:00a-1:00p Church Basketball, GYM
1:00p Wedding Prep, GH
2:00p Wedding, UC
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 James Kurkie+
7:00p 9th Grade Play Performance, GH
8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC

Sunday - 15

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a Choir Practice, GH
8:00a **Mass**, UC
For The People
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 James Cronican+
12:00p 3rd Sunday Brunch, GH
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Mass,** UC
For Dan O'Reilly+
6:00-8:00p Youth Group, Gym, GH

16 Monday

7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC
8:00-9:00a Cayer Class, UC
8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH
8:30a **Daily Mass,** LC
For Harper Hutson
9:00a-1:00p Adoration, LC
9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
11:00a-1:00p Divine Mercy Cenacle, LC
1:00-3:00p Student Prayers, UC

17 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 Tutoring, JDR
12:00p **Mass**, LC
For Ellen Fennell+
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

18 Wednesday

7:15a **Mass**, LC
For Carol Hoffman+
8:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC
8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH
1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC
1:00-3:00p Tutoring, JDR
3:10-4:30p Schola Practice, UC
4:15-5:15p Confessions
5:15p Benediction, LC
6:00p **Mass,** UC
For Donald Klink+
6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC
7:00p OCIA, GH

19 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 The Goodwin Family+
10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
5:00-9:00p Men's Choir Practice, GH
5:30-6:30p Organ Practice, UC
6:00p Respect Life Mtg., JDR
6:30-7:45p Adult Choir, UC
7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC

20 Friday

7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC
8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC
10:00a **School Mass**, UC
For Jay Hutson
11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC
11:00a-2:00p Home School Art, JDR
5:30p Wedding Rehearsal, UC

21 Saturday

7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM
9:00a-1:00p Church Basketball, GYM
9:00a Baptism, UC
9:00a-1:00p Reception/Wedding Prep, GH
1:00p Wedding, UC
2:00-4:00p Wedding Reception, GH
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 Barry O'Hare
8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC

Sunday - 22

Christ the King

7:30a Choir Practice, GH
8:00a **Mass**, UC
For John Reagan+
9:00a Choir Practice, UC
9:00-9:50a Adult Catechesis, GH
9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC
9:15-10:15a Men's Choir Practice, GH
10:00a Rosary, UC
10:30a **Mass**, UC
For The People
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Mass,** UC
For Dr. Patrick Caffrey+
6:00-8:00p Youth Group, Gym, GH