

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 22, 2026 Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Over the past two weeks, I discussed with Benjamin Phillips, our Organist and Choirmaster, the requirements for sacred music according to the Church's teaching. Benjamin pointed out that true Sacred music must possess the qualities of Sanctity, Intrinsic Beauty and Universality., and that Gregorian Chant and Classical Polyphony possess these qualities in the highest degree. However, these forms of music are normally sung by the choir. So, I asked Benjamin if there were any forms 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.

Fr. DL: To simplify, what does "Ordinary of the Mass" mean?

BP: The Ordinary of the Mass are the core elements of the liturgy that stay the same: the Kyrie, Gloria, responses before and after the Gospel, Sanctus, Mystery of Faith, Lord's Prayer, Agnus Dei, as well as "Amen" to all the prayers. It appears that the People sang these parts heartily from memory in the early Church. The musical documents produced from the Second Vatican Council clearly indicate a desire to restore the hearty singing of these parts to the people, not just the choir.

Fr. DL: In addition to the Ordinary of the Mass, how are we supposed to incorporate hymns into the Mass?

BP: We must first realize that hymns are not *native* to the Mass. Hymns were popularized by St. Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, as a way for the people to participate more fully in the principal hours of the Divine Office, Lauds and Vespers, which were celebrated publicly every day in city churches and cathedrals back in the fourth century.

Fr. DL: If hymns were originally written for the Divine Office, how did they come to be sung at Mass?

BP: It appears that hymns became more common at Mass as a substitute for the Proper of the Mass.

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Fr. DL: We discussed the Ordinary of the Mass. What is the Proper of the Mass?

BP: The Proper of the Mass are the parts that change from week to week: the Entrance antiphon, Responsorial Psalm, Alleluia verse, Offertory antiphon, and Communion antiphon. These are Gregorian chants normally taken directly from Scripture that serve as a commentary on the main Scripture readings of the day. They are supposed to be sung by the choir. However, the truth is that most parishes around the world are not blessed with choirs, and if they are, those choirs may not be capable of performing chant well. With the switch from exclusively Latin to the vernacular in the liturgy after Vatican 2, a vernacular replacement for the Propers had to be supplied. Since hymns are written in the vernacular and are frequently based on Scripture, they formed the perfect substitute for the old Latin Propers.

Fr. DL: Do you feel that it was a positive development for hymns to take such a prominent place in the liturgy today?

BP: Yes, I do, for the following two reasons. First, the documents of Vatican 2 allow for some minor adaptation of the liturgy within different cultures. Hymns are common in our English-speaking religious culture, so if any adaptations in the music were desired, hymns would be the logical candidate. Second, since hymns are frequently based on Scripture, they are extremely valuable in catechesis. For every Sunday, I always try my best to choose hymns that help explain the Scripture readings—to “bring home” the point.

Fr. DL: I agree, and I think we have a good balance of Hymns and Propers here at OLR. In fact, one could say that musically, we are a “both/and” parish. At the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sundays, the Choir sings the Entrance antiphon, AND the People sing a hymn. At the Offertory, the Choir sings a motet, AND the People sing a hymn. During Communion, the Choir sings the Communion antiphon and appropriate motets, AND the People sing the Post-Communion hymn.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Nov. 15, 2026

Needed:	$ 25,813.
Received:	$ 26,149.
Surplus:	$ 336.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #21 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed:	$ 542,073.
Received:	$ 606,584.
Surplus:	$ 64,511.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards;

give us an unconquered heart,
which no tribulation can wear out;

give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.

Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God,
understanding to know you,
diligence to seek you,
wisdom to find you,
and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord."

St. Thomas Aquinas

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Diocesan Second Collection for this weekend will be for International Ministries and Missions.

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 Thanksgiving NO Adoration on Nov. 23
Nov. 25-27	Parish Offices Closed for Thanksgiving
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Mass of Thanksgiving, 6pm, in Upper Church NO Adoration
Thursday, Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day NO Mass NO Adoration
Friday, Nov. 27	Daily Mass at 10am in Lower Church
Sunday, Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent Choral Vespers 4pm in Upper Church

SCHOOL - Save the Dates

Nov. 23-27	NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 3	Lessons & Carols, 6pm, UC
Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mission Day, School Mass at 10am

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Nov. 22

3:00pm - Meet at
2111 N. Pleasantburg Dr. (Old Big Lots)
to hand out snack bags.

Attend 5:00pm Mass

Pizza & Fellowship 6-8pm

First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil

Friday, December 4, beginning after the 10:00am Mass and continuing with an all night Adoration Vigil until 9:00am Saturday, Dec. 5. Click HERE to schedule a time to love, pray, and adore the Real Presence of our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament.



SAVE THE DATE

You are invited to a parish event for Fr. Longenecker on the occasion of his retirement.

We will gather in the gym on **Sunday, Dec. 13,** at 2:00 p.m., for a catered desserts reception.

Short presentations will be made, and then you will have the opportunity until 4:00 p.m. to greet Fr. Longenecker personally and offer your good wishes. A table and basket will be provided to receive any cards and/or gifts that you might like to share with him.

Sunday, November 29, is the 10th anniversary of the dedication of our Church. Since the First Sunday of Advent must be observed at all weekend Masses, the Choir will sing Vespers at 4:00 pm, Sunday, November 29, in Upper Church, to observe the "Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church".

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Schedule Changes - Thanksgiving

Monday, Nov. 23	Canceled (9am-1pm)
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Canceled (8:15am-5:15pm)
Thursday, Nov. 26	Canceled (7-8pm)

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.

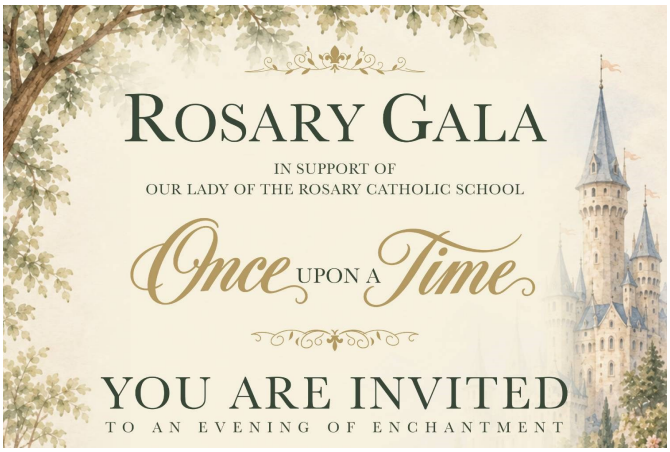


On Saturday, December 5, we will discuss *"Catholic Social Teaching 101".*

Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) will NOT meet on Wednesday, Nov. 25, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

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.



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.

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.

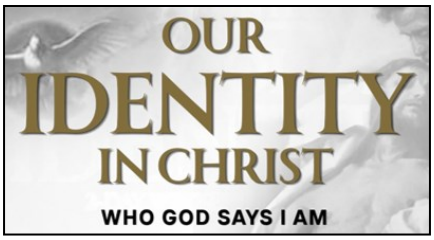




CAN YOU BELIEVE WE'RE ABOUT 7 WEEKS AWAY FROM OUR SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABIES BEING BORN? The babies you are praying for are well on their way to delivery and in need of a few earthly possessions. Please help us shower these Moms and Dads who chose life through our Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower.

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



Join us for a 2-day immersion rooted in Catholic teaching and Sacred Scripture. You will renew your mind, deepen your intimacy with the Father, and awaken to the supernatural inheritance you have received in Christ.

Nov. 20-21

St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
2252 Woodruff Road, Simpsonville

Go HERE for details.

NOVEMBER

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

21 **Saturday**	**Sunday - 22** *Christ the King*	**23** **Monday**
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	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a **Mass**, UC *For John Reagan+* 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 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	8:30a **Daily Mass,** LC *For Matthew Conroy+* 9:00a-1:00p NO Adoration 9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC *School Closed Nov 23-27*
24 **Tuesday**	**25** **Wednesday**	**26 -Thursday** *Thanksgiving Day*
7:00-8:00a Cursillo Group, GH 12:00p **Mass**, LC *For Matthew Conroy+* 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 1:00p Calix Society, SVdP Lobby	7:15a NO Mass 8:15a-5:15p NO Adoration 4:15-5:15p Confessions, UC 6:00p **Mass of Thanksgiving** UC *For Edward Ritter+* 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p NO OCIA *Parish Offices Closed Nov 25-27*	10:00a NO Mass 6:30-7:45p NO Adult Choir, UC 7:00-8:00p NO Adoration
27 **Friday**	**28** **Saturday**	**Sunday - 29** *1st Sunday of Advent*
10:00a **Daily Mass,** LC *For* 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, LC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-1:00p Church Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 11:00a Baptism, UC 10:30a Choir Practice, GH 12:00p Choir Luncheon, 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 August Thyberg+* 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a **Mass**, UC *For Samantha Kluger+* 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a **Mass**, UC *For Dr. Patrick Caffrey+* 4:00p Choral Vespers, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p **Mass,** UC *For The People* 6:00-8:00p NO Youth Group