

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 29, 2026 First Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Advent Sunday is always a time of new beginnings. At Our Lady of the Rosary ten years ago we had a new beginning as the Bishop came to dedicate our beautiful new church.

The dedication of the new church was the culmination of over fifty years of hopes and dreams of OLR parishioners for a worthy new temple for the celebration of the sacred liturgy. It is also a sign in bricks and mortar of the dedication, hard work, generosity and loyalty of the people of the parish.

From the beginning of my time at OLR, Father Ballard has been, first as deacon, then as parochial vicar, a friend and support as none other. He has worked harder behind the scenes than most people are aware of. As I retire as pastor, Fr. Ballard will continue as Parochial Vicar.

During these last ten years we have seen enormous growth at Our Lady of the Rosary. Families have moved here from around the country to place their children in our school and to join the parish. Mr. Curtin and his team have brought Our Lady of the Rosary School from struggling to retain students, to a thriving K4-12 school with record enrollment, top notch faculty and staff, and an exciting classical curriculum.

While the school is our primary mission, our second mission is to the needy in our area. We are proud of the continued service provided by Chris Loewer at Mother Teresa House, our team of deacons, prison ministry, pro-life team and the dedicated volunteers with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

It has been my honor to serve as Pastor during this time of growth, but now on another Advent Sunday it is time for me to hand over to my successor. Father Renaurd West has been appointed as the Administrator. Fr. West grew up in Spartanburg and was received into the Catholic Church in 2001 at Prince of Peace parish. He completed his seminary training at Mount St. Mary's in Emmitsburg, Maryland and was ordained to the sacred priesthood at the Cathedral in Charleston in 2013. He has served in several parishes and schools throughout our diocese, most recently as Parochial Vicar at Precious Blood of Christ parish in Pawley's Island.

Fr. West is very excited to be returning to the Upstate and especially for the opportunity to serve at Our Lady of the Rosary. He has written to me to say that he looks forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the parishioners, clergy and staff of OLR parish and school to build on the wonderful work God has been accomplishing at OLR.

Fr. West will concelebrate my final Mass on January 1, for the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God—a suitable time to give thanks for all that God has done in this parish dedicated to the Blessed Mother of his Son.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Nov. 22, 2026

Needed:	$ 25,813.
Received:	$ 37,611.
Surplus:	$ 11,798.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #22 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed:	$ 567,886.
Received:	$ 644,195.
Surplus:	$ 76,309.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

THIS word Day is to be taken in a four-fold sense - **"The Day is at hand;" the day of MERCY, the day of GRACE, the day of JUSTICE, and the day of GLORY.** That Sun makes this a four-fold day, whose advent holy Church now celebrates. The day of mercy is the birth-day of the Lord, in which the Sun of Righteousness arises upon us; or more truly, He Who made that day so glorious. The day of grace is the time of grace; the day of justice is the day of judgment; the day of glory is the day of eternity. Joel speaks of the first - (iii. 18) - "In that day the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk." Concerning the second, 2 Cor. vi. 2, " Behold, now is the day of salvation." Of the third, Wis. i., " The day of wrath, that day the day of tribulation." Concerning the fourth, Zach. xiv. 7, " But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord - not day, nor night; but it shall come to pass that at evening time it shall be light." Psalm cxxxiv. 10, " One day in Thy Courts is better than a thousand." The birth-day of the Lord draws near, that devoutly the day of mercy may be celebrated and honored; the day of grace that it may be received; the day of judgment that it may be feared; the day of glory that it may be attained.

The Church celebrates the first, Phil. iv. 5, **"For the Lord is at hand."** Isa. lvi. 1, **"For My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness is near to be revealed."**

On account of the second, 2 Cor. vi. 2, **"Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation."**

On account of the third, James v. 9, **"Behold the Judge standeth before the door."**

On account of the fourth, Rev. xxii. 12, **"Behold I come quickly, and My reward is with Me to give to every man according as his work shall be."**

St Thomas Aquinas – Advent Homilies

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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, 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. 29	First Sunday of Advent Choral Vespers 4pm in Upper Church for the *Solemnity of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Church*
Thursday, Dec. 3	Lessons & Carols 6pm in Upper Church
Tuesday, Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation
Friday, Dec. 11	Daily Mass in Lower Church

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 8

Upper Church

10am School Mass

12:00pm

7:00pm

Attendance at any of these Masses will fulfill you obligation.

Introduction to Catholicism class (OCIA) will meet on Wednesday, **Dec. 2**. We will discuss "The Eucharist".

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass will be held on Saturday, **Dec. 5**, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.

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

Dec. 3	Lessons & Carols, 6pm, UC
Dec. 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mission Day, School Mass at 10am
Dec. 18	NOON Dismissal, NO After Care

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Nov. 29

We will NOT meet this week.
Next meeting will be on Sunday, Dec. 6

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.

First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil

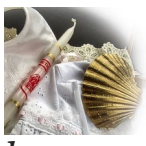
Friday, December 4, beginning after the 10:00am Mass and continuing with an all night Adoration Vigil until 9:00am Saturday, Dec. 5. Click HERE to schedule a time to love, pray, and adore the Real Presence of our Lord in the most Blessed Sacrament.



The Full Choir and the Choirs of Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Grades will present a service of **Advent Lessons and Carols** on Thursday, **December 3,** at 6:00 pm in Upper Church.

Recently baptized:

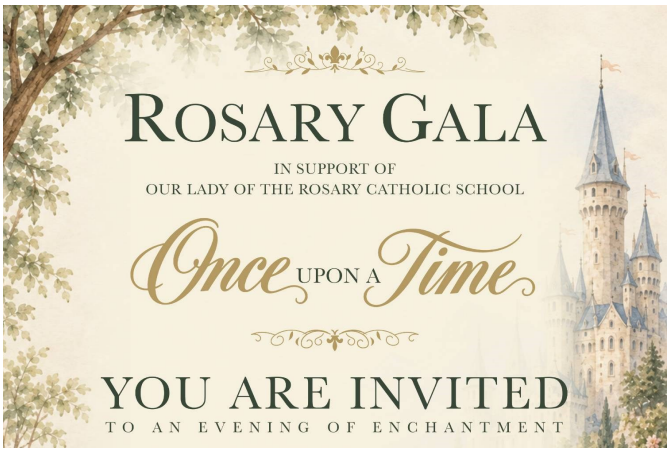
Maxwell Jay Wall
Noemi Frederica Gillis



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.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, Dec. 24	4:00pm	Family Mass
	8:00pm	Solemn Mass
	11:30pm	Solemn Midnight Candlelight Mass
Friday, Dec. 25	10:30am	Mass of the Day

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.



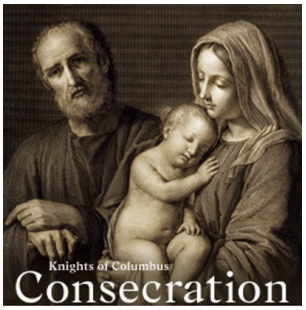


CAN YOU BELIEVE WE'RE ABOUT 7 WEEKS AWAY FROM OUR SPIRITUALLY ADOPTED BABIES BEING BORN? The babies you are praying for are well on their way to delivery and in need of a few earthly possessions. Please help us shower these Moms and Dads who chose life through our Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower.

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

SAVE THE DATE . . .



On **Sunday, Dec. 27**, our Knights of Columbus will sponsor a prayer of Consecration to the Holy Family immediately after the 10:30am Mass in Upper Church.
All are invited to attend this short service with refreshments following in Guadalupe Hall.

To help families live out the joy of Christ, this is a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

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

28 Saturday

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

Sunday - 29
1st Sunday of Advent

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

30 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 Brooke Renee Baldowski+
9:00a-1:00p Adoration, LC
9:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
1:00-2:00p Student Prayers, UC
2:00-3:00p Family Holy Hour, UC

December 1 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
9:30-11:30a Organ Installation, UC
12:00p **Mass**, LC
For Joseph Rypl+
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

2 Wednesday

7:15a **Mass**, LC
For Holly Drake+
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 Joe Turner+
6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC
7:00p OCIA, GH

3 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 Chiara Josephine Cayer+
10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC
6:00p Lessons & Carols, UC
7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC

4 Friday

7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC
8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC
8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH
10:00a **School Mass**, UC
For David Meade
11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, UC
11:00a-2:00p Home School Art, JDR

First Friday All Night Adoration, LC
Friday11:00a - Saturday 9:00a

5 Saturday

7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM
9:00a-1:00p Church Basketball, GYM
9:30a **Pro-Life Mass,** UC
1:30-3:30p 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 Bagnato+
6:00p In Vino Veritas, GH
8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC

Sunday - 6
2nd Sunday of Advent

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 John Warga, Jr.+
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Mass,** UC
For Charles Bevis+
6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH and Adoration