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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*

November 8, 2026 Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We talk a lot about the truth, beauty, and goodness of our Catholic faith here at OLR. We are proud of the beauty of our worship, and a crucial part of the worship is our sacred music. To "sing to the Lord" is the most frequent command in Scripture, appearing over 50 times. There is no disagreement on the fact that we should sing, but much ink has been spilt discussing ***what kind*** of music we should sing.

There is a whole range of musical styles performed and offered in different Catholic parishes. Is one style of music better than another? Are there principles to establish what is best music for the Catholic liturgy?

To help clarify our thinking on the matter I spoke with Benjamin Phillips, our excellent organist and choirmaster.

Fr DL: **Where do we turn to learn about "proper" music for the Catholic worship?**

BP: The Church's teachings on sacred music were clearly delineated by St. Pope Pius X in his 1903 papal letter entitled *Tra Le Sollecitudini*, and in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, *Sacrosanctum Concilium,* promulgated in 1963 by Pope Paul VI during the Second Vatican Council. From these documents, we see that sacred music must possess three qualities: Sanctity, Intrinsic beauty, and Universality.

FR DL: **That sounds lofty in theory. What does it mean, in practice?**

BP: Sanctity means holiness. St. Pope Pius X wrote, "[Sacred music] must be holy, and must, therefore, exclude all profanity not only in itself, but in the manner in which it is presented by those who execute it." I think this rules out all styles of music associated with Hollywood, Broadway or pop culture. Those styles are often profane, meaning sentimental, sexual or sensational-focusing more on entertainment than divine worship.

Fr DL: **How can you define "Intrinsic Beauty"?**

BP: Intrinsic beauty could also be called Goodness of Form. St. Pope Pius X said that Sacred Music must be true art, that is, it must be artistically sound. Pope Benedict XVI said that "nothing can be too beautiful for God, who himself is infinite beauty." This is often a choice of musical professionals who can discern better the quality of (or not) of a particular piece of music.

Fr DL: **What about "universality"?**

BP: The Most Rev. Alexander K. Sample, Archbishop of Portland, says that universality "means that any composition of sacred music, even one which reflects the unique culture of a particular region, would still be easily recognized as having a sacred character. The quality of holiness, in other words, is a universal principle that transcends culture". In other words, "I can't define it, but I know it when I hear it." Most people know instinctively whether a piece of music is transcendent and opens their heart and mind to the Lord, and when it does not achieve that aim.

Next week, we will explore the types of sacred music fulfill these qualities.

Your Pastor,
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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Nov. 1, 2026

Needed:	$ 25,813.
Received:	$ 31,139.
Surplus:	$ 5,326.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #19 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026.

Needed:	$ 490,447.
Received:	$ 544,460.
Surplus:	$ 54,013.

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Be assured that he who shall always walk faithfully in God's presence, always ready to give him an account of all his actions, shall never be separated from him by consenting to sin." **St Thomas Aquinas**

In today's Gospel, Jesus says, *"you know neither the day nor the hour".* We must always be prepared to meet Him in our particular judgement, by following Him and taking advantage of the graces of the sacraments. We should always walk faithfully in God's presence.

Thomas à Kempis, in his great work, "*The Imitation of Christ" (*a book everyone should own and read often) says, *"Be always ready, therefore, and so live that death will never take you unprepared".* It is easy to think we have plenty of time to make it right with God, but we don't know the hour or the day. Get to confession often, receive Him in the Holy Eucharist often, and walk faithfully in His presence always.

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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, 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.

Men of OLR Parish . . .

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

We are grateful for the excellent response, but unfortunately cannot accept additional signups due to limited space in the loft.

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.

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, **November 11**, at 7pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing "*Sacramental Theology, Baptism, and Confirmation".*

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 NEWS

Nov. 11	Veterans' Day Program, 9am, UC
Nov. 13-14	9th Grade Play Performance, 7pm, GH
Nov. 20	Mothers of the Rosary Apostolate After School Mass, GH

Don't forget to get your tickets for The Rose Theatre's **First Freshman Production: "*12 Angry Jurors*"** Performances will take place on **Nov. 13 &14** at 7:00pm. Tickets are available at HERE.



Twelve jurors. One murder trial. One life hanging in the balance. What begins as a seemingly straightforward verdict quickly becomes a gripping battle of reason, prejudice, and conscience. As tensions rise and tempers flare, twelve strangers must confront their own convictions in their pursuit of justice.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS - Nov. 8

All Souls' Family Night Pot Luck, 6:30-8pm

The whole family is welcome, bring a dish and join the plenary indulgence prayers for your loved ones that have passed away.

School News

HOUSE OF MARK
Religious Items
PRISON DRIVE

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

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.

Recently baptized:

Rose Christina Angermeier
Joy Anna Bobbie Bergen
Julian Peter Longenecker
Alfred James Downie



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.

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!

For additional info call 864- 360-2406

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.

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



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

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

CATHOLIC LAND MOVEMENT
UPSTATE SC

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.

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.



NOVEMBER

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

7 Saturday

7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM
9:30a Pro-Life Mass, UC
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 The People
6:00p In Vino Veritas, GH
8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC

Sunday - 8
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30a Choir Practice, GH
8:00a **Mass**, UC
For Gair Betts+
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 Katie O'Brien Vogg+
3:00-4:00p Choir Practice, UC
4:30p Rosary, UC
5:00p **Mass,** UC
For Matthew Conroy+
6:00-8:00p Youth Group, Gym, GH

9 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 Charles Simpson+
9:00a-1:00p Adoration, LC
10:30a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
1:00-3:00p Student Prayers, UC

10 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 John Warga, Jr.+
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

11 Wednesday

7:15a **Mass**, LC
For Coy Crowe+
8:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC
8:00a-5:30p School Events, GH
9:00a Veterans Day Program, UC
1:00-3:00p Organ Practice, UC
3:10-4:30p Schola Practice, UC
4:15-5:15p Confessions
5:15p Benediction, LC
6:00p **Mass,** UC
For Katherine Menegay+
6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC
7:00p OCIA, GH

12 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 Matthew Conroy+
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

13 Friday

7:00-7:50a Morning Prayer, UC
8:00-10a Organ Practice, UC
10:00a **School Mass**, UC
For Matthew Conroy+
11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, & Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, UC
11:00a-2:00p Home School Art, JDR
5:30p Wedding Rehearsal, UC
7:00p 9th Grade Play Performance, GH

14 Saturday

7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM
9:00a-1:00p Church Basketball, GYM
9:30a **Pro-Life Mass,** UC
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

Respect Life Ministry
Current News November 2026



Pro-Life Election Victories in SC State & County Contests

SC State Motto: "While I breathe, I hope"

Although there were candidates elected nationally who are antagonistic to the Culture of Life, please take heart. November 3rd, God blessed South Carolina with about 85% of the pro-life candidates being elected. May South Carolina pass much needed protections of the unborn and vulnerable in 2027.

Pope St. John Paul XXIII's comforting words:

"If God created shadows, it was to better emphasize the light."

Update on Measures Taken by States with Bans to Block Abortion Medications

- Direct Mail and Telehealth Bans: Multiple states (including Florida, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky, South Carolina, and West Virginia) have laws explicitly prohibiting telehealth prescriptions or the mailing of abortion pills into their jurisdictions.

- Criminal Penalties and "Abortion Trafficking" Laws: States like Mississippi have classified medication abortion under drug-trafficking or controlled substance statutes (such as classifying mifepristone as a controlled dangerous substance in Louisiana), increasing criminal penalties for distributing, prescribing, or sending the pills.

- Civil "Bounty Hunter" Laws: Texas enacted legislation (such as HB 7) that allows private citizens to file civil lawsuits against anyone who aids, distributes, or mails medication abortion into the state, a model adopted or considered by other ban states.

- Out-of-State Investigations and Lawsuits: Ban-state officials and private actors have attempted to investigate, subpoena, or sue out-of-state doctors and networks mailing pills across state lines.