



Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm Anticipated
Sunday 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

Call Parish Office or consult
bulletin for Holy Day Schedule

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	12:00 pm
Wednesday	6:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am
Friday	10:00 am

Confession

Wednesday: 4:30-5:30 pm
in Lower Church
Sunday: 9:00-10:00 am
in Upper Church

Eucharistic Adoration *in Upper Church*

Wednesday 12:00-5:45 pm
First Friday 10:45 am-5:00 pm

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first two "First Things" for Advent were God and Light. The third "First Thing" to consider is Life.

God created all things because his own life overflowed in the act of creation. That's what Life does. It creates more life. Life is that indefinable essence that is infused into all things living. Where does life come from? It is easy to think that it comes from the natural processes of regeneration. A man and woman come together and a new life is formed.

However, just as Light is greater than the sources of light, the sun, moon and stars, so Life is bigger than the natural sources of life. Life comes from God, and because it comes from God it bears the mark of God. His imprint and his image is in all things. Life is God's essence in all that lives. What is alive is alive in and through the greater life of God.

The right to life therefore is the first and most basic right. Without the gift of life, we are dead. Without the gift of life, we have nothing, and that gift comes to us from God himself.

This is why Catholics are "pro Life - not just because we think abortion is unpleasant - not just because we are against euthanasia or embryonic stem cell research, not just because we are against the culture of death in all its forms. No. We are pro-life because we embrace and affirm the supernatural and wonderful gift of life that comes from God himself, which is a sign of his own life present and alive in all living things.

In the seven days of creation God's life overflowed to the whole world. Within those seven days his abundance and goodness were shown and his life-giving creative power was seen. As he gave life to all things, he revealed who he is. He is the Lord of Life. This is why death is so terrible, because it snuffs out the God Life.

This is also why Jesus Christ the Lord of Life could not remain dead. At Easter he rose because he was not just an ordinary man, but the source of all things living and the source of Life itself. He rose to show that death has no victory over life, but that God's life is eternal.

It is this life we look forward to welcoming as we celebrate the birth of Christ, for there the source of all things living took the form of a newborn child.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for December 5, 2021

Needed: \$ 17,404.
 Received: \$ 23,602.
 Surplus: \$ 6,198.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections Through Week #23 in the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021

Needed: \$ 400,292.
 Received: \$ 422,839.
 Surplus: \$ 22,547.

Advent Day of Mercy

Wednesday, Dec. 22

Confessions, 9am - 6pm

PRAYER REQUESTS

Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Sandra Brock, John Bruce, OFS, Megan Burgess, Will Busby, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Kay Cannon, The Carson Family, Dcn. Ed Case, Kathleen Crawford, Jim Cronican, Margaret Culkin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, Joseph Donovan, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Betty Gamez, Roy Gamez, Larry & Cynthia Good, Michael Granger, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Janet Hardy, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Mack Howard, Kathy Illingworth, Ingrid Ireland, Bob Jackowski, Bethe Kitchen, Kenneth Landgrover, Cooper Landreph, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Susan Lyerly, Madeline McKiernan, Dianne Morrison, Mrs. That Nguyen, Kim Orr, Marlowe Pastor, Deacon Ray and Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Nancy and Earl Smith, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Linda Tate, Tedrick Family, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Louise Wood, Will Woodward, Mary Louise Worthy and family, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, December 11, through Sunday, December 19
ALL HELD IN UPPER CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
 (Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

Saturday, 12/11	5:00 pm - Anticipated Mass <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Sunday, 12/12 Advent 3	9:00-10:00 am - Confession (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Pauline Grace Hine and Andres Gonzales Prestoza+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Monday, 12/13 <i>Lower Church</i>	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Gene Swank+</i>
Tuesday, 12/14	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Alice & Tom Armantrout+</i>
Wednesday, 12/15	12:00-5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30-5:30 pm - Confession (Lower Church) 5:45 pm - Benediction 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Benjamin Roberts</i>
Thursday, 12/16	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Friday, 12/17	10:00am - Mass, <i>For Randal Mellor+</i>
Saturday, 12/18	5:00 pm - Anticipated Mass <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Sunday, 12/19 Advent 4	9:00-10:00 am - Confession (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Frank Walker+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

NEW Schedule of Christmas Masses

Dec. 24 4:00 pm Family Mass
 6:00 pm Family Mass
 8:00 pm Solemn Mass

Dec. 25 10:30 am Solemn Mass (NO 5:00 pm Mass)

Dec. 26 10:30 am Solemn Mass (Feast of the Holy Family)
 5:00 pm Sunday Mass

The Characters of Christmas - Seeing the Old Testament Fulfilled in the New

This year's Advent course explores the important themes, stories and characters of the Old Testament that foreshadow the Incarnation and Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Meeting each Sunday morning of Advent at 9am in Guadalupe Hall
Coffee and pastries provided at 8:45am**

Nov. 28 - Old Testament Women - The Blessed Virgin Mary

Dec. 5 - The Patriarchs - St. Joseph

Dec. 12 - The Prophets - St. John the Baptist

Dec. 19 - The Shepherd King - Shepherds and Magi

Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

We have scheduled an additional time for Adoration each week on Thursday evenings

Please remember to pray for those who are homebound or mourn the loss of loved ones, especially during the holidays.



Do You Speak Spanish?

OLR's Respect Life Ministry is seeking translators to assist women with little command of English. Please call 864-772-9020 for more information.

It is a good and beautiful Catholic tradition to pray for the souls of our loved ones and to light a candle with the intention that as that candle burns the prayers continue to linger in our hearts and minds.



With this in mind, we have installed two new candle racks in the lower church for you to light longer burning candles as you pray for your loved ones. These new candle racks are provided by Fr. Longenecker and his family in gratitude for all the support and well wishes the OLR family offered during the recent loss of Matthew Craft and Laura Longenecker—Fr. Longenecker's nephew and mother.

When you come to Mass, take a few moments after Mass to visit the Lower Church and spend some extra time in prayer. The donation for the candles is your way of also making a small offering that accompanies your prayers.

OLR SCHOOL NEWS



Dec. 16 Advent/Christmas Concert
Upper Church, 6:30pm

Dec. 17 Noon Dismissal - No After Care

Dec. 20-31 Christmas Break, return Jan. 3

The parish offices will be closed Dec. 24, through Dec. 31, reopening on Jan. 3.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Anyone can join us via Zoom for an **RCIA** session. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 7:30pm, and the topic of discussion will be "Eucharist".

Winter Coat Drive

Please help us provide winter coats, hats, and gloves to the children living at Shemwood Crossing through Pastor Johnson's "Church Without Walls".



Please bring new or very lightly used items to the Parish Office **before Dec. 13.**

Offering envelopes are now available to parishioners in the Narthex for Christmas flowers.

Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 39: December 12



It is hard to say for sure how big your baby will be, but the average newborn weighs in at a little over 7 pounds and is about 20 inches long. Your baby will continue to grow with every passing day. His skull bones are still separated and they will stay that way to allow the bones to compress enough to fit through the birth canal during labor. It is almost time for Baby's big day!

The **Veritas Catholic Information Center** is an exciting project being planned for downtown Greenville by a group of laity from all Greenville parishes. The National Catholic Register ran a great article [HERE](#), explaining the project, which was written by Kathy Schiffer, Catholic blogger and wife of our own Deacon Jerry Schiffer.

Moving forward, there will be opportunities to support this powerful evangelization tool in various ways. An important step in its success will be to make all Greenville Catholics aware that it's happening and sign up to support this project financially and as a volunteer.



We began our adoption of babies who were in danger of abortion around the Feast of the Annunciation, mirroring the growth of the Baby Jesus developing in the womb of His Blessed Mother Mary. Since then, 40 Days for Life reports 850 babies saved from abortion. With delivery dates nearing, we begin our yearly Baby Shower of newborn gifts for Birthright of Greenville. Newly purchased infant outfits (0 to 3 months) or newborn-size diaper donations may be placed in the Pack and Play located in the Narthex now through December 12th.

NOVENA FOR AMERICA!

Let us join the Diocese of Charleston's Office of Family Life by praying the "Novena for America" for 9 consecutive days in December. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, this Novena's intention is for prolife U.S. Supreme Court rulings and prolife S.C. bills. Please pick up a copy of the "Novena for America" in the Narthex this weekend! Thanks for all you do to protect and respect human life!

Please pray this novena for 9 consecutive days in December!

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, intercede for us, your children in America, as we pray for our nation, our military, and our families.

We pray for our government leaders, that they will make just decisions and govern us in accordance with truth and the principles upon which our nation was founded.

We ask protection for those serving in the military and for our first responders. Bless them and their families as they sacrifice themselves to keep us safe.

We pray for our families. In a culture that seeks to destroy the morals and values upon which this country was founded, may our families be united in faith and charity.

Reclaim this great country for your Son's glory, that under His protection and guidance, we may stand together as a people of faith and trust in Him for the changes we seek.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.