



# 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 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The first three "First Things" were God, Light and Life. The last is Love.

God is the source of all that is. He is the source of Light. He is the source of Life. He is the source of Love.

St. John the Evangelist says that not just that God loves or God is loving, but "God IS Love." This is profound stuff. What he is saying is that God's very nature and being is pure, unconditional love.

This Divine Love is not the sentimental stuff of Valentine's cards or mushy movies. This is not romantic or erotic love. Instead, it is the fiery source of life and power in all things. The source of life and power in God is also the source of Love.

God's Divine Love is constantly being outpoured on the world. It is relentless like a river. It is his nature to be pouring out his love and mercy at all times and at all place to all people and to all creation.

Furthermore, the theologians tell us that the Divine Love is the force that binds all things together. It is the force in creation that keeps everything going. It is the energy which burns like a fiery furnace at the heart of all things.

This love comes to us at Christmas in human form. Jesus Christ is the Lord of Light, the Lord of Life and the Lord of Love. The babe of Bethlehem is the radiance of God, the Life of God and the Love of God present for us in a little child.

St. Paul teaches that this is the ultimate expression of God's love for humanity-that God's love took human form and became a man and finally suffered and died for us. St John says, "No man has greater love than this, that he should lay down his life for his friends."

As we look forward to Christmas let us remember what we really celebrate-not just the pleasantries of Christmas cards, presents, family times together and the abundance of food and drink and good times.

The heart of our celebration is this astounding truth, that the God who created the world out of the abundance of his light and life and love came to be born of the Blessed Virgin Mary - that his life and light came into our dark and dying world to bring each one of us out of darkness into his own marvelous light.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

### Weekend Collections for December 12, 2021

Needed: \$ 17,404.  
Received: \$ 23,375.  
Surplus: \$ 5,971.

### Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections Through Week #24 in the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021

Needed: \$ 400,292.  
Received: \$ 446,214.  
Surplus: \$ 28,518.

## 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, 12/18	5:00 pm - Anticipated Mass <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Sunday, 12/19 <b>Advent 4</b>	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>
Monday, 12/20 <i>Lower Church</i>	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Colin Doering</i>
Tuesday, 12/21	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Roberta Fowler Stoddard+</i>
Wednesday, 12/22	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 Ardelle Pennington+</i>
Thursday, 12/23	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Friday, 12/24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4:00 am - Family Mass, <i>For the People</i> 6:00 pm - Family Mass, <i>For Josephine &amp; Murray M. Howard, Jr. and the deceased members of the Howard, Suit, Hormady, Ayers, Sokol, Votava, Bagwell, and O'Barr families.</i> 8:00 pm - Solemn Mass, <i>For the People</i>
Saturday, 12/25 <b>Christmas Day</b>	10:30 am - Mass <i>For Matthew Craft+</i> <i>(NO 5:00pm Mass)</i>
Sunday, 12/26 <b>Holy Family</b>	9:00-10:00 am - Confession (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Paul Bever, Jr. +</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

\* Any of the Friday Christmas Eve Masses, or the Saturday morning Christmas Day Mass, will fulfill your obligation for the **Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord**. However, as there is no Saturday afternoon anticipated Mass on Christmas Day, your Sunday obligation for the **Feast of the Holy Family** **must be fulfilled** by attending either the 10:30 a.m. or the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Masses.

## NEW Schedule of Christmas Masses \*

<b>Dec. 24</b>	4:00 pm	Family Mass
	6:00 pm	Family Mass
	8:00 pm	Solemn Mass
<b>Dec. 25</b>	10:30 am	Solemn Mass (NO 5:00 pm Mass)
<b>Dec. 26</b>	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 from 7-8pm in Lower Church.**

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

## 3rd Sunday Brunch



Please join us for fellowship, coffee and pastries after the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday, Dec. 19, in Guadalupe Hall.

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

## Holy Hour with Childcare

If you are the parent of young children and don't often get a chance to go alone to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, join us beginning in January for a holy hour on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 1:45-2:45pm in Upper Church. Childcare will be in Guadalupe Hall. The dates for January are the 12th and 26th. For more information, contact Katie Haggard at kthagga@gmail.com (Also if you are interested in helping to sponsor the childcare, let Katie know, and perhaps we can expand to every week.)

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

## Winter Coat Drive

Special thanks for ALL the coats, hats, and gloves that were donated. Pastor Johnson was so grateful, and remarked again how thankful they are for the very generous parishioners of the OLR family.



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

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Josephine & Murray M. Howard, Jr. and the deceased members of the Howard, Suit, Hormady, Ayers, Sokol, Votava, Bagwell, and O'Barr families.*

*May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

## Spiritual Adoption

WEEK 40: December 19



Your spiritually adopted baby was **born today** nine months after he was conceived. Baby is no different now than before birth except that he breathes and eats differently. Your baby is truly a miracle. He began his life at conception with 46 chromosomes and has developed over the past nine months into this unique human person. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is just like your spiritually adopted baby.

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.

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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.

### **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.