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WEEKEND MASS

Upper Church

Saturday 5:00 pm, Anticipated

8:00 pm *NeoCat Mass*

in Lower Church

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 pm

Sunday, 9:00-10:00 am

DAILY MASS

Monday, 8:30 am, Lower Church

Tuesday, 12:00 pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 6:00 pm Upper Church

Thursday, 10:00 am, Upper Church

Friday, 10:00 am, Lower Church

DAILY CONFESSIONS

Upper Church

Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 pm

Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

Wednesday, 7am-5pm, Upper Church

Thursday, 7-8 pm, Lower Church

March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Brothers and Sisters,

This Lent I have been writing about the foundations of the Catholic faith. First, God reveals himself to mankind. He does so through His creation, and through His special revelation of Himself. We need to be reminded that we are engaged in a supernatural struggle with God on our side. His revelation to the world culminated in the gift of His Son--born of a Virgin--born to save our human race. The record of this salvation history is in the Sacred Scriptures given to us, and defined and defended by divinely given authority of the Catholic Church.

This is the next foundation of our faith: the rock that is Peter. It is easy in our modern, practical world to imagine that the Catholic faith is "just a human institution". Some regard it as just another religious denomination set up by human beings in a particular time in history as the result of certain circumstances that were favorable at the time, but which change as history changes.

Not so. Catholics believe that Jesus Christ was sent by God, and that all authority on heaven and earth has been given to Him and that He sent His apostles to bear that same authority. Indeed, He said to them, "as the father has sent Me, so I am sending you." In summary, He appointed Simon as the leader of the Apostles. He gave him the new name "Peter" which means rock and said that he would found His church upon this rock.

This means that the authority of the Catholic Church is actually divinely given. God did it. Not man. God set up the church on earth. It is not a human institution. Furthermore, God did it at a particular time in history because that was "the fullness of time."

I cannot emphasize how important it is, therefore, for Catholics to take the authority of our church seriously. First, we need to listen to the teachings of the Holy Father. This requires some study and attention. Having understood these teachings, we need to obey the teachings with our whole hearts, even when it is difficult-especially when it is difficult!

This is what distinguishes us Catholics from every other Christian group and from every other religion. We actually believe that our religion has been given to us by Christ himself. It is true that many of us do not live up to this high calling. It is also true that many of our clergy have failed to live up the high call.

This is all the more reason for us to continue to take our Lent seriously. Through prayer, fasting and almsgiving we strive together to become all that we are destined to be--the glorious sons and daughters of God himself and brothers and sisters by adoption of Christ the King.

The Catholic faith is not just something a few religious people made up. It's the fullness of the faith in Christ Jesus the Lord through His Spirit inspired body on earth.

As Holy Week approaches may these fundamental truths of our faith take root in your mind, your heart, and your life so that you will experience anew the mystery of our redemption and release at Easter.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Weekend Collections for Mar. 19, 2023

Needed: \$ 19,000.
Received: \$ 29,791.
Surplus: \$ 10,791.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections

Through Week #38 in the Fiscal Year
Beginning July 1, 2022

Needed: \$ 722,000.
Received: \$ 800,092.
Surplus: \$ 78,092.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Felix Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Jim Bever, Sandra Brock, John Bruce, OFS, Megan Burgess, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, Joseph Donovan, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Michael Granger, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Janet Hardy, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Ingrid Ireland, Bob Jackowski, Beth Kitchen, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Madeline McKiernan, Lisa Meyer, Dianne Morrison, Marjorie Munson, Mrs. That Nguyen, Kim Orr, Marlowe Pastor, Dcn. Ray & Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Sonam Sherpa, Nancy & Earl Smith, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Cheryl Wallace, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Will Woodward, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, March 25, through Sunday, April 2

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 3/25	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Jaqueline Bricco+</i>
Sunday, 3/26	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The VanNorden Family</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Debbie Slacast+</i>
Monday, 3/27 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass <i>For Geoffrey Gorman+</i>
Tuesday, 3/28 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass
Wednesday, 3/29	7:00 am - 5:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Lissette Toca</i>
Thursday, 3/30	10:00 am - School Mass <i>For William Pankrath+</i>
Friday, 3/31 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Fr. Richard Ballard</i>
Saturday, 4/1	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Stanley & Connie Jackowski+</i>
Sunday, 4/2 Palm Sunday	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Nancy Bryant+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 5:00 pm - Mass

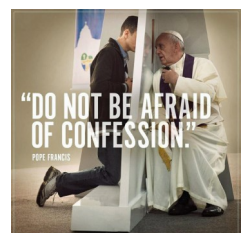


Offering envelopes for
Easter flowers
are now available
in the Narthex.

DAY OF MERCY

Wednesday, March 29

**Confessions will be held in
Upper Church, 9am-5:30pm**



Our High School Youth Group will meet at 6pm on March 26. Seth and Elliot will be presenting on their time as Focus Missionaries. St. Mary's Youth Group will also be joining us for the evening. Free time will be outside, and the talk and dinner will be in Guadalupe Hall.



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Humility is the mother of all virtues, purity, charity, and obedience. It is in being humble that our love becomes real, devoted, and ardent. If you are humble, nothing will touch you, neither praise, nor disgrace, because you know what you are." **Mother Teresa**

A friend once told me "My humility is what I am most proud of." It is easy to be proud of what we do for others, it makes us feel good. In the work I do at MTH, it is easy to think I know everything, or have heard everything, and it makes it easy to talk solutions before I listen. I must constantly remind myself, by prayer, to be humble for I am a sinner too. "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner" is a short prayer to say throughout the day and before sleep as a reminder of who we are. I need prayer for humility to remember that I don't know everything and the person across from me needs me to listen.

To imitate Him, we must, with His grace, humble ourselves and take up our cross. In humility, we can love fully and deeply. Pray for us and those we work with to have humility so we can both make the changes we need.

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Easter Baskets for "Church Without Walls"

Pastor Johnson is asking OLR parishioners to assist him with providing Easter baskets for the children of needy families living in our community. Please bring a pre-made basket to the Parish Office by Monday, **March 27**.



The Knights of Columbus Co.1668 are hosting the **Lenten Fish Dinners** served in the gym during the Fridays of Lent.

Adults - \$12

Kids (6-12) - \$7

Family Rate - \$45

Beer and wine will also be offered.

Dinner will be served at 6:00.



SCHOOL NEWS



March 30 Classical Education Presentation

Martin Cothran will visit on **March 30**, and give a presentation for parents at 7 pm in Guadalupe Hall. The topic of his presentation will be "What is Classical Education and How it differs from Public School " [RSVP HERE](#).

This Sunday, March 26, there will be a table in the Narthex for objects to be blessed after the weekend Masses.

Easter Decorations

Your help is needed to get our church ready for Easter. This is not an event for small children, however, there are tasks for ages 10 and up.

On **Saturday, April 8**, at 10:30am Upper Church we will decorate the church to prepare for the Easter Services. Please contact Sue Bannio with any questions and to let her know she can count on you. (864) 313-4479, 4SueBannio@gmail.com.

GO [HERE](#) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF THE HOLY WEEK EVENTS AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Meeting the Healing Lord

Join us for a Lenten retreat based on Bob Schuchts' book, *"Do You Want to Be Healed?"* We will encounter biblical figures who received the healing words of Jesus and have an opportunity for Him to touch the deeper places of our own hearts.

Saturday morning 9-11am in Lower Church, April 1.

Sunday Morning Adult Catechesis

Please join us at 9am on Sunday morning in Guadalupe Hall for our continuing studies on Church History. This week we will discuss "Age of Rebellion 1500-2000; The Council of Trent, VI, VII".

OUR LADY OF SORROWS GRIEF MINISTRY offers two ways to support grieving individuals in a group setting - *Transformation of Mourning: Grief & Loss of Those We Cherish*, a 6-8 week virtual grief support gathering (recordings of the presentation available for participants) next one begins **March 23, 2023 7:30 pm**, please email olsgrief@gmail.com.

Beginning with Catholic prayer, opportunity for voluntary sharing about current status of life/grief, presentation related to grief, opportunity for questions, closing with prayers of petition calling on the Lord to hear and answer them.



RCIA

Our next meeting will be on March 29, and the discussion will be on "Triduum and the Pascal Mystery: God's plan for the salvation of mankind, as fulfilled in the passion, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ."

All are welcome to join **St. Martha's Book Club** for upcoming discussions in Guadalupe Hall from 12:30-2:00 pm.

Apr 3 *West with Giraffes*
by Lynda Rutledge

May 1 *Educated*
by Tara Westover



ROSARY COUNTS FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: Please find the Blue Basket for Rosary Count Slips in the Infant of Prague Chapel.

40 Days for Life Closing Celebration: You are invited to join us for prayer, music, food, and fellowship at the Closing Celebration for the spring campaign of 40 Days for Life, Sunday, **April 2** (Palm Sunday), from 3-4:15 pm in the parking lot of the Piedmont Women's Center. Come for the wrap-up of our spring campaign, and hear personal testimonials by women whose lives were impacted or threatened by abortion, and how Christ has used this darkest of evils for good in their lives and those of others.



2023 International Day of the Unborn Child: This remembrance for abortion victims was established in Uruguay in 1999 during St. John Paul II's coronation. Parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Committee with a Rosary at 9:45 am on Sunday, **March 26**, in commemoration of the lives of innocent babes that have died from the cruelty of abortion.

Spiritual Adoption WEEK 1: March 26



At Conception: Congratulations! A new human comes into existence at fertilization with 46 chromosomes. Although half of Baby's chromosomes come from each parent, he is genetically different from both parents, and his sex is genetically determined.

Spiritual Adoption Sign-Up: Can you say a short prayer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for an unborn child who is in danger of abortion? If so, find the Spiritual Adoption box in the Narthex. There, please fill out a white card/slip and place in the basket. Then take your prayer card with the 2-sentence prayer to say each day, **beginning March 25**, (The Feast of the Annunciation). Thereafter, check the weekly bulletin "foot prints" to see how your baby is growing. Monthly posters in the Narthex will show your baby's developmental progress. Our Spiritual Adoption will culminate with the November Birthright of Greenville Baby Shower for those moms giving birth in December – the arrival of our precious infants! Please join this spiritual battle to protect human lives!

Check Out the SC Catholic Conference "TAKE ACTION" Site: It will provide you with important legislation up for passage and, with the touch of a button, you can send your message to your legislators! This TAKE ACTION site gives you a brief description of each important bill and allows you to be heard on such legislation as Repealing the Blaine Amendment (H.3591) as well as the Human Life Protection Act (H.3774), etc. Please copy and paste the link below or click [HERE](#) to get started.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat: This Retreat is a supportive, confidential, nonjudgmental weekend retreat for women and men who have had an abortion experience and would like to encounter God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Now is the time! **April 14-16**, in Greenville. To register, email Grace4healing@gmail.com.

Rachel's Vineyard
Healing The Pain Of Abortion
One Weekend At A Time



OLR's **Walking With Moms In Need** program assists Moms in Need, especially those with unexpected pregnancies, by offering support for their questions and concerns as well as assisting them in providing for themselves and their growing baby. Once a Mom phones or emails us, we set up an appointment with her where she can receive comfort and a confidential listening ear. Whether it is applying for Medicaid, finding a food bank or clothing closet, looking into pre-natal care, delivery

options or planning for childcare after delivery,

Walking With Moms In Need is there to help each mom navigate resources all around us. If you find yourself in need of our free services, we would be so happy to connect with you via email: wwmin@proton.me or phone: 864-412-7101. You are not alone. We are here for You!