



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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Or by appointment

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April 28, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Easter

## How to Be One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic **Part Three - How to Be Catholic**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With planes, trains and automobiles to take us everywhere in the world as fast as we can, and with modern communications that make everyone available to everyone else at any time, you would guess that more and more people would have a global or universal outlook to their lives. The opposite seems to be the case. As we are able to communicate globally and travel wherever we want, we seem to be drawing in to ourselves and our own little communities more and more.

In the first two articles in this series I explored six poisonous “ism’s”--non Catholic foundational beliefs which undergird the secular society in which we live. Each set of three “ism’s” are countered by one of the marks of the Church. So, individualism, sentimentalism and syncretism divide us, but being “One” with the whole church brings us into unity. The secular beliefs of materialism, utilitarianism and scientism spring from the assumption that the physical world is all there is. Being aware of the “Holy” or the supernatural realm corrects the error of these three “ism’s” and establishes a greater dimension in our life.

The third set of “ism’s” that undergird our secular society is our assumption that one particular group of people or way of thinking is superior or more correct than anyone else. This assumption that “my group” is right and others are wrong leads to division in our lives, our society and our church.

The first of these three “ism’s” is nationalism. This is the assumption that my ethnic group, my tribe, my clan or my country is superior. Nationalism can take a positive form in patriotism, or it can manifest itself negatively in racism, militarism or extreme patriotism (my country right or wrong!) Nationalism can lead us to condone military might so that we invade other countries, convinced that we are in the right. Nationalism can blind us to our faults and to the strengths of other ethnic or national groups. Nationalism limits us to our own little clan. It not only keeps us from growing and broadening our experience, but it may also lead us to attack others in ‘defense’ of our own tribe.

Sectarianism is like nationalism, but in the field of religion. The sectarian first withdraws into his own comfortable little religious group. Snug in the rightness of his beliefs, he builds a fortress around himself and his religious sect. However, before long the false sense of security wanes and the self-righteous sectarians start pointing the finger at others. The sectarian mentality is, by its very nature, exclusive. The sectarian believes he is right and everyone else is wrong. It is easy for Catholics to blame Protestants for being sectarian, but Catholics are also prone to withdraw into special interest groups or communities within the church.

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If these “ism’s” are sisters, then Sister Nationalism waves a flag and wears a uniform and stands up to defend her country “right or wrong” Sister Sectarian is a purse lipped and sour old spinster who is suspicious of everyone. Both nationalism and sectarianism spring from elitism. Elitism is the unquestioned assumption that me and my group of people are better than everybody else. Elitism can be fostered by any structure that isolates and elevates a particular group of people. The elitist group might be club, whose members have inside knowledge, or the elite could be wealthier than other people or the special group might be driven by a particular ideology or political ambition.

All of these “ism’s” display characteristics of what C.S. Lewis called The Inner Ring. This is the human tendency to identify a circle of people who are “on the inside.” It is part of human ambition to be part of that “inner ring” and some people will do anything to get there. Lewis observed the insidious and perfidious nature of the “inner ring” because once one is invited to join it turns out that within that “inner ring” of influence and power there is another “inner ring” which is even more exclusive.

The tendency to nationalism, sectarianism and elitism is present in our secular society, but it has crept into the Catholic Church as well. We divide into subgroups, identifying ourselves as ‘liberal’ or ‘conservative’. We divide among ethnic lines, or we associate ourselves with a particular movement in the church or the kind of liturgy or worship that we like. There is nothing wrong with diversity of style, different forms of spirituality and different apostolates, but when they become elitist, nationalistic or sectarian diversity becomes division. The answer is to be more “Catholic”.

One of the things I love about being a Catholic parish priest is the universality of the church. In our very ordinary American parish, we have people from every continent and ethnic group. In the congregation each Sunday we have the young and the old, the poor and the rich, the educated and uneducated. The Catholic Church embraces all, and in this universality our ethnic, sectarian and elitist divisions vanish.

Catholicism is bigger and older than all our little groups. To be Catholic is to be Universal. The Catholic faith transcends all of our religious opinions, ethnic histories, and national cultures. We strive to be Catholic because “Catholic” transcends not just these divisions, but it also transcends time and space. It’s bigger and older than all of us.

The way to treasure and live the “Catholic” aspect of our faith is to break out of our own little holy huddles, our ethnic groups and elitist mentality. We need to develop true tolerance and curiosity about others. We need to learn how to see the truth in all its different guises.

A convert friend of mine was asked why he became a Catholic and he said, “Because I wanted to belong to the Big, Holy, Old One.” That was his way of saying he wanted not just to affirm his faith in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, but wanted to live that faith in a practical way day by day.

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collections for week ending Apr. 21, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 20,133.

Deficit: \$ 1,867.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #43 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 946,000.

Received: \$ 1,011,184.

Surplus: \$ 65,184.

## Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$1,148,410. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal remaining) 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 610,805.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 435,318.

Needed: \$ 537,605.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Jim Bever, Glen Bishof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culkin, Rose Cusumano, Christy Dias, Marian Eleazer, Sarah & Teresa Fuller, Larry & Cynthia Good, Bridget Gracon, Michael Granger, Phillip Greene, Ma'May Grimm, Ed Harden, Janet Hardy, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Ingrid Ireland, Bob Jackowski, Bethe 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, Emily Stiffler, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Justin Timbers, Cheryl Wallace, Carolyn Watson, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, and all who are sick.

## PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday, April 27, through Sunday, May 5**

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

**All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.**

Saturday, 4/27	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Connie Gowe+</i>
Sunday, 4/28	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The People</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Essington Family</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Sr. Mary Ruth Bernard, OP</i>
Monday, 4/29 <b>Lower Church</b>	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Josephine Suite Howard+</i>
Tuesday, 4/30 <b>Lower Church</b>	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Fr. Longenecker &amp; Family</i>
Wednesday, 5/1	7:00 am - 5:30 pm - Eucharistic Adoration 4:30 - 5:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:30 pm - Benediction 6:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Martha Mahan</i>
Thursday, 5/2	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Chris &amp; Ashley Rocci</i>
Friday, 5/3 <b>Lower Church</b>	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Special Intention</i>
Saturday, 5/4	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Nick White</i>
Sunday, 5/5	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Lawrence Rand+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Clare Malena</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have our regular Youth Group meeting on Sunday, April 28, 6-8pm.



### MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"Our first great responsibility is to be a family. We are to reveal first, to one another, something of God's own love and concern and tenderness. When others see us, they should say, "See how they love one another.""* **Mother Teresa**

In John's first letter he says *"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."* This past weekend, I had the honor of attending our school's gala. You could see the love for the students through parents, grandparents, staff and parishioners by their actions and generosity, supporting the school in both deed and action. They acted as a family.

I often talk about the importance of families, or lack thereof, in the work we do at MTH. Never forget to not only tell your spouses, children, families and friends your love for them but also show it in deed and truth. It is that love, His love as part of His vine, that others will say "see how they love each other" and that is what changes the world, especially the little world around us.

*Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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### Italian Dinner Friday May 3, 6:00pm



The Knights of Columbus will serve an Italian dinner in the OLR gym on Friday, **May 3**, at 6:00pm. Choice of meatball and spaghetti or chicken parmesan with salad and dessert. Beer and wine will be available.

Going to OLR's school play that night? Come eat with us – we'll get you out in plenty of time. Adults - \$10, children under 12 - \$7, families - \$45. Proceeds will benefit local special needs charities. Takeout available.

St. Martha's Book Club will be meeting on **Monday, May 6**, at 12:00pm discuss *"Virgil Wander"* by Leif Enger. We will be meeting at a private home. Call Marianne for more info at (864) 360-2406.



## School News



**May 2-4** Sound of Music  
7-9pm in Guadalupe Hall

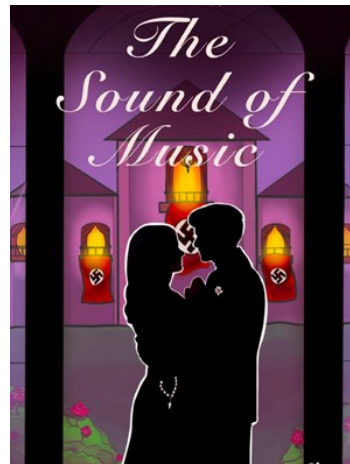
### St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." Indeed, by helping the poor we can "bear much fruit" and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.*

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who live in fear and doubt, loneliness and dread.

**THERE'S STILL TIME, but we only have a few tickets left for the last weekend of our Upper School play, THE SOUND OF MUSIC**

Scan the QR code for ticket sales.



May 2-4

Shows start at 7pm  
in Guadalupe Hall

Adults \$10.  
Children \$ 5.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on **Friday, May 3**, from 11:00am-5:00pm.



Recently baptized was  
**Elena Pilar Duarte**  
daughter of  
Paolo & Rocia Duarte.



*We welcome Elena as a new member of the OLR family.*

## RESPECT LIFE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

· **Support the Age Verification Act (H3424)** This bill would protect minors from the harms of pornographic content by requiring porn sites to prove that those viewing their content are not minors.

· **Support the Help, Not Harm Bill (H4624).** This bill would protect children from harmful gender reassignment surgeries, hormonal treatments and other experimental treatments that can leave them permanently scarred for life. Contact your SC Senator (the bill has passed the SC House).

**South Carolina's Catholic Conference:** Can provide you with weekly email updates on legislation in Columbia. To sign up, go to: <https://sccatholicconference.org/> Scroll down to Action Center and hit "click here" button. Then join the Catholic Advocacy Network! You'll get updates and electronic letters to send to your legislators. Thanks!  
--Respect Life Committee



## VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE APRIL 27-28 AFTER MASS

The Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Committee will assist those wishing to register to vote in the 2024 state and national elections.

If you'll be 18 years of age or older on or before June 11, (Primary), June 25 (Run-off) or Nov. 5, (Natl. Election Day), you can pre-register at OLR. REQUIREMENT: Have your SS#. Delivery will be made directly to the Department of Elections the following day. You may register under the canopy or at indoor locations below. Thank you!

### REGISTRATION

**In Cafeteria - After 5 pm Saturday & Sunday Masses**

**In Guadalupe Hall - After 8 am and 10:30 am Masses**

### First Thursday Adoration

**May 2, 6-8pm, in Lower Church.**

Please join the Respect Life Committee as we pray for further protections for the unborn and vulnerable among us.



### First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for the Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors

First Saturday Pro-Life Mass for Protection of the Unborn and Pro-Life Warriors will be on **Saturday, May 4, at 9:30 am** in Upper Church. Sidewalk Advocates, 40 Days for Life and OLR's Respect Life Committee will provide updates on pro-life issues and all are encouraged to join us in praying the rosary at the abortion clinic afterwards located at 1142 Grove Road. For info, call 864-772-9020.



### Spiritual Adoption WEEK 4: April 28



Baby's central nervous system appears. His blood cells and vessels are differentiated, and his brain and organs begin to form. Baby began forming his blood cells and vessels two weeks after conception, and now they are already differentiated. Baby's life has been miraculous for the last three weeks.

We have a great selection of OLR Summer Camps for students aged rising 3rd-12th grades.



The signup genius [HERE](#) has all the camps listed.

Please send questions to [david.haggard@olrschool.net](mailto:david.haggard@olrschool.net) or individual camp director for specific questions about each camp (see link for info)!

### Spiritual Adoption Campaign



Please join us in praying for the defenseless souls of these children by going to the display box in the Narthex, filling out your unborn adoption slip and taking your prayer card.

One day, the Lord will tell us how many children we saved from the culture of death and the gifts they brought to a needy world.

Thank you! --Respect Life Committee

## PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Fr. Longenecker has been invited to be the spiritual leader for a short pilgrimage to **Our Lady of Guadalupe, June 28 - July 1**. This pilgrimage includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Private Masses and a visit to Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children—the ministry established by Venerable Aloysius Schwartz. This dynamic ministry among the poor is an exciting, authentic fruit of an amazing American missionary priest who is on the road to sainthood. If you would like to learn more about joining Father Longenecker on this pilgrimage contact Susan Driscoll: [sdriscoll@worldvillages.org](mailto:sdriscoll@worldvillages.org). Susan organizes regular pilgrimages for world villages in Mexico. If you would like to go, but can't join this pilgrimage, there is another one in September.

Please see the OLR websites at [olr.church](#) and [olr.school](#) for all the most recent news and announcements.

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