

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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WEEKEND MASS

Upper Church

Saturday 5:00 pm, Anticipated

**Saturday, 8:00pm, Neocatechumenal
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Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm

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Or by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday, 11am-5pm, Lower Church

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May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

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

How can an ordinary Catholic be “Apostolic”? Isn’t the bishop is the one who is apostolic because he is a successor to the apostles? The faith is apostolic because it is handed down from the Apostles, but how can the person in the pew be “Apostolic”?

Each Sunday we say we believe in “One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Faith” and these weeks in Lent I have outlined some underlying beliefs in our secular society that go against our Catholic faith. These false philosophies are not stated beliefs that we hold. Instead, they are a set of assumptions about the world which lie at the foundation of our world view. They influence us in a subtle way, and they infect our Catholicism so that we have a watered down version of our religion.

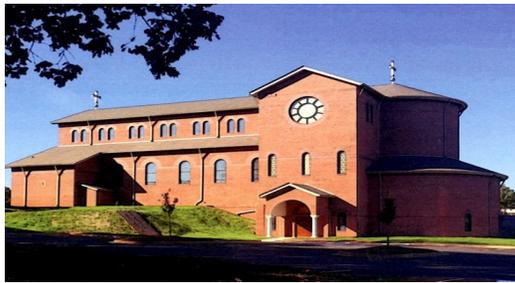
Individualism, Sentimentalism and Syncretism are the false “ism’s” that set up the individual as the sole authority, so they are countered by being “One”. If we use the word “Holy” to signal the supernatural aspect of our faith, then being “Holy” defeats Scientism, Utilitarianism and Materialism--the three ugly sisters who stand for the assumption that there is nothing beyond the physical realm. The third set of ugly sisters includes Sectarianism, Nationalism and Elitism. These heresies set people against each other and define our faith according to our own little set of people, beliefs and customs, and they are countered by the Catholic or universal mark of the Church.

The final set of “ism’s” run counter to the Apostolic aspect of the Catholic faith. We often associate “fundamentalism” with Bible bashing preachers in the deep South or extremist Muslim terrorists. However, “fundamentalism” is any kind of mindset that clings to an ignorantly literal understanding of the faith. Fundamentalism distrusts scholarship, human reason and learning. Fundamentalism could also be called Fideism--a trust in personal faith alone--a trust in personal experience that is linked with a willful ignorance.

When we see this wider understanding of fundamentalism, we can see how prevalent it is in our society. There is a trend in secular society to deliberately reject expertise, scholarship, learning, objective facts and knowledge. This fundamentalism rejects any form of authority based on learning and expertise and prefers personal experience and emotionalism.

The second poisonous “ism” in this final set of three is historicism. In his encyclical *Fides et Ratio* Bl. Pope John Paul defines historicism as, “the belief that the truth of a philosophy is determined on the basis of its appropriateness to a certain period and a certain historical purpose. At least implicitly therefore, the enduring validity of truth is denied. What was true in one period, historicists claim, may not be true in another.”

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The historicist believes that institutions and beliefs are simply the product of the circumstances of the times in which they happened to come about. The historicist reduces everything to the product of certain historical events, with no longer lasting truth or significance. Historicism is an insidious form of relativism. For the historicist there is no truth that transcends all ages.

Linked with historicism is progressivism. Progressivism could be called the unshakeable belief in the inevitability of progress. The progressivist believes an idea or an invention or a program is better simply because it is modern. The progressivist believes that mankind is getting better and better simply because he has been around longer and therefore, he must be improving. The progressivist's views are rooted in evolutionary theory, the conviction that all things are naturally moving to a higher and higher form of development. A reverse form of this heresy is believing that something is necessarily good, not because it is new, but because it is old. Both assumptions that undermine the Catholic faith which is, according to St. Augustine, "Ever ancient, ever new."

If these three "ism's" are a set of sisters, then fundamentalism is a dull, ignorant and emotional adolescent girl. Historicism is her cynical sophomore in college big sister who has seen it all and knows it all, while Sister Progressivist is a cheerful, naive optimist who sneers at anything old fashioned.

These three assumptions at the foundation level of our secular society mean that many people distrust the Catholic Church without even knowing why. The fundamentalist distrusts Catholicism because it is learned and complex. The historicist because it is rooted and grounded in history and a living tradition, and the progressive hates Catholicism simply because it is ancient and authoritative.

This is where being "Apostolic" corrects the last three poisonous "ism's". The Apostolic faith is that faith delivered to the apostles. This sacred tradition is handed on through the apostolic succession to generation after generation. The apostolic aspect of our faith corrects fundamentalism because it demands that we use our intellects to understand, interpret and pass on the faith. Furthermore, we do not use our intellects alone, but always in harmony and submission to the whole deposit of the Apostolic faith.

Historicism is corrected by the Apostolic faith because, through the relationship of Christ to his apostles we realize that history is not a succession of meaningless events in the past. Instead, we experience continuity from the foundations of our faith in the Hebrew religion to the center point of history the incarnation and the succession of the apostles down to this present time. This gives meaning and direction and purpose to all of history. The apostolic faith is rooted in the past and is alive in the present, and so brings rich meaning and transcendence to all moments of history. Finally, this Apostolic faith also corrects modernism for, while it is ancient, it is also 'ever new'. When our faith is apostolic, we avoid the heresy of thinking a thing is good just because it is old or just because it is new. Instead, we judge it according to the Apostolic faith. Because of the Apostolic aspect of the faith that which is ancient is forever new and that which is new is forever rooted in antiquity. The false categories of "old" and "new" become meaningless.

How can we be more "Apostolic"? By engaging our intellect. By learning more about our apostolic faith we deepen our understanding and provide deep roots for our life and spirituality. Through the prayerful study of Scripture, the catechism and the lives of the saints we experience the Apostolic dimension to the faith. As we do, we are drawn into a deeper union with Christ and his Church.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collections for week ending May 5, 2024

Needed: \$ 22,000.

Received: \$ 38,502.

Surplus: \$ 16,502.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Collections through Week #45 in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023

Needed: \$ 990,000.

Received: \$ 1,068,791.

Surplus: \$ 78,791.

Capital Campaign-Land Acquisition

5.2 acres on Augusta Rd. \$1,127,903. Diocesan Loan (total interest & principal remaining) 2023-2028: 5-year term

Pledge Commitments Made: \$ 612,185.

Pledge Payments Received: \$ 442,993.

Needed: \$ 515,718.

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, May 11, through Sunday, May 19

(Mass Intentions are shown in italics)

All Masses are held in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Saturday, 5/11	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Lila Fatima Toca</i>
Sunday, 5/12 Solemnity of the Ascension	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For The Essington 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 John Warga, Jr. +</i>
Monday, 5/13 Lower Church	8:30 am - Mass, <i>For Stephanie Kaufmann+</i>
Tuesday, 5/14 Lower Church	12:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Jeannie Weaver</i>
Wednesday, 5/15	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 Mike & Joan Macalka</i>
Thursday, 5/16	10:00 am - School Mass (limited seating) <i>For Fr. Ballard & Family</i>
Friday, 5/17 Lower Church	10:00 am - Mass, <i>For Matthew Craft+</i>
Saturday, 5/18	3:30 - 4:30 pm - Confessions (Upper Church) 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For The People</i>
Sunday, 5/19 Pentecost	8:00 am - Mass, <i>For Mike Culbertson+</i> 9:00 - 10:00 am - Confessions (Upper Church) 10:30 am - Mass, <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 5:00 pm - Mass, <i>For Joseph Miller Brubaker, II+</i>

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will not meet on May 12, in honor of Mother's Day. We will be meeting on May 19, for Adoration in honor of the Solemnity of Pentecost.



MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"Everybody today seems to be in such a terrible rush, anxious for greater developments and greater riches and so on, so that children have very little time for their parents. Parents have very little time for each other, and in the home begins the disruption of peace of the world." **Mother Teresa**

This past week, we had a 21-year-old young man stop by MTH. He was homeless, but had a job at a restaurant. He suffered from mental health issues, but he did not want to be in a shelter. He really just needed a place to charge his phone and someone to talk to. He had a common story of poor family life, as his parents were in and out of his life. I know where he is staying so have been able to see him again and have other agencies coming by.

Hopefully, he will eventually want to change his living situation, but it cannot be forced - one step at a time. So many of these stories would not happen if the family was not under attack and so often broken in our society. Hug your family and tell them you love them. It can make all the difference.

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School News



- May 16** Thursday Spring Choral Concert, K4-8th Grade, 6pm Upper Church
- May 20** Monday Rehearsal for First Communion, 7pm Upper Church
- May 23** Thursday School Mass, K4-8th Grade, 10am Upper Church
- May 24** Friday Graduation Mass, 10am Upper School Students and Families
- May 25** Saturday First Communion, 10am, Upper Church Photos at 9am, Reception following - G. Hall
- May 27** Monday Memorial Day—NO School
- May 29** Wednesday Confirmation, 7pm, Upper Church
- May 31** Friday Last Day of School—NOON Dismissal

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Today as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension we are reminded that Christ's saving work on earth continues through his disciples . . . and now through us.

Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor find Christ's mercy and healing in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul? Please reach out to the Parish Office if you hear this call and want to help.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate is a beautiful ministry praying for our parish priests.

We are looking for women to make a weekly prayer commitment for Fathers Longenecker and Ballard.

This ministry involves one woman praying one holy hour on her assigned or predetermined day of the week, every week for a one-year commitment. It can be done at home or in any nearby Catholic Church, and does not need to be in an adoration chapel.

Please go to <https://sevensistersapostolate.org/> for more information; brochures about the Apostolate are also available in the narthex.

If you are interested, please contact Jeanine Maillet, j9nmorris@yahoo.com.

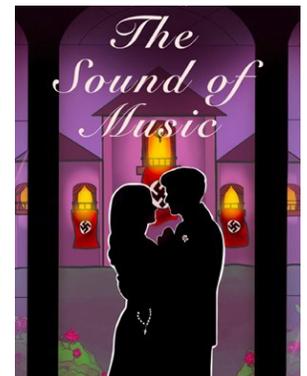
Solemnity of the Ascension

Sunday, May 12



Historically, it has been celebrated 40 days after Easter Sunday – the Thursday in the sixth week of Easter, however, in most dioceses in the United States, the Ascension of the Lord is transferred to the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

Special thanks to Mr. Adam Slocum and all the faculty, staff, students, parents, and sponsors for a fantastic run of the musical, **The Sound of Music**. It is clear that many hours of hard work were devoted to such an outstanding success.



Asking God's Generous Blessings upon All Mothers Today and Always!

"All mothers in the world are called to nurture, love, and educate men and women and bring them into the light, into the presence of Divine love. In this great endeavor, they can rely on the help and the example offered by the Mother of God."



"The Virgin Mary helps all the mothers to be filled with awe that they too are special teachers for their children." --Pierre Descouvemont

OLR's Respect Life Committee



YOU CAN STILL REGISTER TO VOTE! If you'll be 18 years of age or older on or before June 11, (Primary), June 25, (Run-off) or Nov. 5, (National Election Day), you can PRE-REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE at: SCVOTES.GOV. Scroll down and click

"Voter Registration" Scroll down to "Register Online" You will also see other options to register, including "By Mail" however, applications to vote must be postmarked by May 11, to vote in June 11, Primary. Thank you for exercising your right to vote in our important SC & U.S. elections!

OLR's Respect Life Committee

"Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Your **Respect Life Committee** needs you! Our next meeting is Thursday, May 16, 2024, in Guadalupe Hall from 6-7 pm. Call 864-772-9020 for more information.

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. **Respect Life Committee**

Spiritual Adoption WEEK 6: May 12



Baby's esophagus and trachea are developing. His forelimbs and hindlimbs appear as paddle-shaped buds. Your baby's face begins to take shape. For a whole week, baby's heart has been pumping.

The Spring Campaign of 40 Days for Life, ended March 24, 2024, with much good fruit produced.



On an international level,

- Record for a campaign – 6 abortion facilities confirmed closed – total since 2007 (154)
- 505 babies saved - total since 2007 (24,768)
- 4 more workers quit – total since 2007 (260)
- 5 sets of twins were saved

We are especially grateful for the **3 lives saved in Greenville** that we know of. **We can truly say that prayer and fasting is the answer.** A big thank you to all who participated for your sacrifice and dedication.

Abortions continue to be performed daily at the Greenville Women's Clinic. If you are able, select a day and time that works for you and continue with us for 40 Days 365 at the abortion facility. We are there from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Please sign up on the 40 Days for Life 365 Calendar at www.40daysforlife.com/greenville. We need sidewalk advocates and prayer warriors there daily, beyond the 40 Days Campaigns. Help spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort. For more information, please call Judy 864-506-0964 or Ingrid at 864-329-0044.

Diocesan Second Collection for the weekend of May 12, will be for Catholic Charities.

Corpus Christi Sunday, June 2, Downtown Greenville Eucharistic Procession

Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession starting in Falls Park on Sunday, June 2, at 2:00pm and processing through the park to St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Getting the entire Catholic community in the region involved, this could be a great opportunity to grow the fellowship and faith of the Greenville area Catholics.



Imagine 1,000 Catholics walking through Falls Park preceded by our Lord, singing and praying.

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. 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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