



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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***All services are held in  
UPPER CHURCH  
unless otherwise noted.***

**WEEKEND MASS**  
**Saturday** 5:00p, Anticipated  
**Saturday**, 8:00p, *Neocatechumenal  
Way Mass, Lower Church*  
**Sunday** 8:00a, 10:30a, 5:00p

**WEEKEND CONFESSIONS**  
Saturday, 3:30 - 4:30p  
Sunday, 9:00 - 10:00a

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**DAILY MASS**  
Monday, 8:30a, *Lower Church*  
Tuesday, 12:00p, *Lower Church*  
Wednesday, 7:15a and 6:00p  
Thursday, 10:00a, *Lower Church*  
Friday, 10:00a

**DAILY CONFESSIONS**  
Wednesday, 4:15 - 5:15p, *Lower Church*  
Or by appointment

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
First Friday, 11a - 5p  
Monday, 9a - 1p  
Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church*  
Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church*

May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

*Habemus Papam!*

I'm sure many of you were glued to the screen last Thursday to view the exciting events in Rome as our new pope was presented to the world.

How privileged we are to live in this modern age in which we can join with millions of other Catholics around the world to share in these historic events! It will probably not happen again for a long time. Pope Francis was 88 years old when he died. Pope Leo is only 69. It is possible, therefore, that we may not experience a papal conclave for another twenty years.

After the tumultuous and often controversial pontificate of Francis it seems we have a steadier hand on the tiller of the barque of St. Peter. Pope Leo XIV is an experienced prelate on the international level. He is a highly qualified canon lawyer, theologian, seminary professor and Augustinian friar who speaks seven languages and is not only an American, but also a Peruvian citizen. Cardinal Dolan of New York described Pope Leo as "a citizen of the world." As such, our new pope is ready to be a spiritual leader for Catholics the world over.

Those who have researched the new pope's background say he is a "centrist" In other words—not left wing or right wing (those categories don't really work for Catholics anyway) but a simple preacher of the good news of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As an American he will understand first world challenges. As a Peruvian he will sympathize with the problems of Catholics in the developing world.

This is his central task: to uphold the Catholic traditions and to preach the timeless gospel of the Lord. I was very encouraged by Pope Leo's first words from the balcony and his first homily to the cardinals after his election. He spoke clearly and firmly about the need to "preach Christ and him crucified."

As Pope Leo begins this historic pontificate let us all promise to pray for him every day and to share with him the task of showing forth in our words and our works the redeeming love of the Lord.

Your pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending May 11, 2025

Needed:	\$ 22,000.
Received:	\$ 20,525.
Deficit:	\$ 1,475.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #46  
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024.

Needed:	\$ 1,012,000.
Received:	\$ 1,308,888.
Surplus:	\$ 296,888.

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"The apostle Paul saw Christ, and extolled his claim to glory. He had many great and inspired things to say about Christ, but he did not say that he boasted in Christ's wonderful works: in creating the world, since he was God with the Father, or in ruling the world, though he was also a man like us. Rather, he said: Let me not boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." St. Augustine*

In today's readings, Jesus and John refer to God's Glory. We are called to that glory through Jesus Christ, through His Cross and Resurrection. How do we do that? Through constant faith, through embracing our cross daily, and through our love for others as He loved us.

Chris Loewer, Director of Outreach  
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## St. Vincent de Paul Society

*In the Gospel today, Jesus says "I give you a new commandment: love one another... This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."*

Your donations to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul show that you have love for one another, especially those suffering and poor, and that indeed you are the disciple of Jesus. If you are unable to donate financially, have you thought about volunteering with us? We could really use your help in the Food Pantry on Saturday mornings from 9-10am, as well as making calls and completing interviews with our Financial Assistance Ministry. If you are hearing the call to help, please find more information [here](#). We also welcome teenagers who are 14 or older and accompanied by a parent! We would love to have you join us!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, 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, Phillip Greene, Ed Harden, Donald Hargis, Theresa Hargreaves, Kathy Hess, Kathy Illingworth, Stacy Isenbarger, Beth Kitchen, John Knope, 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, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Mary Louise Worthy & family, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will have Youth Group at the usual time,  
6-8pm this Sunday, May 18.

We will discuss Catholic understanding  
and history of the death penalty.

## Save the Dates in May . . .

<b>May 22</b> <i>Thursday</i>	6:00pm	Confirmation
<b>May 23</b> <i>Friday</i>	10:00am	Graduation Mass
<b>May 24</b> <i>Saturday</i>	10:00am	First Communion
<b>May 26</b> <i>Monday</i>	Memorial Day - School and Parish Offices Closed	

**Seven Sisters** is a beautiful apostolate at OLR whose goal is to cover Fathers Longenecker and Ballard with one Holy Hour of prayer every day of the week. We are in urgent need of new members to commit to pray on one specific day each week.

If you believe in the real power of prayer and desire to bless our good shepherds who work so hard to faithfully serve Our Lord and care for us, please email or call Pat Wilder at [patwilder@verizon.net](mailto:patwilder@verizon.net), 703-638-5099, or Alice Baird at [alicebaird@gmail.com](mailto:alicebaird@gmail.com), 864-884-3283, for additional information.

## First Communion Reception



Please consider volunteering to help set up and serve at the reception after the First Communion Mass on Saturday, May 24.

We would like to have the families of the communicants be free to celebrate this blessed sacrament together.

Go [HERE](#) to sign up.

## Learn more about Natural Family Planning with the Creighton Model System.

Introductory Sessions will be presented by OLR parishioner and Family Nurse Practitioner, Meghan Pillow, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, on Saturday mornings after the Pro-life Masses at 10:15am in the GH Classroom on **June 7**, July 12, and August 2. For more information, please email Meghan at [scnaprofnp@gmail.com](mailto:scnaprofnp@gmail.com).

## SCHOOL NEWS

**May 26** Memorial Day - NO School

**May 30** Last Day of School - NOON Dismissal

*August 13 - First Day of School, 2025-26 Year*

## THE BIBLE COMES ALIVE! PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

with Fr. Dwight Longenecker  
and Kenny Burchard

**April 19-30, 2026**

Go [HERE](#) for reservation details.

*School and Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Daily Mass will be held at 8:30am in Lower Church.*



Join St. Martha's Book Club on Monday, June 16, from 12:30-2:00pm as we discuss "**A Song for Nagasaki**" by Paul Flynn. We will be meeting at a private residence. Call 360-2406 for more info.

Recently baptized was  
**Mary Clare Gerten**  
daughter of

Robert & Brenna Gerten



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

## SUMMER CAMPS AT OLR

OLR teachers are offering 20 different opportunities for all parish children in rising grades 3-12, in June and July.

Please note, summer camps run for a whole week from Mon-Fri for the allotted time slot. Academic camps are \$105. and sport camps are \$85. per student/class. Some camps may vary in price. If you have questions related to a camp, please email the teacher listed in the details for that class.

Go [HERE](#) for the list of camps and to sign up.

MAY		
17 Saturday	18 Sunday	19 Monday
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 9:00a-12:00p Campus Clean Up Day 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Jean Nadeau+</i> 6:00-10:00p Family Trivia Night, Gym 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Jane Tice+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Katie O'Brien Vogg+</i> 12:00p Third Sunday Brunch, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Group, GH	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:30a <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For Brooke Renee Bozard Baldowski+</i> 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC
20 Tuesday	21 Wednesday	22 Thursday
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 12:00p <b>Daily Mass</b> , LC <i>For Fr. Longenecker and Family</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p Neocatechumenal Bible Studies, Cafeteria	7:15a <b>Daily Mass</b> , UC 8:00a-5p Adoration, LC 3:00p Schola Choir Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Sr. Mary Ann, OP</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p Fellowship of St. Joseph, GH	7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a Senior Breakfast, GH 9:00a Graduation Rehearsal, UC 10:00a <b>Daily Mass</b> , LC <i>For Mary Lou Gourde+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 3:00-5:30p Bishop Interviews, GH 6:00p <b>Confirmation</b> , UC Reception following, GH 6:00p Respect Life Ministry Meeting, JDR 7:00p Knights of Columbus, Cafeteria 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC
23 Friday	24 Saturday	25 Sunday
7:30a Morning Prayer, UC 10:00a <b>Graduation Mass</b> , UC <i>For Fr. Richard and Ruth Ballard</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 5:00p Wedding Rehearsal, UC	7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, Gym 10:00a <b>First Holy Communion</b> , UC Reception following, Gym 1:00p Wedding Preparation, GH 2:00p Wedding, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Natalee Geerts</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Mass, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Mary Lou Gourde+</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For The People</i> 12:00-2:00p Youth Group, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Sr. Mary Francis, OP</i>