



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
Sunday 8:00a, 10:30a, 5:00p

WEEKEND CONFESSIONS

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

DAILY MASS

Monday, 8:30a, *Lower Church*
Tuesday, 12:00p, *Lower Church*
Wednesday, 7:15a, 6:00p
Thursday, 10:00a, *Lower Church*
Friday, 10:00a (School Mass)

DAILY CONFESSIONS

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday, 9a - 1p (during school term)
First Friday, 11a - 5p
Wednesday, 7:15a - 5:15p, *Lower Church*
Thursday, 7 - 8p, *Lower Church*

March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Envy is often considered merely as a mild form of jealousy. However, the French philosopher Rene Girard has pointed out how a basic form of envy is at the root of all our relationships both personal and cultural. From our earliest days we look on others and learn about life by imitating them. This imitation is how we learn life's rules, and there is nothing wrong with it, but it becomes distorted when that natural instinct to imitate turns into envy.

At that point we no longer simply imitate the other person, we start to desire what they have and who they are. This leads to rivalry in which our imitation of them becomes a desire to take over from them, and this envy, if it is left to grow in our hearts soon turns into resentment against the other person. When this happens on a group level all sorts of tribal rivalries develop.

Envy, therefore, leads to the sixth of the sins on our list: wrath. Wrath is not just normal impatience or anger. Wrath is the seething rage that develops from envy and resentment. Wrath wants to do away with the other person. For most people this will not end in actual bloodshed, but this wrath shows itself in other forms of "murder". Deciding to cut someone off, to divorce a spouse, to eliminate someone from your life, to never speak to them again, to refuse to forgive—these are all the ways in which wrath can be expressed.

The vice of envy is countered by the virtue of gratitude, and the vice of wrath, by the virtue of forgiveness. Gratitude and forgiveness are at the heart of the Lord's prayer. Therefore, the way to cultivate gratitude and forgiveness is to increase your life of prayer—both in quantity and quality.

Your Pastor,
Fr. Longenecker

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Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Mar. 8, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.

Received: \$ 24,642.

Deficit: \$ 858.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #37
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 943,500.

Received: \$ 1,009,895.

Surplus: \$ 66,395.

Year End Tax Reports - Please contact
[Rachel Hutson](#) for a copy of your contribution
statement for 2025. Electronic contributions
made exclusively through OSV can be printed
directly from the OSV website [HERE](#).

MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

"We have just read the long lesson of the man born blind, whom the Lord Jesus restored to the light; but were we to attempt handling the whole of it, and considering, according to our ability, each passage in a way proportionate to its worth, the day would be insufficient. Wherefore I ask and warn your Charity not to require any words of ours on those passages whose meaning is manifest; for it would be too protracted to linger at each. I proceed, therefore, to set forth briefly the mystery of this blind man's enlightenment. All, certainly, that was done by our Lord Jesus Christ, both works and words, are worthy of our astonishment and admiration: His works, because they are facts; His words, because they are signs. If we reflect, then, on what is signified by the deed here done, that blind man is the human race; for this blindness had place in the first man, through sin, from whom we all draw our origin, not only in respect of death, but also of unrighteousness. For if unbelief is blindness, and faith enlightenment, whom did Christ find a believer at His coming?"

St. Augustine (Tractate 44 1)

In preparing this week's MTH article, I reread St. Augustine's Tractate 44 which is on the Gospel of John chapter 9, which is our gospel today. I encourage you to read it in its entirety. It closes with the Pharisees asking if they are blind. *"Jesus said to them, 'If you were blind' (past tense), 'you should have no sin'; but now you are saying 'We See' so your sin remains."* In their arrogance, they believed they could see without Him, but we can't. He is the Light of the World. Get to confession often and let His light shine through you.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Sandra Brock, Doug Bryant, Bill Burgess, Will Busby, Martha Catel, Claudia Caldwell, Alex Camp, Carson Family, Kathleen Crawford, Margaret Culklin, 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, Beth Kitchen, John Knope, Kenneth Landgrover, Gerry Loesch, John Loesch, Katherine Lowry, Anna Lunn, Frank McKenna, Madeline McKiernan, Lisa Meyer, Dianne Morrison, Marjorie Munson, Helena Murca, Mrs. That Nguyen, Kim Orr, Marina Osborn, Marlowe Pastor, Nancy Perham, Thien Pham, Andres Prestoza, Jacob & Jaxson Rivera, David Rubardt, Johnny Schiera, Sonam Sherpa, Emily Smith, Nancy & Earl Smith, Emily Stiffler, Frank Striplin, Peter Stryker, Tedrick Family, Justin Timbers, Mary Walker, Cheryl Wallace, Luigina Warga, Mary Lou Whelan, Kayla Wiegand, Steve Wiltberger, Marcia Wolff, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

YOUTH GROUP

March 15 We will NOT meet this week.

Steubenville Youth Conference in Atlanta, July 10-12
Rising 8th graders-Seniors. Go [HERE](#) to register.

We need your help to prepare Upper Church for Holy Week - Saturdays at 10:30am.

March 21 - Cover all the statues in purple cloth.

March 28 - Decorate for Palm Sunday Masses.

April 4 - Decorate the church for Easter services.

These are not events for small children, however there are many tasks for ages 10 and up. Please contact Sue Bannio with any questions, or to let her know you can come: Text or call: 864.313.4479 or email: 4SueBannio@gmail.com.

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



The Full Choir will sing **Solemn Choral Vespers** for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Wednesday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Church, following the 6:00pm Mass. This service is free and open to the public.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

**Thursday, March 19,
School Mass at 10am in Upper Church**

The St. Joseph Table will be available in the Narthex for school and parishioners to collect non-perishable canned goods.

Friday, March 20, Mass will be in Lower Church

In celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25, we invite **all parishioners who have not yet enrolled in the Confraternity of the Rosary to do so now.**

Please follow this link for more information! <https://www.rosarycenter.org/enroll-in-the-rosary-confraternity>.

"If you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family rosary." Pope Saint Pius X

Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of March 15, will be for the Catholic Relief Services.

SCHOOL NEWS

Mar. 19 School Mass, St. Joseph Feast Day

Spiritual Adoption Sign-Up! *What Is It?* Can you say a two-sentence prayer to Jesus, Mary and Joseph for an unborn child who is in danger of abortion? Please find the Spiritual Adoption box in the Narthex and fill out the form, naming your baby, and cut in half. Place one-half in the green basket. Take the other half as a reminder and take a Prayer Card. Beginning March 25, (Feast of the Annunciation), pray the Spiritual Adoption prayer found on the back of your prayer card.

Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Please Help

- * Hide eggs on Easter Sunday morning
- * Donate pre-filled eggs (drop off in Narthex or School Office before Holy Thursday)
- * Help clean up

Please Call 404-834-6886



Our Knights of Columbus serving **Lenten Fish Dinners** Friday nights in the Gym on **March 20, and 27.**

\$15 for adults, \$10 for ages 7-18, 6 and under, free OR \$50 per family

LENT SCHEDULE

All events in Upper Church unless otherwise noted.

Stations of the Cross

Fridays at 2:15pm

Wednesdays at 5:30pm

Wednesdays During Lent

7:15am	Mass
8:00am-5:00pm	Adoration, Lower Church
4:15-5:15pm	Confessions, Upper and Lower Church
5:15pm	Stations of the Cross
6:00pm	Mass

OCIA

The next class will be held on Wednesday, **Mar. 18**, at 7:00pm in Guadalupe Hall, discussing Catholic Morality and Conscience.



Recently baptized was **Michael Patrick Boynton, Jr.** son of **Michael & Claire Boynton**



We welcome Michael as a new member of the OLR family.

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 Mass at 10:15am in the 5th Grade Classroom. The next session is on **Saturday, April 4.**

Please RSVP Meghan at scnaprofnp@gmail.com or [HERE](#) so we can prepare class materials.

MARCH

UC (Upper Church) LC (Lower Church) JDR (Juan Diego Room) GH (Guadalupe Hall) CAF (Cafeteria) GYM (School Gym)

14 Saturday	Sunday - March 15 <i>4th Sunday of Lent</i>	16 Monday
<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p Leading & Loving, GH 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For David & Scarlett Meade</i> 6:00-8:00p Norris Small Group, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For Joyce Geerts</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For Lloyd & Karen Millegan</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 6:00-8:00p NO Youth Groups</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a Mass, LC <i>For Joan Doherty</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC</p>
17 Tuesday	18 Wednesday	Thursday - 19 <i>Solemnity of St. Joseph</i>
<p>7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p Mass, LC <i>For Ann Scheboth+</i> 12:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:30p Parent Led Rosary, LC 3:00p Girls Choir Practice, UC 7:00p N. Way Bible Studies, GH</p>	<p>7:15a Mass, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 7:15a-5:15p Adoration, LC 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Stations of the Cross, UC 6:00p Mass, UC <i>For Sr. Maria of the Incarnation, OP</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC 7:00p OCIA, GH 7:00p Solemn Choral Vespers for Solemnity of St. Joseph, UC</p>	<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a School Mass, UC <i>(limited seating)</i> <i>For Brooke Renee Baldowski+</i> 10:45a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 3:00p Boys Choir Practice, UC 6:30p Adult Choir Practice, UC 7:00-8:00p Adoration, LC</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Joseph Table will be in the Narthex to collect non-perishable canned goods.</i></p>
20 Friday	21 Saturday	Sunday - 22 <i>5th Sunday of Lent</i>
<p>7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a Daily Mass, LC <i>For Emily Smith</i> 10:00a-12:00p 2nd Grade Confessions, UC 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC 2:15p Stations of the Cross, UC 6:00p Lenten Fish Dinners, GYM</p>	<p>7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:00a-2:00p CLBBY Basketball, GYM 10:00a Baptism, UC 11:00a-2:00p Set Up for Holy Week, UC 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Anticipated Mass, UC <i>For Vita & Carmelo Caruso+</i> 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC</p>	<p>7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a Mass, UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a Mass, UC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p Mass, UC <i>For Nicholas Mayfield</i> 6:00-8:00p MS & HS Youth Groups, GH, GYM, CAF</p>
<p>Please see the OLR websites at olr.church and olr.school for all the most recent news and events.</p>		