



# Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church

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

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**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

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**WEEKDAY 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)

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

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

April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

In this Easter season we are having a lesson in apologetics--how to defend our faith. The cornerstone of apologetics is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

After we dismiss those who say the resurrection was a made up fairy tale to teach that Jesus' loving spirit was still alive in the world, we have two categories of people who deny the fact of the resurrection: those who say He never died in the first place, and those who say He died, but something else happened to His body.

Both groups of people come up with a whole range of different theories to try to explain away the fact of the resurrection. Let's take those who say Jesus didn't really die first.

Some say Jesus didn't really die. Someone else died instead. Maybe it was a clever lookalike that His disciples substituted. Others say it was really Judas and Jesus survived. Still others argue that it was really Jesus' kinsman, James, who died on the cross. There is no evidence of any kind that this could possibly be true. In fact these are all theories made up to try to explain the fact of the resurrection.

To believe this, we have to believe that the Jewish and Roman authorities got the wrong man, put him on trial publicly and executed him publicly. Are we to believe that the Jews would make such a mistake? They were intent on Jesus' death and they were so determined that they trooped Jesus in to Pilate and Herod, and then asked for soldiers to guard his tomb. So they would have gone to all this trouble, but made the mistake of executing the wrong fellow? I don't think so.

Furthermore, wouldn't the condemned man have protested that they had the wrong person? There is no record of this. The condemned man didn't say "I'm a patsy!" He suffered in silence and answered Pilate's questions with sad dignity that fits perfectly with the personality of the Jesus we know through the gospels.

Finally, we know it was Jesus who died because of the witnesses at the crucifixion. Would John the Apostle have been heartbroken if he knew an impostor was on the cross? Would Peter have been wracked with guilt if he knew he hadn't really betrayed his Master? Would the Blessed Mother have been tortured with grief at the death of her son if she knew it was really someone else? Were they all pretending?

Would they have ended up giving up everything and being tortured and killed, still perpetrating the hoax?

No. It really was Jesus of Nazareth who died on the cross that day--not somebody else.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Your Pastor,  
Fr. Longenecker

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## Parish Operating Financials

Collection for the week ending Apr.19, 2026

Needed: \$ 25,500.  
Received: \$ 26,705.  
Surplus: \$ 1,205.

Year-to-Date Collections through Week #43  
in the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025.

Needed: \$ 1,096,500.  
Received: \$ 1,189,582.  
Surplus: \$ 93,082.

## MOTHER TERESA HOUSE

*"If thou art in quest of some other impersonation of the doorkeeper, bethink thee of the Holy Spirit; for the Holy Spirit will not think it unmeet to be the doorkeeper, when the Son has thought it meet to be Himself the door. Look at the doorkeeper as perhaps the Holy Spirit: about Him the Lord saith to His disciples, "He shall guide you into all truth." What is the door? Christ. What is Christ? The Truth. Who, then, openeth the door, but He who guideth into all truth?"*

### St Augustine, Tracate on John's Gospel

Christ is both the Gate and the Gatekeeper as well as the shepherd and the sheep/lamb. Jesus said *"I am the way, the truth, and the life"*. Peter reminds us of the path of suffering for doing what is good, and that those who were led astray (the sheep) being brought home by the Shepherd. Peter says *"Repent and be baptized"*, which we must do daily. We repent and ask forgiveness, and must go to confession often. Many of those I deal with at MTH are the lost sheep the Lord is looking for. Please continue to pray for them, to turn to Shepherd and be saved.

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

**Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us and hear his words, "I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."**

By your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you reveal the love of the "Good Shepherd" to your suffering brothers and sisters.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Alibozek, Delores Almaraz, Barbara Andersen, Ruth Ballard, Laurie Bernard, Eric Best, Glen Bischof, Silessa 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, Tonya Lucas, 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, Jim Wood, Guesler Zesir, and all who are sick.

## YOUTH GROUP

**April 26** We will NOT have our regular meeting.

*This weekend, April 25/26 the Blessing Table will be available for those that wish to have religious items blessed. The deacons will be in the Narthex after all the Masses.*

Our **Seven Sisters Apostolate** is seeking additional women to pray one Holy Hour a week for Fr. Longenecker as he prepares to retire in December.

If you would like to show your appreciation for his 16 years of faithful service at OLR in this way, please contact Pat Wilder at 864-663-9565. Go [HERE](#) for more information.

Everyone is invited to the school's **Annual Spring Concert** on Thursday, **May 14**, at 6:00pm in Upper Church.

The Annual **Art Exhibition** will open immediately after the concert, in the Gym.

The Full Choir will sing **Solemn Vespers** for the Ascension of the Lord on Sunday, **May 17**, at 4:00 pm in the Upper Church.

### Dates to Remember

**Saturday, May 2 First Holy Communion**  
10:00am in Upper Church, with reception following in the Gym.

**Monday, May 4 Confirmation** with our Bishop, 6:00pm in Upper Church, with reception following.

Pat May will be hosting a **new fellowship and adult education course** on Saturday evenings after the 5pm Mass, May 16 - June 13.

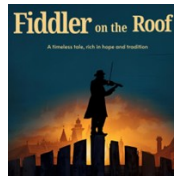
**"Behold the Lamb"** will delve into the Biblical symbolism of the Lamb of God, and show how it is all fulfilled in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Join us to meet new friends, deepen your faith, and invite non-Catholics for this time of fellowship and faith sharing. The course is free, but please register [HERE](#) so we can plan effectively.



Join St. Martha's Book Club at Augusta Road Library on Monday, **May 4**, at 12:30 pm as we discuss **"Rosemary Cottage" by Colleen Coble**. Call (864) 360-2406 for more info.

## SCHOOL NEWS

**April 27** 1st Communion - Rehearsal, 7:00pm in Upper Church  
**May 1** NO School  
**May 14** Spring Concert, 6:00pm, Upper Church



Please come and support the students of the Upper School in this year's Spring Musical: **Fiddler on the Roof**.

Final performances will be April 30-May 2, beginning at 7 pm in Guadalupe Hall.

Don't wait to get your tickets as the performances are quickly selling out! Tickets are available on the school website at [olr.school](#) or [HERE](#).

### Summer Camps at OLR

Sign Ups are now open, please go [HERE](#) to see the listing.

Payment is due at sign up.



Due to First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2, we will NOT have the usual First Saturday Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service.

**The next Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service** will be on Saturday, **June 6**, at 9:30am, in Upper Church.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION with All Night Vigil



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Lower Church on **Friday, May 1**.

It begins immediately following the 10:00am Mass and continues until Saturday, May 2, at 9:00am.

Please sign up [HERE](#).

Diocesan Second Collection for the Weekend of April 26, will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal.

Recently baptized was

**Eli Evans Taylor**

son of

**Matthew & Katherine Taylor**

*We welcome Eli 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, May 2**.

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

## APRIL - MAY

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

<b>25</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - 26</b> <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	<b>27</b> <b>Monday</b>
7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b> , UC <i>For The People</i> 7:00p Upper School Musical, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Justin Kuhlman</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For James Cronican+</i> 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Sr. Ann of the Cross, OP</i> 6:00-8:00p <b>NO</b> Youth Group	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 8:30a <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For Rory DuPont+</i> 9:00a-1:00p Adoration, UC 9:15a Divine Mercy Chaplet, LC
<b>28</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Thursday</b>
7:00a Cursillo Group, GH 7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 12:00p <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For Gerard Condron+</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 7:00p First Holy Communion Rehearsal, UC	7:15a <b>Mass</b> , UC 8:00a-5:00p Adoration, LC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 3:00p Schola Practice, UC 4:15-5:15p Confessions, LC 5:15p Benediction, LC 6:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Josephine E. Suit Howard+</i> 6:45p Divine Mercy Chaplet, UC	7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>Mass</b> , LC <i>For Brady Alpin</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 7:00p Upper School Musical, GH
<b>MAY 1</b> <b>Friday</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday - 3</b> <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
7:00a Morning Prayer, UC 8:00a-5:00p School Events, GH 10:00a <b>School Mass</b> , UC (limited seating) <i>For Sr. Ann Joseph, OP</i> 11-12:00a First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil, LC 11:00a Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Our Lady's Prayer Warriors, UC 7:00p Upper School Musical, GH	12:00-9:00a First Friday Adoration with All Night Vigil, LC 7:00-9:00a Men's Basketball, GYM 9:30a <b>NO</b> First Saturday Pro-Life Mass and Healing Service 10:00a First Holy Communion, UC 11:00a First Holy Communion Reception, GYM 3:30-4:30p Confessions, UC 4:30p Choir Practice, GH 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Anticipated Mass</b> , UC <i>For Thomas Gillen+</i> 7:00p Upper School Musical, GH 8:00p Neocatechumenal Way, LC	7:30a Choir Practice, GH 8:00a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For The People</i> 9:00a Choir Practice, UC 9:00-10:00a Confessions, UC 10:00a Rosary, UC 10:30a <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Clare Malena</i> 12:00p Baptism, UC 4:30p Rosary, UC 5:00p <b>Mass</b> , UC <i>For Baltruweit-Hale Family+</i> 6:00-8:00p Youth Groups, CAF, GH, GYM
Please see the OLR websites at <a href="http://olr.church">olr.church</a> and <a href="http://olr.school">olr.school</a> for all the most recent news and events.		