

Lectors

February 16th – Monica Randle
February 23rd - Maura Sweeney
March 2nd - Marilyn Baker
March 9th – Loretta Johnson
March 16th – Franchiel Nyakatura
March 23rd – Larry Poole

Eucharistic Ministers

February 2nd – February 23 – 2025
Marilyn Baker & Sr. Therese Bangert
March 2nd – March 30 – 2025
Franchiel Nyakatura & Tanya Selectman

OLSR needs you to be a Eucharistic Minister.
Please contact Barbara at the church office or
speak with Deacon Bill after Mass.

Please pray for the members and their families who are ill or unable to attend Mass. If you or a family member or friend request prayers for someone we will print them on our Prayer List. Please contact either church office to renew, add, or remove a name from the list.

Delories Broussard - Lawrence Brooks
Darsie Clark - Linda Chaplin
Evalena Davidson - Bernice Ingram
Leonard Johnson- Kathy Ness
Franchiel Nyakatura
Robert Perkins - Louise Pollard
Levita Ross - Frances Smith
Sr. Mary Geraldine

Wilton Daniel Gregory, born on December 7, 1947, is a prominent American Catholic leader who held the position of Archbishop of Washington from 2019 to 2025. He was elevated to the rank of cardinal by Pope Francis in 2020, making history as the first cardinal of African-American descent.

Prior to his role as Archbishop of Washington, Gregory served as an auxiliary bishop in the Archdiocese of Chicago from 1983 to 1994, then as Bishop of Belleville from 1994 to 2004, and later as Archbishop of Atlanta from 2005 until 2019.

He made history as the first African-American to serve as president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) from 2001 to 2004.

On Jan. 6, Pope Francis accepted the resignation of Cardinal Gregory as the archbishop of Washington. As required by Church law, Cardinal Gregory had submitted his resignation to the pope two years ago after he turned 75 on Dec. 7, 2022. Due to a snowstorm, Cardinal Gregory and Cardinal McElroy issued their remarks at a Jan. 6 virtual press conference at St. Matthew’s Cathedral.)

Cardinal Robert McElroy, the bishop of the Catholic Diocese of San Diego, was named by Pope Francis as the new archbishop of Washington, succeeding Cardinal Gregory, who has served in that role since 2019

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church

2300 N. 8th Street – Kansas City, Ks. 66101

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time

February 16, 2025

Sunday Mass 11:00AM



Don Wolf

Mission Statement

Our Lady & St. Rose Catholic Church is a faith-filled, diverse, family community, devoted to fulfilling the Gospel and God’s commandment to love one another through worship, evangelization, and works of justice and charity.

Blessed if you Know, the World is to Be Used to Get to God.

In today’s Gospel we recollect Jesus’s beatitudes according to Luke. Beatitude is another word for blessing for it comes from the Latin word, *beatitudo*, which means "blessedness". So how according to Jesus will we know that we are blessed? May you be poor, go hungry, weep, and be hated, insulted and despised. Well those hardly seem like blessings at all. One shouldn’t wonder why so many today hustle to join the camp of woe with its: riches, feasting, and laughing. This blessedness that Jesus describes is mysterious because it is the opposite of what you expect. As disciples of Jesus we are like Jacob in Genesis 2:6 when he wrestles with God’s angel. Angel means messenger and so we wrestle with God’s message. We like Jacob say, “I will not you go until you bless me.” The blessing here is found by reconciling how what seems a curse is a blessing and what seems a blessing is a curse, and it is reconciled by our faith in the resurrection of the dead.

C.S. Lewis summed up these beatitudes by saying, “Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth 'thrown in': aim at Earth and you will get neither.” Ultimately, Jesus wants for all who accept his love to experience the joy of wealth, feasting, and laughing. However, those are just happy side effects of the ultimate happiness that comes from being in face to face communion with God which is Heaven. No matter what you or others achieve in this life, it will eventually end. Most of us will be forgotten within decades of our deaths, and those who make a mark on history will too be forgotten as history erodes into entropy.

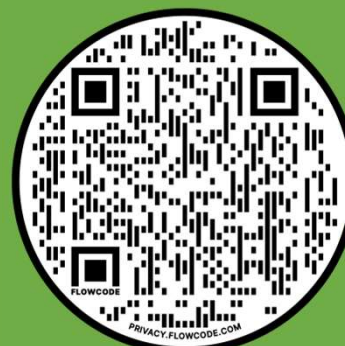
Jesus, is teaching us to see the gift of this life and this world not as an end but as a means to an end. Our end is to become holy and enter into eternal friendship with God, His angels, and His saints. This beatific friendship is what we Heaven really is. However, if we don’t choose Heaven and instead chose the pleasures of this life over our duty to love God and our neighbor; well then, there is Hell to pay.

Deacon Bill Scholl

- Msgr Stuart Swetland, *Pastor*
- Deacon Bill Scholl, *Parish Administrator*
- Ms. Barbara Bailey, *Pastoral Associate*
- Patricia Goering and Anthony Marie Johnson *Religious Educ*
- Ms. Lorraine Long, *Dir. Of Music*
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Young Disciples In Training
Contact Anthony Marie Johnson

Adult Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sundays

Join In And Sing**Devotional:**

BB NBR 613– If God Is For Us

Processional Song:

BB NBR 603 – They'll Know We Are Christians

Mass of Sr Thea Bowman

The Liturgy Of The Word:**First Reading:**

BB – PG 71 – Jeremiah 17 vs 5-8

Responsorial:

BB–PG 72 –Psalm 1 vs 1-2,3,4-6

Second Reading:

BB–PG 72 – 1 Corinthians 15 vs 12,16-20

Gospel Reading:

BB-PG 72 – Luke 6 vs 17, 20-26

Preparation Of The Gift

LMGM PG 576 – I Will Trust In The Lord

Holy, Holy, Holy: Mass of Sr Thea
Memorial Acclamat.: Mass of Sr. Thea
Lord's Prayer: Malotte
Amen Mass of Sr Thea
Lamb Of God: Mass of Sr Thea

Communion:

LMGM PG 751 – Jesus Is Here Right Now

Meditation: BB NBR 602 - Stand and Sing -
 Lift Every Voice And Sing Lorraine Long

Recessional:

BB NBR 569 – How Can I Keep From Singing

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Sunday Morning 10:15am

Blessed are you who are poor. (Luke 6:20)

Can you imagine telling someone without a job or a place to live, “Look at how much God has blessed you!” That’s not something anyone should do, and it’s not what Jesus is doing in today’s Gospel. He is doing two things: he is proclaiming God’s care and concern for those who are materially poor, and he is announcing blessings on “his disciples,” who have “left everything and followed him” (Luke 6:20; 5:11). He is blessing all those who have accepted the poverty, the hardship, and the rejection they are experiencing as followers of Jesus.

The Greek word that is translated as “blessed” in today’s Gospel carries a number of meanings, including “happy,” “fortunate,” or “enjoying divine favor.” So Jesus is reinforcing for his disciples that the life they have chosen is ultimately a life of happiness. He promises them “the kingdom of God” (Luke 6:20). He promises them that the day is coming when they, along with all those trapped in poverty, will “laugh” and “leap for joy” (6:21, 23).

He makes the same promises to you.

Jesus knows how challenging it can be to live out the call to discipleship. He knows there are days when you feel as if you’re always swimming against the current of the world. He sees the sacrifices you make to be generous with your resources. He sees your humility as you strive to forgive those who have hurt you.

If this describes you in any way, then know that Jesus calls you blessed. Know that he is promising you all the joys of his kingdom. And know that he is blessing you *right now*. As Jeremiah proclaimed in today’s first reading, he is making you as strong as a “tree planted beside the waters” (17:8). Even if you don’t feel particularly blessed today, you can still take heart because Jesus is faithful to all his promises.

“Lord, help me to trust in your blessings when the call to discipleship feels hard.”

The Word Among Us**Weekly Stewardship 2/09 /2025**

Collected \$ 1,937.00	Collected Fiscal \$ 56,966.00
Collected Online \$ 445.00	Collected Online \$ 13,442.00
Needed Weekly \$ 3,100.00	Needed YTD \$ 89,900.00
Difference \$- 718.00	Difference YTD \$- 19,492.00

Capital Improvement YTD \$720.00

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ourladyandsaintrose.weshareonline.org**

YOUNG DISCIPLES IN TRAINING FAMILY

Family Faith Formation: Empowering parents to be faith leaders! Sunday School reimagined for today’s families.

Includes Grow Your Child’s Faith First You Learn and Then You Teach

Bible Based Fun Lessons
 Community Service Teen Activities
 Love Christ, Know Christ, Show Christ
 Family Time Not Screentime!

Adults & Youth on the following Sunday’s
 After Mass 12:30 to 2:00pm
 March 16, 2025
 April 20, 2025
 Call or Text Anthony Marie Johnson
 (913) 972-0681 or (913) 535-6167

For **Black History Month**, each Sunday in February there will be a different presentation at the meditation:

3rd Sunday – Black Catholic Composers – Lorraine Long

4th Sunday – Black Catholic Educators in Public Schools – Felicia Safir

22ND Annual Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men’s Conference New Orleans is the host city for the 2025 Black Catholic Men's Conference on September 4-7, 2025

Registration Fee: \$175.00 adult - \$100.00 Youth age 10-17.

Hilton Riverside Hotel – 2 Poydras Street – New Orleans, LA 70130

Booking Link: <https://book.passkey.com/event/50961024/owner/107/home>

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven