Our Lady of the Rosary Pastoral Council Minutes

Meeting Date and Time	May 19, 2025 6:30 PM	
Meeting Location	OLR Rosary Hall	
Members Present	Patricia Farner, Kathi McLendon, Esperanza Rincon, Orla Kelly-Rajan, Jim Mach, Holly Turnage, John Lombardi, Father Sabastian, Kevin Bertelsen, Maryzabel Hernandez, Brandon Shriver	
Members Absent	Zusana Herrara, Ann Kolb, Donaciano Corona	
Guests/Other Members		
Meeting Presider	Kevin Bertelsen	

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Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading/Sharing	Opening Prayer 1 Corinthians 12:4-11	Kathi McLendon presented the opening prayer and scripture reading followed by a discussion on what special gift each member brings to the Council.
Pastor's Welcome	Father Sabastion welcomed the members and encouraged them to focus on completion of Action Plan goals and activities.	
Approval of Minutes		John Lombardi moved the minutes be approved; Orla Kelly Rajan seconded. Motion passed.
Amendment/ Additions to the Agenda		No additions or amendments
	Building and Facilities (George Olmoz was unable to attend the meeting but provided a report via email.)	Faucet in the Parish Center is fixed. The blockage in the men's room in Rosary Hall is resolved. All items will need continued maintenance.
	Liturgy and Worship : Orla reported that 27 individuals received their firsti Holy Communion on May 17 and 18. On May 23, 36 individuals were confirmed. The Blessed Virgin May was crowned in the Narthex as well as the outside statue.	
	Issues with consistent and timely scheduling of ushers were brought up. John confirmed with Father that only one lector would be assigned for the vigil and Sunday English Mass during the travel season (June – September).	Orla will meet with Father to develop a smoother process for the scheduling of Liturgical Ministers.
	Parish Life; Orla announced that Ginger Leonard, the current chair of the Parish Life Ministry, is resigning. A replacement is needed.	
Business of the Day	Pastoral Council Action Items	
	Conversational English Classes: Orla is working with Davidson Davie Community College to arrange for an ESL teacher to teach class at the church versus the college itself.	
	Joyful GiftsJoyful Giving: Discussion was held on the appropriate month and activities related to Joyful GiftsJoyful Giving.	It was determined to designate September as Joyful GiftsJoyful Giving month. A Stewardship Fair will be held the third weekend in September. Announcements will be

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		made during the weekend Masses two weeks prior to the Fair. Additionally, Kathi will prepare announcements for the Sunday bulletin from June – September with brief descriptions of various stewardship options. Online and paper copy forms have been developed for parishioners to select their stewardship preferences.
	Unity Prayer: Kevin submitted three possibilities for the unity prayer. Members liked the first one from Ephesians and the third one, a combination of various prayers and scripture.	Kathi will email members a copy of the three prayers to study more closely. The adopted prayer will be recited at the end of the announcements at the beginning of English Masses and at the end of Spanish Masses.
	Oversight of Blessing Box: Pat reported that the Youth Group would take the lead in overseeing the Blessing Box.	Pairs of Youth Group members will take turns stocking items and keeping the box clean.
Other business	Discussion on future of Pumpkin Patch:	It was determined to not sponsor the Pumpkin Patch in 2025.
	Pastoral Council Updates to the Parish: Discussion was held on the most appropriate process to keep parishioners up-to-date on Council activities.	It was determined that a Council member would provide an update at all weekend Masses following the Pastoral Council meeting each month. At this time, any new parishioners will be asked to stand and be recognized. Pastoral Council members will wear their badges on these dates and greet parishioners in the Narthex.
Announcements	Father announced that the Hispanic community is sponsoring a fundraiser on May 30 that will include food, music and dancing. The event will take place at the Anchor Ballroom at 331 Young Drive from 7:00 PM – midnight. Kevin will welcome the Confirmation students on May 23 on	
	behalf of the Pastoral Council. A paid custodian has been hired to clean the church two times/week.	
	Kathi brought up an issue with the current condition of the concrete entrance to the church. She suggested we explore the option of installing stamped concrete. She will send photos of stamping examples.	
	Father suggested that the church could use a new tabernacle. Pat moved that the meeting be adjourned/ Brandon	
November 11	seconded.	
Next meeting date	Monday, July 28 (no meeting in June) Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading: Esperanza	

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Closing prayer	Father	
Meeting adjourned at:	8:00 PM	
Minutes submitted by:	Kathi McLendon	

OLR LITURGY AND WORSHIP COMMISSION

This commission is concerned with discerning, training, developing, scheduling and the renewal of laity in their participation in liturgical celebrations, especially the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy communion, lectors, servers, ushers, cantors and those involved in all areas of musical planning and participation.

The commission assists the Pastor with the liturgical and sacramental needs of the parish community including those of shut-ins, care-givers, the ill, nursing home residents and all others in unusual situations or needing assistance.

The commission assists in the coordination of liturgical or special celebrations and events as needed by the pastor and works with other commissions and parish organizations.

Types of Liturgical Ministers and leads are:

- 1. Lectors John Lombardi and Rodrigo Yanez
- 2. Eucharistic ministers Bob DuCharme, Sonia Franco
- 3. Altar servers Yazmin Velasquez
- 4. Music Kathy Gwynn, Donaciano Corona
- 5. Ushers Helen Greco, Maria Ines DelaCruz
- 6. Liturgical Arts & Sacred Environment Kathi McLendon