

Our Lady of the Rosary Pastoral Council Minutes

Meeting Date and Time	July 29, 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 Oscar, Kevin Bertelsen, Donaciano Corona
Members Absent	Ann Kolb, Maryzabel Hernandez, Brandon Shriver
Guests/Other Members	Helen Greco, Debbie Jansen
Meeting Presider	Kevin Bertelsen

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS/DECISIONS
Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading/Sharing	Shared by Esperanza Rincon	
Pastor's Welcome	Kevin welcomed Father Oscar to his first OLR Pastoral Council meeting. Father expressed his desire for everyone to work together in unity.	
Approval of Minutes		John Lombardi moved the minutes be approved; Holly Turnage seconded. Motion passed.
Amendment/ Additions to the Agenda		No additions or amendments
Recognition of commissions and groups	No reports at this time.	
Business of the Day	Pastoral Council Action Items Conversational English Classes: Orla reported that the program director at DDCC is willing to offer classes at the church if the college's budget will allow it. Text Messaging: Kathi reported that permission forms in English and Spanish are ready for distribution to parishioners who wish to receive text messages on important church updates. Church Announcements: John reported that church announcements will now be made immediately before the 5:00 Saturday and 9:00 Sunday Masses begin. Joyful Gifts...Joyful Giving: The Stewardship Fair that includes options for parishioners to get involved through church volunteers, community outreach, and evangelization and discipleship, will be held at weekend Masses on September 20 and 21. Hard copy forms as well as online forms will be made available for parishioners to select the various ways they will contribute their time, talent, or treasures. The Liturgical Ministry Fair will be held after October 11 and 12 Masses to solicit volunteers for ushers, eucharistic	Orla will follow up with her after the college receives its new budget. Father Oscar offered his assistance as well. After the meeting, Father requested that we hold off on text messaging until he has more time to review communications. The August meeting will be used to plan details for the two fairs.

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	ministers, lectors, music ministry, altar servers, etc. Unity Prayer: Father Sabastian suggested that we give Father Oscar the opportunity to make changes to the unity prayer before distribution. Kathi will send the prayer to Father Oscar for his review. Kathi recommended that one consolidated prayer sheet be printed and laminated that includes Anima Christi, the unity prayer, and the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel. October Church Picnic: Pastoral Council Progress Report: Kathi emailed a draft progress report to the members.	Father Oscar approved the prayer, and copies were distributed in the church pews. It was decided to hold the church picnic in the spring instead of October so it would not interfere with planning for the Hispanic Festival and Our Lady of the Rosary feast day. Members were asked to submit any changes to the draft progress report to Kathi by Friday. Kevin will prepare a summary report to deliver during the weekend Masses.
Other business	Audiovisual Update: No action to report Diocesan Survey: The results are now available. A committee is being formed to review the results and prepare a summary report for the parishioners. Kathi asked for volunteers to serve on the committee. The survey results will be sent to Father Oscar for review as well. OLR Feast Day: The actual feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary is on Tuesday, October 7. It was suggested that we plan a potluck dinner celebration on Friday, October 3 at 6:30. The parish will supply meat; parishioners will bring sides. Receiving the Eucharist: Father explained that parishioners need to know the proper manner in which to receive the Eucharist with more reverence. Meeting Dates: Father suggested that Pastoral Council meetings be held on another day other than Monday. After discussion that basically eliminated the other days as viable options, it was decided to have meetings every other month on Mondays.	Father offered to contact a bishop in Miami from Nicaragua to check on his availability as a guest speaker. An announcement will be made in the church bulletin and during church announcements explaining the proper way to receive the Eucharist.
Announcements	The Youth Group will sponsor a soccer tournament during the Hispanic Festival on September 14. Confessions will now be heard every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. Adoration on Tuesday at 6:00 PM will be moved to another day. Father suggested that the tabernacle be switched with the one in the church office. Father would like to conduct a bible study from Genesis to	

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	Jesus for the Pastoral Council members. He would also like to plan a Mass and dinner for the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. Father announced that he wants everyone to be involved in communication and decisions. Additionally, he would like to solicit three volunteers to visit parishioners in the hospital.	Pat moved to adjourn the meeting; Kathi seconded. Motion passed.
Next meeting date	Monday, August 25 Opening Prayer and Scripture Reading: Brandon Shriver	
Closing prayer	Father	
Meeting adjourned at:	8:30 PM	
Minutes submitted by:	Kathi McLendon	