



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
November 27, 2016

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Many people are so busy with the day's work, that they lose track of the whole picture, the real goal of our lives. The whole picture is our eternal life with God. Sometimes, working for this enormously great goal gets put on the back burner and sometimes off the stove.

In the work on devils, C.S. Lewis describes the senior devil teaching the junior devils that the best way "to get" people is to convince them that there is "no hurry." When the last sickness comes, and we can barely say one prayer because of sickness or semi-consciousness, the spirit of evil has kept us from a close relationship with our Creator. Yet, developing this relationship with God is the purpose of our lives on earth.

The Church, in her wisdom, gives us the Advent season to stop and see the whole picture, the indescribable importance of the birth of the Savior. Yet, custom and the secular world make the weeks before Christmas the busiest weeks of the year. So the Church puts an emphasis on Advent, that great season of extra prayers and good works.

Doesn't it bother us to have people say, "Happy Holidays," in order to avoid the word Christmas, which carries with it the name of Christ? The more nativity scenes the better, on our cards, in our homes and in our yards. The Advent wreath, with the evergreen foliage that survives the winter, reminds us that we can survive the winters of our lives.

There is a two-fold aspect of our Advent readings: 1) The historic longing and waiting for the First Coming of Christ in Bethlehem, and; 2) The Second Coming, when He "comes back to take us to Himself." We need to delve into the Old Testament history, reading about Isaiah and other prophets

predicting the coming of Jesus. The first aspect is satisfied when we celebrate on Christmas the actual coming of Jesus as that Infant in Bethlehem. The Second Coming of Christ is the longing for heaven. We may not know we have that longing, but as one experiences one desire after another on this earth, we say with St Augustine:

LORD, OUR HEARTS WERE
MADE FOR YOU AND THEY
WILL NEVER REST UNTIL THEY
REST IN YOU.

I love the way Thanksgiving rolls right into the Advent season because we need to keep the spirit of giving thanks right through Advent, thanking God for the Gift of all gifts, the gift of His Son born in Bethlehem.

Advent is a holy season, meaning extra prayers or extra effort in the daily prayers we say already. We know the greatest of prayers is the offering of Jesus to the Father at Mass on Sundays and, if possible, during the week.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

First Friday Devotions will be held on
Friday, December 2, at 6:00 a.m.

First Saturday Devotions will be held on
Saturday, December 3, at 7:15 a.m.



Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Kenneth Huie, Melanie
Gilchrist, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth

Members of any groups who meet at Our Lady of Sorrows and celebrate Mass at their meetings are encouraged to attend a class on Thursday, December 1. John Tombrello, Head Sacristan, will teach individuals the proper set-up for Mass and Adoration. Groups are strongly advised to

send a representative to learn the proper set-up, as the responsibility will fall to them. Please join us in the Church at 6:30 p.m.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Nov. 28	Sp. Int. John David Barranco Peggy Beuerlein Darrell Marcum
Tuesday, Nov. 29	Special Intention Sp. Int. Vita D'Amico
Wednesday, Nov. 30	Sp. Int. Claudia & Jude Tombrello Patrick Baker Charlotte Lewis
Thursday, Dec. 1	Sp. Int. Victor Hugh Rumore Special Intention Louise Battaglia
Friday, Dec. 2	The Hahn Family Living & Deceased Walter Cooney Louise Battaglia Charlie Shaffer
Saturday, Dec. 3	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Bill Stephens Charlie Shaffer
Sunday, Dec. 4	People of Parish Louise Battaglia Sp. Int. Micki Elkins

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Tuesday at Noon (With Partner)**
- Tuesday at 1 PM (With Partner)**
- Tuesday at 4 PM (With Partner)**
- Wednesday at 5 PM**
- Thursday at 2 AM (With Partner) Sacrificial Hour**
- Saturday at 9:00 AM (With Partner)**
- Sunday at 11 AM**
- Sunday at 11 PM**

Our goal is to have at least 2 people on each hour. These are the hours needed, but do select an hour that best fits your schedule.

Please call Mary Claire Brouillette at 871-2909 or Trudy Carpri at 643-0248.

“Our own belief is that the renovation fo the world will be brought about only by Holy eucharist Adoration.”

Pope Leo XIII (The Rosary Pope)

Everyone is welcome to attend **Adult Education: Encounter and Evangelize** on Sunday, December 4. Our speaker will be Dolores Milazzo Hicks. Her topic is *Life in the Spirit*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word News

Children’s Liturgy will not meet on Sunday, November 27, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will resume on Sunday, December 4, at the 8:30 a.m. mass. Also, Children’s Liturgy will participate in the **Birthday Party for Jesus** on Sunday, December 11, with a presentation of the birth of Jesus according to the Gospel of Luke. We invite all children of the parish to participate, and to that end we will hold a practice on Sunday, December 4, at 11:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall (after PSR classes). Snacks will be provided. For further information please contact Greg Harber, 205-251-2133 (home) or gharber@mindspring.com

Here’s the Scoop on MID Youth Group!

Nov. 27: No meeting. Happy Thanksgiving!

Dec. 4: We are hosting a Stop Hunger Now event in the Assembly Hall. Edge will meet in the Parish Hall for dinner at 7 p.m. and then move to the FLC at 7:30 to package dinners. We need lots of volunteers to meet our goal. Please sign up for the third session at <http://events.stophungernow.org/OLS2016>

Dec. 6: We will join the Elementary and High School Youth Groups to march in the Homewood Christmas Parade. Meet in the FLC at 4:45 p.m. for pizza before we walk to the library to line up. The parade starts at 6 p.m. Please wear red or white. If you would like to dress as a shepherd, email carol@olsyouth.com to reserve a costume. Let’s have a great turnout to represent Edge Youth Group!

**What's Goin on
In High School Youth Group?**

No youth group on Sunday, November 27.
Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Dec. 4: We will continue with our Year of Mercy series!

Learn how you can get involved at www.olsyouth.com.

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St. Vincent's Hospital admissions does not automatically register Catholic patients with Pastoral Care. It is up to individuals to let the hospital know that they are Catholic and would like to receive Communion. We would like all of our parishioners to receive as often as they like, but you will need to let the St. Vincent's Hospital staff know upon admission.



Please join the Altar Sodality for a Rosary on Wednesday, December 7, at 9:45 a.m. in the Church. All are welcome.

Dementia Caregivers Support Group

Are you a caregiver for someone who has dementia (there are many kinds, including Alzheimer's disease)? A new caregiver's support group meets on Monday's from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center Library. We will take some time, weekly, to be with friends and remind ourselves that Christ is with us through all the difficulties and blessings we encounter. We will share our experiences, get helpful information about this disease from experts in the field, and learn about resources available for caregivers and their affected loved ones. For more information, please contact Lanell Carroll at 427-6391.



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
IS LOOKING FOR 300 VOLUNTEERS TO
HELP PACKAGE MEALS FOR THOSE IN
NEED!**

**Sunday, December 4th
in the Family Life Center**

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| Shift 1 | 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. |
| Shift 2 | 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. |
| Shift 3 | 7:30 p.m. – Middle School Youth |

We invite anyone 4+ to participate; this is a great way to give back during Advent.

**To register, go to
www.ourladyofsorrows.com.**

You can also call Angie Dunston at 871-3253 or Suzanne Corso at 871-1431.

“SHADOW DAYS”

OLS School is offering an opportunity for your child to experience a day in the life of an OLS Student by “shadowing” a current first through seventh grader. Don't miss this great opportunity! Call this week to arrange a Shadow Day (Thursdays only) for your child at 879-3237...and find out how you can empower your child's future with an affordable Catholic education. *Growing our children in*