



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
January 8, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Today is the feast of the Epiphany, the coming of the Wise Men from the East to visit and pay homage to the new born King, Jesus. The Epiphany was formerly celebrated on January 6, but because it is such a great feast and not everyone gets to Mass on a feast during the week, it is transferred now to the Sunday closest to January 6.

When the Wise Men came from gentile territory, it was a sign that this was an invitation from God, through the star, to visit the new born Savior. That Savior was manifested to the gentile world and, indeed, the Gentiles were also in God's plan for all to be co-heirs, co-partners with the Jews to share heaven.

As we celebrate this great feast, **FIRST** we emphasize God's great GIFT to us, gentiles, to be invited to the happiness of heaven. **SECOND**, we take the example of the Wise Men with their struggle, travelling in dangerous territories and in hardships **TO SEE JESUS**. What a lesson from the Wise Men, as we know that **TO SEE JESUS IS A STRUGGLE AND WE SHOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO SEE THE SAVIOR EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES**.

We are only eight days into the 365 days of 2017, and it is not too late to thank God for the blessings of 2016. We have had the grace to offer sickness and all problems to Him. Most especially, we have had innumerable opportunities to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and have received endless graces in addition, given by our loving Savior.

It is not too late to make resolutions to live better in our relationship with God and others. Life is a series of resolutions, and without them we are on the **SLIPPERY SLOPE**.

We need to make specific resolutions. Should it be more prayer? When? What prayers? How about realizing our bodies are temples of God? Could we take better care of them and stop excessive smoking, drinking, and eating? How do we treat others, especially members of our own families?

I once heard someone say the only way to keep a New Year's resolution is to:

1. Only make one or two;
2. Ask God for help, and;
3. Ask ourselves at the end of each day if we have kept the resolutions.

Many thanks for your cards and gifts. Best wishes to you for your health and happiness this coming year.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Mass Intentions

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| Monday, Jan. 9 | Fr. Louis Giardino Patrick Baker Walter Cooney |
| Tuesday, Jan. 10 | Special Intention Josephine Russo & Marie Winningham Mary Dirgo |
| Wednesday, Jan. 11 | Special Intention Fr. Kevin Walton Walter Cooney |
| Thursday, Jan. 12 | Fr. Louis Giardino Louise Battaglia Frank Beuerlein |
| Friday, Jan. 13 | Special Intention Louise Battaglia Fr. Kevin Walton |
| Saturday, Jan. 14 | Donors to OLS School Foundation Louise Battaglia Walter Cooney |
| Sunday, Jan. 15 | People of the Parish Louise Battaglia Fr. Kevin Walton |

The RCIA Class will meet earlier than usual on Monday, January 9, in order to accommodate those wishing to watch the National Championship football game. Dinner will be served at 5:30 and the lecture will begin at 5:45. There will be no small groups.



Jeanne Wright, Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Kenneth Huie, Melanie Gilchrist, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Pete Rouveyrol

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Sunday at Noon (With a Partner)

Tuesday at 1 PM (With Partner)

Tuesday at 4 PM (With Partner)

Saturday at 11:00 AM (With Partner)

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.

"The Holy Hour becomes like an oxygen tank to revive the breath of the Holy Spirit in the midst of the foul and fetid atmosphere of the world." *Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen 1895-1979*

Everyone is welcome to attend **Adult Education: Encounter and Evangelize** on Sunday January 15. Our speaker will be Dale Wisely, PhD. His topic is *The Dark Night: Clinical Depression in Our Families*. The gathering begins in the **Family Life Center** at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments. The class begins at 10 a.m.

Our Lady of Grace Guild will meet in the Sodality Room on Monday, January 9, at 10:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your sandwich and canned goods for the Catholic Center of Concern.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sodality Room. Please call Mary Rupinski at 356-6794 for more information.

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

January 8: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. with the Matthew Kelly series. We'll start a brand new LifeNight series at 7 p.m. – this week we will focus on Jesus' Presence in the Sacraments.

Wed. Jan. 11: Pizza and Prayer at 7 p.m. Food, prayer, fun and open gym!

March for Life meeting for ALL attending with OLS (including chaperones) at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. Please make an effort to be there!

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

Here's the Scoop on EDGE Youth Group!

January 8: EDGE resumes with a brand new theme – **Existence!** Join us for our Spring Kick-Off as we build community and come into the wonder and awe of God and the universe that He has created. We will build the foundation for the proof of God's existence and His desire for humanity to know Him. Meet in the Assembly Hall at 7 p.m. for dinner.

The Elementary Children's Ministry invites all 1st – 5th graders to a fun night of tumbling and games at Premier Gymnastics (3447 Lorna Road) on Friday, January 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner will be provided for all participants and their families. Please RSVP with Chi Ranieri at ECM@ourladyofsorrows.com and be sure to include your child/children's ages. Please note that this is NOT a drop-off event. One parent must stay at the gym with their child/children or carpool group.



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Blood Drive next Sunday, January 15, in the Parish Hall. A hot breakfast will be

served to all donors and their families. The American Red Cross continues to face shortages of the most needed blood types. We hope to see you there.



Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School cordially invites you to our OPEN HOUSE for prospective students and their families on Sunday, January 29, between

2 and 4 p.m. Join us any time during these hours, meet our teachers and staff, tour our school and discover our faith-enriched community for learning. Applications will be available in the school foyer and on the school website, olsschool.com, beginning January 29, 2017. Application deadline is February 10. Applications do not roll over from year to year. If you were on a waiting list for 2016, you must re-apply for 2017. Please call 879-3237 if you need further information.

The Italian American Heritage Society will host a Casino Night on Saturday, February 4, at the Bessemer Civic Center, 1130 9th Ave. SW. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tables will be open from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The donation is \$30 per person, which includes food, slots, blackjack and dice tables. Many prizes will be up for auction. For tickets and more information, call Joe Lovoy at 477-9443, Don Meadows at 621-7862, or Leon Chiarella at 967-0143.

REBUILDING: A DIVORCE AND GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

This is a group designed to assist in grief recovery for the divorced, widowed and separated of this community. **REBUILDING** is an interdenominational program and all are welcome. Meetings are held in the Family Life Center Assembly Hall at Our Lady of Sorrows. The next 10 week session begins on **Tuesday, January 10, 2017**. Meetings are from 6:00 till 8:30 pm. Cost for the 10 week session is \$25.00. No pre-registration is required. For more information call **205 969-0062**. Leave a message and we will return your call. Website: www.ourrebuilding.org

Prince of Peace is holding a Centering Prayer Workshop on Saturday, January 21, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Centering Prayer is a form of Christian Prayer rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition. This workshop is designed for those new to Centering Prayer. The cost is \$30 and includes lunch. For more information, call Louise Meredith at 205-529-7080, or go to www.centeringprayeralabama.org. You can mail your registration to Contemplative Outreach Birmingham, 3416 River Tree Lane, Birmingham, AL 35223.