



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
January 15, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

I like to leave in the vestibule good reading material that will enhance our relationship with God in different ways. So, we put out the *Word Among Us*, *Living Faith*, *Magnificat* and the *CATHOLIC UPDATE*.

In the January issue of the *Catholic Update*, I found a flawed presentation of the Mass. To better understand this, you will find below my letter to the editor of *Catholic Update*:

Dear Ms. Herzing,

I have always admired your Catholic Update and order a number of copies for our parishioners, but I was sorely disappointed in your January issue written by Edward Sri. I was also disappointed in reading his book "Walk through the Mass".

This issue of the Catholic Update, for which you have the responsibility, missed one of the most important parts of the Mass. The first part, THE INTRODUCTORY RITES, was fine. However, the second part, the LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST, jumped from the consecration to the Communion, COMPLETELY OMITTING THE OFFERING OF JESUS TO THE FATHER. We call it "the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass".

Mr. Sri should have continued with the Biblical references to SACRIFICE, with Cain and Abel, the book of Leviticus, Exodus and Moses offering sacrifice. The Mass is primarily the reoffering of Christ to the Father (see enclosed my favorite holy picture).

Look at the Paschal meal (the final meal before His execution). Yes, He consecrated the bread and wine into His Body and Blood, HOWEVER, with each species He made an offering to the Father of Himself: "...which will be given up for you...which will be shed for

you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." Jesus literally made an offering of Himself with each consecration.

We call it the "Holy Sacrifice" of the Mass, and yet Mr. Sri never mentioned the concept of "sacrifice" in "Getting More Out of Mass".

At the Paschal Meal, the lamb is offered to the Father, then consumed. We do the same at Mass.

Right after the consecration we elevate the Host for adoration. Then we say that great prayer of offering:

"Therefore, as we celebrate the Memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation..."

I personally lift up the Host in a gesture of offering, and then I lift up the chalice as a gesture of offering.

What a wonderful thing in Biblical history and in our liturgy to offer Jesus to the Father. Yet, Mr. Sri just jumped from the consecration to the Communion without a mention of what just might be the real reason for the Eucharist to offer, transcending time and space, once again the offering of Calvary.

Continuing to offer Christ to the Father is reflected in the prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy: "Eternal Father, we OFFER you the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and for those of the whole world." We also see this reference in the Morning Offering: "In union with the precious blood poured out on the Cross and OFFERED at every Mass, I offer You..."

Look at the words of St. Paul to the Corinthians: "As often as you do this, you proclaim His death, until He comes..."

I have been a priest for 60 years (ordained in 1957) and I do not understand how Mr. Sri can write on understanding the Mass without mentioning the concept of SACRIFICE! January 2017 was pitiful as far as the theology of the Mass.

If you don't write a better explanation of the Mass soon, I may cancel copies of the Catholic Update for the parish, though you have had so many great issues.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Martin M. Muller
Pastor



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| Monday, Jan. 16 | Special Intention Louise Battaglia Frank Diergo |
| Tuesday, Jan. 17 | Special Intention Patrick Baker Walter Cooney |
| Wednesday, Jan. 18 | Special Intention Ed Meloy Patrick Baker |
| Thursday, Jan. 19 | Special Intention Shay McNamee Roman Oliva |
| Friday, Jan. 20 | Special Intention Joe Watson Ed Meloy |
| Saturday, Jan. 21 | Donors to OLS School Foundation Shay McNamee Blake Davis |
| Sunday, Jan. 22 | People of the Parish Carol Seiler Ed Meloy |



Jeanne Wright, Vita D'Amico,
Mary Ann 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 22. Our speaker will be Frances Smith. Topic TBD. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments. The class begins at 10 a.m.

The Elementary Children's Ministry invites all 1st – 5th graders to a fun night of tumbling, games and dinner at Premier Gymnastics (3447 Lorna Road) on Friday, January 20, from 6-7:30 p.m. 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.

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

January 15: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. with the Matthew Kelly Decision Point series. LifeNight series and dinner at 7 p.m. – this week we will focus on Jesus' Presence in the Sacraments.

Parent meeting for all 6th-12th graders at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

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

Here's the Scoop on EDGE Youth Group!

January 15: EDGE Kick-Off is rescheduled for this week! We resume with a brand new theme – **Existence!** Join us as we grow in 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.

Parent Meeting: All parents of Middle and High School students, please join us at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall on January 15, to prepare for the upcoming semester. Please keep in mind that this is a great opportunity to become more involved and support Youth Ministry at OLS!



The Knights of Columbus will hold a Blood Drive this 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.



You are invited!!

Have you ever considered sending your child to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic School? Now is a great time to find out how you can empower your child's future with an affordable Catholic education! Please join us for our OPEN HOUSE on Sunday, January 29, between 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at 1720 Oxmoor Road in Homewood. New students and their families have the opportunity to personally meet our outstanding teachers and staff, tour our accredited school, and discover our faith-enriched community of learning. Beginning January 29, applications will be available

online at olsschool.com. If you were placed on a waiting list from last year, you must re-apply for 2017. For more information, please call the school office at (205) 879-3237. *Growing Our Children in knowledge and faith...Experience the Difference!*

John Carroll Catholic High School is accepting applications for the 2017-18 school year! Admissions Placement Test date is Saturday, January 21, at 7:40 a.m. Apply online now to register at jcchs.org. For more information contact 940-2400 ext. 233 or admissions@jcchs.org.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet next Saturday, January 21, at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Join us for prayer, Adoration and Holy Mass! Come start the New Year with praise, prayer and love for our Lord! Bring a friend. Note: Beginning in February, we will meet on the 4th Saturday of each month in order to allow more people to attend! Our February meeting will take place on February 25. Mark your calendars for the 4th Saturdays at 10 a.m. For more information call Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

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.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, January 16, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, January 17.