



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
June 4, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The mystery of the Trinity will always remain beyond our understanding, because it is infinitely greater than our little minds and God has a right to His secrets.

Today we celebrate the coming of the Spirit upon the apostles. From the Gospel we see that Jesus asked the Father to send the Spirit to us to ratify all the things He told us and to be with us as another ADVOCATE (one who is on our side and who longs to help us).

There is a legend, with theological truth, that goes like this:

After Jesus left this earth with his Physical Body bound for heaven, to sit at the right hand of the Father, an angel asked Him about the future of His cause. How would it be carried on? Who would tell the Good News of salvation and God's love for the human race to those who had never heard it?

Jesus explained His plan. He would send "another advocate", the third person of the God-head, who would come to the apostles. Then they would go to work and spread the faith. The angel said, "I know the Holy Spirit will do a good job, but what if your followers fail to accept the Spirit? What is plan B?"

Jesus answered them, "There is no plan B."

The apostles were told not to leave Jerusalem until the Spirit came to them. The Spirit did come and in a visible way: loud noise, a wind inside the "upper room", parted tongues of fire above each of them. The Spirit also hit them on the inside. They were compelled to overcome the dangers outside from those who wanted Jesus and His message forgotten. These cowards of Calvary became so courageous that, when on trial, their response was, "Who do we obey? God or men?" After they were called before the Jewish court again and beaten, they

considered themselves blessed to suffer the beatings for Christ.

The apostles baptized and confirmed the Spirit in others, and ordained others into priesthood. Confirmation is given to the baptized today. It is a continuation of the baptism. We use the same baptismal promise again at confirmation. This month, Bishop Baker "confirmed" 86 of our 8th graders, and I reminded them that they, and we, who are confirmed, have a special claim on the Spirit.

We simply have to ask for it and be receptive to it. Jesus told St. Faustina that He has all this mercy to give. If people don't ask, they don't get it. It is probably the same with the gifts of the Spirit. At Confirmation we ask for the Spirit. We need to keep asking for His help. Since we have been confirmed, we have this right to ask.

Jesus said that the Spirit moves as it wills. Just as the wind cannot be accurately predicted, so the Spirit of God hits us at strange times and always with the grace to follow Jesus to heaven. These graces come in different avenues and circumstances of life.

Several years ago, Katie Gerhardt, an IRS agent, came to the RCIA Class to help her FBI husband learn the faith. One evening, as Katie left through the double glass doors, I shouted across the hall, "Hey, Katie, how is business?" She replied, "THERE IS CORRUPTION ALL OVER THE PLACE." I thought later that if she had called back to me, "How's your business?" I would have said, "THERE IS GOD'S GRACE ALL OVER THE PLACE." For example, the sweet second grader who kept telling her teacher at OLS School that she, too, though a non-Catholic, wanted to go to confession and receive her First Communion. Her parents were not Catholic...and God's grace swept down through this young lady and to her parents and the family became Catholics.

Last year a boy in kindergarten, when brought with his class to adoration on the First Friday, just kept his eyes riveted on the monstrance,

with Jesus hidden there. He had to be pulled away when it was time to go back to class. He was Asian, with a background of Buddhism and Hinduism. Eventually, the mother came to the RCIA Class and was baptized into the faith, as was the little boy and his baby sister.

If we look into our own lives, how often we find ourselves with a circumstance that is arranged by the Spirit to bring us closer to the kingdom of God. May the following prayer bring you grace to get a little closer to God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier.

JESUS, I LOVE YOU

JESUS, how often I think that I am too busy to pray! My days are over-loaded!

JESUS, I LOVE YOU,
SEND ME YOUR SPIRIT.

You are always at my side, JESUS, You alone are my strength, my courage, my support.

JESUS, I LOVE YOU,
SEND ME YOUR SPIRIT.

I want to make a habit, JESUS, of speaking to You as a friend, to confide my joys and sorrows.

And so, from the bottom of my Heart, I want to say:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU,
SEND ME YOUR SPIRIT.

When I am tired, help me still to say:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU,
SEND ME YOUR SPIRIT.

When I find it hard to forgive, I need only to repeat:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU,
SEND ME YOUR SPIRIT.

When darkness comes on me, and I don't know where You are,

I will call on You, and say:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU,
SEND ME YOUR SPIRIT.

My daily task will become easier, and my work will become a prayer which says:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU,
SEND ME YOUR SPIRIT.

What trouble can shake me – what suffering overcome me if I can always repeat:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU,
SEND ME YOUR SPIRIT.

For the joys You give me – for the graces You shower on me, in Thanksgiving I say:

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER,
TO THE SON, AND TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT.

And simply to please You, and for no other reason, let me often say:

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER,
TO THE SON AND TO THE
HOLY SPIRIT, I LOVE YOU!

And when the evening of my life comes and, God, You invite me home, let me say for one last time here below, before I depart:

I LOVE YOU, GOD:
FATHER, SON AND SPIRIT!

And when you call me for judgement, be merciful, God, because You know how many times I have said:

I LOVE YOU!

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Jerry Noto, Vivian Bonamy,
Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,
Melanie Gilchrist, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Sunday at 8:00 AM

Sunday at 11:00 PM

Monday at 4:00 PM (With Partner)

Saturday at 11:00 AM (With Partner)

Saturday at 5:00 PM (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.



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 5	Nancy Walker Bobby Joe Martin Sp. Int. Carl Barranco
Tuesday, June 6	Donald Taccone Louise Battaglia Sp. Int. Mary Jo & Cedric Fernandes & children
Wednesday, June 7	Special Intention Anthony Ross Sp. Int. Patrick Rumore
Thursday, June 8	Special Intention Louise Battaglia Josephine Sicola
Friday, June 9	Special Intention Anthony Ross Josephine Romano
Saturday, June 10	Donors to OLS School Foundation Anthony Ross Sp. Int. Lillie Rumore
Sunday, June 11	People of the Parish Louise Battaglia Lena Carruba

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

Wed. June 7: KNOCKERBALL, an inflatable way to bring a crazy twist to soccer! 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center; dinner included.

Join our mailing list to stay in the loop:
ginny@olsyouth.com.

The Elementary Children's Ministry invites all incoming 1st – 5th graders to a *No-Sunscreen-Pool Party* on Friday, June 16, from 7:15-9 p.m. at the Homewood Pool. Please bring a snack to share (chips, cookies, drinks, etc.). Please RSVP with Chi Ranieri at ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS "SWEET EFFORT": The OLS Women's Sodality is looking for volunteers to bake delicious

cakes for our annual **4th of July Cake Booth**. Pick up your FREE cake mix and container after any of the Masses on the weekend of June 17-18. Bring your baked cake to the OLS School Cake Booth either July 3rd from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or July 4th from 8 -10 a.m. Thank you!

The OLS Knights of Columbus are collecting tattered U.S. Flags for a retirement ceremony on Saturday, June 10. Older U.S. flags can be dropped off between noon and 6 p.m. at the parking deck. A limited number of replacement flags will be available for sale. The tattered U.S. flags collected will be properly retired at 6:30 p.m. in a patriotic ceremony with local scouts. The public is invited and the ceremony will be on the upper parking deck.

May Our Lady bless the Knights of Columbus for their generosity in heading the Honor Guard at the May Procession, as well as donating the beautiful flowers for the entire month on the May Altar.

Trash and Treasure Needs YOU!



July 4th will be here before we know it and now is the time to start thinking about joining our volunteer team and getting donations together. We have flexible hours and a job for everyone. The bulletin will list volunteer hours for each week and an email will be sent out. This is also a great opportunity for your teen to earn service hours.

We are now accepting donations. They may be dropped off at the school gym at the bottom of the steps. **FURNITURE DROP OFF IS UNDER THE PARKING DECK.** Last day for pick-ups is June 24 and last day for donations is July 1st. If you need a large furniture item pick-up, call Chad Gentry at 983-4030 or Melanie Falconer at 281-9695. Please allow several days' notice if you need an item picked up.

Items we are in need of include:

Household items	Toys	Collectibles	Bikes	Furniture
Holiday Items	Art	Jewelry	Rugs	Camping Gear
Religious	Tools	Linens	Books	Appliances (in working order)
Gardening	Crafts	Luggage	Lamps	Yard Items
Clothing (clean, gently used, and on hangers if possible)				Electronics (in working order)

Items we are NOT able to take at this time include:

Broken/non-working items	car seats past the expiration date	mattresses
Sleeper sofas	cribs	pianos
Large tube TVs	Large appliances	

We appreciate everyone's time and donations. For questions, please call Melanie Falconer at 281-9695 for more information or to join our volunteer team. Thank you!

TNT Work Hours:

Tuesday, June 6 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 10 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Calling Fourth of July Festival Volunteers – It's time to Sign Up!

Your help is needed for Games, Bingo, Bulk Sales, Kitchen (on the 4th), Food Prep, Trash & Treasure, Hot Dog/Sno Cone Tent, Doll Booth, Barbequing and more! Like last year, the Signup Genius website is the preferred method for signing up to volunteer for each area of the festival. By entering the email address below, you can access the site to find the volunteer activity you are looking for. Once you sign-up, each volunteer will receive an immediate email reminder and a second reminder two days before your chosen volunteer slot. We ask that children get their parent's permission before signing up.

Signing up is quick and easy:

- Go to www.signupgenius.com.
- Once on the website, click on "Find a Sign Up".
- Then click on "Search by Email".
- Enter the email address **gpierre@americanmining.com** and enter the random text immediately below in the box.
- You will then be directed to the various sign-ups.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer but don't have internet access, please contact Greg Pierre at 907-5605.