



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

June 18, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Today is the Feast of Corpus Christi, and we all know that translates into "the Body of Christ." This is the human Body of the God-man, which was conceived in the womb of Mary by the Holy Spirit. This is the body offered to the Father eight days after His birth. This is the body that spoke so much of God's love and mercy to us. This is the body that was tortured by whips and thorns on His head, the body that was made to carry the cross to Calvary when He was half dead, and this is the Body which spoke words of forgiveness from that cross.

This is also the Body which came back to life after that horrible crucifixion, and this is the Body that Jesus made arrangements to leave us under the appearance of Bread and Wine.

Since we live by faith in a materialistic world where there is the predominant philosophy of "seeing is believing," we need to review our motives for faith in the Lord's presence.

We believe in His presence simply because He said so. In John, Chapter 6, one year before the Last Supper when Jesus first said it, He promised that His flesh was "true food" and His blood was "true drink." Jesus emphasized it and said, "My flesh is true food and My blood is true drink." They took Him literally. They walked away. He let them go because He meant it literally and invited His apostles to leave if they wanted. The apostles did not leave, but spokesman, Peter, said:

"To whom shall we go. We have come to believe you have the words of everlasting life."

At his final supper, Jesus said: "This is my Body and this is my Blood" when He could have said this "symbolizes" my flesh and blood. He told His apostles to continue to do this in His memory! They did this and ordained others to do what they did.

When you love someone you want to be close to that person. Jesus figured out a way that He could have a physical presence that would get so close to us, as He gets close to us in the Eucharist.

Being God, Jesus can do anything, even contain Himself under the appearance of bread and wine. Why would he do it? He would do it for the same reason He hung on the cross in agony: Because He loves us so much.

When our Lord most solemnly pronounced the bread to be His body and the wine to be His blood, the reason He told them to do what He did was so all of His followers could receive Him in the Eucharist.

We have the word of Jesus! How powerful is His word? It is by His sheer word that the wind and waves became suddenly calm. By His word, the deaf could hear, the blind see, the lepers were healed and the dead came back to life. His word is that strong and powerful. So we believe in His mysterious and real presence of His resurrected Body in the Eucharist.

The writings in the first, second, third, fourth, and fifth centuries of the Church by the early saintly Fathers of the Church are all written in such a clear way, saying that when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we truly have the living Body of Christ contained in the consecrated bread and wine. **When Jesus said**, "This is my blood," **no one can say** it is not His blood. (St. Cyril, fourth century.)

If the Lord was truly present in the bread and wine at the Last Supper for His apostles, how can we say He would not be present for us? **He says** He is present, how can **we say** He is not? When Jesus stays in the Eucharist for our bodily consumption, or in the tabernacle for the sick and for our adoration it seems that He loves us **too much**. It is true. He does love us far more than our human standards would allow. Isn't this the same with the crucifixion?

That offering of His Body and Blood made to the Father at His last meal and from the cross is commemorated and offered again at every Mass. Today, on this feast of the Eucharist, we should have a special devotion to the Eucharist. It celebrates our salvation and the love Jesus has for us.

In 2003, Pope John Paul wrote an encyclical called the CHURCH OF THE EUCHARIST and stated:

“The worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass is of an inestimable value to the Church.”

John Paul took a custom in the Church and begged every parish to have hours of adoration. It could be only certain days and certain hours. Presently, 7000 parishes, 40% of the parishes in the United States, have this. The ONE VOICE advertises weekly the places, days, and times of particular parishes in the diocese. Holy Spirit in Huntsville and Our Lady of Sorrows are the only 2 parishes that have ADORATION 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

If you have a 1st or 2nd grader for this coming school year and are half way considering OLS School, I have a couple of partial scholarships available for 1st or 2nd grade. Please call Mrs. Dorn at 879-3237 if you are interested.



Jerry Noto, 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 9:00 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.



Monday, June 19	J. Huber O'Donnell Elizabeth Guercio Bonnie Ford
Tuesday, June 20	Special Intention Anthony Ross Sp. Int. Jeanne Barranco
Wednesday, June 21	Special Intention Anthony Ross Sam McDavid
Thursday, June 22	John Milan Anthony Ross Lena Lucia
Friday, June 23	Special Intention Anthony Ross Lena Lucia
Saturday, June 24	Donors to OLS School Foundation Suzy Carpenter Joe Ippolito
Sunday, June 25	People of the Parish Special Intention Claude Dirgo

Have you considered joining the choir, but the school year is just too busy for you and your family? Well, while the OLS Adult Choir is on summer break, we're trying something new. We would like to invite you to sing with us on the last Sundays in June, July and August! No extra rehearsals required, no professional training needed. Just come to the music room 30 minutes before the 10 a.m. Mass on the last Sunday of the month and give to God what He has given to you, the gift of song. We would love to see you there!

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

Wed. June 21: PAINTBALL! Online waiver required to attend. Meet at OLS at 3:45 p.m.; return at 8 p.m. Dinner provided.

Are you interested in helping teens grow in their Catholic faith through Bible studies, mentoring, prayer, etc.? Contact Ginny at ginny@olsyouth.com for more information.

Ernie Eltz Volunteer of the Year

It is time to nominate this year's **Volunteer of the Year** for the parish. This award is presented annually by the Knights of Columbus to the OLS parishioner who best personifies the spirit of volunteerism to our Church community, exemplified by past parishioner Ernie Eltz. Nomination sheets are located in the vestibule and will be accepted until June 25th.

Fourth of July Festival Volunteers — Please Sign Up Now

You can now sign up for all areas of the festival on either the OLS website or the signup genius website. Printed copies of the sign-up sheets are also now available in the Church Vestibule. To sign up on the OLS website, please access the links to each sign-up at ourladyofsorrows.com.

To see all sign-ups at once:

- Go to www.signupgenius.com/findasignup.
- Under the "Search for a Signup" area, enter email address gpierre@americanmining.com and enter the random text immediately below.
- Select "Search".
- You will then be directed to the various sign-ups for the festival.

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

Trash and Treasure News

We are now accepting:

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

Donations may be dropped off at the school gym at the bottom of the steps. **Last day for pick-ups is June 24th.**

If you need a large furniture item pick-up, call Melanie Falconer at 281-9695 or Chad Gentry at 983-4030.

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. Thank you!!

Work Schedule for Trash N Treasure for Week of June 19-24:

Monday	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Thursday	4 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.