



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
June 25, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The word VOCATION simply means a CALL FROM GOD. A common mistake is to think that this means exclusively a call to priesthood or to the consecrated life (Brother or Sister in a religious order).

God has called every single person He has created to accept their state in life as a "call from God". He has called each of us to sanctity. With the realization we are all called to sanctity, we must accept the fact that each of us has a personal vocation, a unique call from God. We have that call from God at baptism to follow Christ, but it gets very specific as we live our lives in a certain set of circumstances put there by God, for which we need to give that answer: HERE I AM LORD, I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.

Many times it is difficult to know what God really wants. Is He really calling us to the priesthood or religious life? Or to the married life? And if there is that call, should it be the priesthood in a religious order or diocesan priesthood? Personally, I was at the crossroads of discerning between the diocesan priesthood and a religious order, and I was already in the seminary for five years, studying for the diocese, and had written the bishop to be released for this religious order. One last part of the decision was to talk to a priest for spiritual direction. The smartest thing I ever did was to make a holy hour at St. Mary's Church before talking and listening to this spiritual director. That's the secret! We need God's help in trying to decide what He really wants.

Even the great prophet of the Old Testament, Samuel, as a boy, had difficulty recognizing God's call. Three times he heard his name and each time he went to the high priest, Heli, and asked, "Did you call me?" Three times Heli said, "No, but if you hear that call again, it

is God, and say, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'"

There are endless examples in our parish of people answering the call to serve God and others. It was 25 years ago God gave the call to Mary Claire Brouillette (and Ida Wilker) to start the Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. Mary Claire is still answering that call.

By virtue of our Baptism we are all called to evangelize. Just last night, Paul Wiget (youth minister's husband) drove one of his chemistry students from Samford to OLS to arrange for her baptism. For two years she self-evangelized herself, but notice the part Dr. Paul Wiget took driving her here and arranging things with me. She is so ready, having read St. Augustine, G. K. Chesterton, Scott Hahn, etc., listening to the R.C.I.A. CD's, and can't wait to be baptized. She has no car, but Catholic students from Samford give her a ride to Mass. Paul Wiget just heard this call from God to help this young lady in every way in her journey of faith. John Tombrello tried to evangelize the pastor and reminded him three times to read the article in the ONE VOICE by David Anders on why we say Mary is the Mother of God. Chris Lawler passed "From the Pastor's Desk" to eight of his protestant friends and has made prayer cards, which we will distribute at the festival and in the Vestibule.

There is the call to be a good parent; a special call from God to parent a child with special needs; the call to teach in a Catholic School; the call to teach religion on Sunday mornings; the call to be a Youth Minister; the call to help one's parents when they get older.

I would like to think that many are called to support, in some degree, the foreign missions this Sunday with the second collection. The five mission recipients include two dioceses in India (we have 14 priests serving in our diocese at the present time and, for the most part, they work in poor places where conversion to Christianity is easier than in other parts of India, which is predominantly Hindu). The third recipient will be a religious order in Cameroon, Africa. Then there is

Archbishop Marino who oversees the small country of Timor that needs financial help. Lastly, there is the Bishop of Damascus, Syria. There are five forces fighting each other, some are backed by Russia, and some backed by other countries, such as the U.S. The wars are so complicated and most devastating to the people. In Syria, 400,000 people have died, 5 million have fled the country, and 6 million are displaced internally. Over half of the population of 20 million have suffered greatly because of the wars, churches destroyed and schools bombed. The Bishop of Damascus has asked to be one of the five recipients of our Mission Cooperative Sunday.

Each person has a personal vocation or more. Often, we need to pray:

“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

It is hard, sometimes, to recognize that call, so say,

“Speak, Lord, loudly, and help us to Listen.”

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

ATTENTION: If you have borrowed any tables from the church, please return them ASAP! We are missing several and need them for the upcoming 4th of July Festival.

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.



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 26	Special Intention Suzy Carpenter Joe Ippolito
Tuesday, June 27	Special Intention Yolanda Caterinichia Joe Ippolito
Wednesday, June 28	Mary Thornton Peggy Donahue Lena Lucia
Thursday, June 29	Sp. Int. Charles Vizzina Sp. Int. Eddie & Judy Trant Joe Ippolito
Friday, June 30	Special Intention Sam McDavid Joe Ippolito
Saturday, July 1	Donors to OLS School Foundation William J. Stephens Sarah Carney
Sunday, July 2	People of the Parish Louise Battaglia Rebecca Hitchcock Haifley

Have you considered joining the choir, but the school year is just too busy for you and your family? 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 28: Messy Games/Water Wars!
6:30-8:30 p.m. Dress in old clothes and bring a towel! Dinner provided.

Looking for teen volunteers for the 4th of July Festival! Will you be attending? Let us know and we will give you a role!

ginny@olsyouth.com

Ernie Eltz Volunteer of the Year ballots are due TODAY. You may pick one up in the vestibule.

Please join us for the 2nd Annual OLS Sanctuary Tours at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. during the July 4th Festival. We also need tour guides; training is provided. ALSO, any and all information pertaining to the architectural design, donor families, altar, statues, pink marble and stained glass windows is much appreciated. Please contact Teresa Pitts-Flynn at 979-2955 if you would like to help.

**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 DROP OFF is JULY 1ST.**

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 26-July 1:**

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