



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
September 10, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

With record breaking floods in Houston and other towns in Texas, there are a number of people who say, "Where is God? Could He not have stopped all that rain, at times a foot of rain an hour?"

As Fr. Groeschel named his book, "There are no Accidents", after he was knocked unconscious walking across the street, hit by an automobile (trauma unit and all, etc.), he could say God knows what He allowed to happen.

Yes, God could have prevented this record breaking flood, but if we study the news, that flood has another aspect. It brought the good out of hundreds of thousands of people as they reached with boats, helicopters, and everything imaginable to help each other. All those acts of charity would not have been performed without this flood.

One lady, after being rescued, kept saying, "I lost so much, but I am so grateful that I am alive." She may have gone years without thanking God for the gift of life. Now, with this flood, she was brought to her knees thanking God for her life.

As we often say, God writes straight with crooked lines. His way is not our way. We have only to read last Sunday's Gospel, with Peter rebuking Jesus, telling Him not to go to Jerusalem when Jesus was 100 miles away. Jesus said He was going to be condemned to so much suffering and be crucified, but He added He would rise on the third day. How often we are nearsighted and don't see the whole picture. Peter only heard the first part. He did not listen to the resurrection promise on the third day. The Lord told Peter he was taking the part of the devil and was thinking only as men and not as God.

As we say at Mass, God is the God of all creation. In Thursday's Gospel this week we read about Jesus borrowing one of the two boats of the fishermen from which He would

preach. In gratitude, Jesus told them to go out to the deep for a catch of fish. Even though they said they were out there all night and there was nothing, Jesus showed them His power when He told them to drop the nets and Jesus filled them. The fish were so many, Scripture says they called the other boat and both boats were about to sink. The power of Jesus' word! Jesus allowed them to fish all night and not catch a single fish, then, the long range plan of God, with two boat loads of enough fish to almost sink them both!

God has brought so much good from Harvey, and also from Irma, good that we don't always see. The News championed the idea that it was amazing how much help neighbor gave neighbor, with no consideration of color, race or nationality. Every single person was sought to be brought to safety.

Yes, some forty died, but people will die anyway. I am sure they all had extra minutes to pray before their deaths.

With the coming of Harvey there were more prayers said than ever before. Sometimes, God has to knock us to our knees to get the prayers that we should be praying. How many of us have prayed, and do pray, for Florida, praying that Irma goes East instead of West as it hits Florida (I write on Wednesday). Not only have neighbors helped, but the Government and our neighbors of Canada and Mexico have offered help for the refugees.

We need to let God be God. The media has broadcast the enormous goodness of people reaching out to help the victims. This goodness comes from the grace God has given people. With the response, people are shocked to see the extreme goodness of people coming from the grace God has given them.

As I often say: Let God be God. He knows what He is doing and what He allows to happen, from which He can bring so much good.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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



Monday, Sept. 11	Special Intention Marie LaSusa Lena Carruba
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Fr. Jim Macey Special Intention Lena Caltigirone
Wednesday, Sept. 13	Special Intention Josephine Sicola Yolanda Caterinichia
Thursday, Sept. 14	Special Intention Anthony Ross Mary Cusimano
Friday, Sept. 15	Fr. Jim Macey Anthony Ross Louis Kulovigtz
Saturday, Sept. 16	Donors to OLS School Foundation Anthony Ross Sam McDavid
Sunday, Sept. 17	People of the Parish Anthony Ross Sam McDavid

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Sunday at 5:00 AM

Thursday at 10:00 AM (With Partner)

Thursday at 3:00 PM (With Partner)

Saturday at 4:00 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.

Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers:

If you are interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist or if you have children in 4th Grade or above who are interested in altar serving, please contact

Kent Graeve at 999-3474 or kentgraeve@gmail.com.

Training for new altar servers, 4th grade and above, will take place in September. Please register with Kent Graeve.

The Annual Priest Retreat is scheduled for September 11-14. Our Mass schedule for that week will be adjusted as follows:

Monday, Sept. 11: No Change

Tuesday – Thursday, Sept. 12-14:

Communion Services at 6:30 a.m. & 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 14: School Mass at 9 a.m.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is

Friday, September 15. Please join us for music meditation at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. The Prayer Service will begin at 6:30 p.m. A dinner will immediately follow in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. **Everyone is welcome!**

Everyone is invited to join us at Adult

Education on Sunday, Sept. 17. Our speaker will be George Hobeika. His topic is *St. Veronica Giuliani*. The gathering begins in the **Family Life Center** at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m.

The Elementary Children's Ministry invites all 1st-5th graders for a fun night of BINGO on Friday, September 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Dinner will be served for all participants and their families.

Younger/older siblings are welcome to attend – please include them in the RSVP count for dinner. RSVP with Chi Ranieri at ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com.

The Altar Sodality will gather in the church to pray a Rosary on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at 10 a.m. All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer. We will pray specifically for a

successful year for students, teachers, and school administrators. In addition, we will pray for the hurricane victims in Texas and other areas along the Gulf Coast. You may also bring personal prayer requests and/or prayers of thanksgiving to place in a basket, which will be moved to the Chapel of Our Savior after the Rosary. Please come and pray with us.

What's Goin on In High School Youth Group?

Sunday, Sept. 10: 7-8:30 p.m. Dinner, Small Groups, and Adoration in the Church.

Every Wednesday we meet in the youth room from 7-8:30 p.m. for dinner, small groups, scripture, discussion, reflection and more! All are welcome.

The Pro-Life March in D.C. Jan. 17-21:
Cost: \$150. Deadline to register is Oct. 1.

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Here's the Scoop on MID Youth Group!

Sunday, Sept. 10: Join us for "Build Up or Break Down", an Edge night on Virtue and Sin. We will gain a greater understanding of what virtue is and what sin is. We will also learn what it looks like to live a life of virtue and why we should want to live a life of virtue rather than a life of sin. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center.

Saturday, Sept. 23: The Diocese of Birmingham is hosting the first annual **Eucharistic Youth Congress** from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville and features music by P.J. Anderson. Open to 8th-12th grades. Contact Ginny (ginny@olsyouth.com) or Carol (carol@olsyouth.com) for more information or to register.

Our Lady of Grace will meet in the Sodality Room at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, September 11. Please remember to bring your sandwich, dues and canned goods. Drinks and desserts

will be provided. All ladies of the parish are invited to join!

Our Lady of Fatima invites all ladies of the parish to their first meeting of the year! We will meet on Thursday, September 14, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Our Ladies Have Fun!! Come see for yourself.

Madonna and Child

Wednesday, Sept. 13: Families are invited to a Tailgate Party in the Parish hall at 6 p.m. Wear your team colors and bring your own beverages. Last names A-L, bring a sweet treat to share. Last names M-Z, bring a savory treat to share. Don't forget to bring a copy of your recipe!

Thursday, Sept. 14: Moms & Tots is meeting at Sky Zone in Hoover for Toddler Time from 9:30-11 a.m. All children 5 and under are invited to attend. Cost is \$12 per family.

Bereavement Committee:

Father Muller has graciously given permission to form a committee to serve a meal following funeral services of an OLS member. If you feel called to this ministry, there will be a meeting Monday, September 11, at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Formation of teams and how they will function, as well as menus and other details will be discussed. If you cannot attend this meeting, but are interested, please contact Jane De Meis at 337-0023.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Blood Drive next Sunday, September 17, in the Parish Hall. They will be cooking a hot breakfast for all donors and families. The American Red Cross continues to face shortages of the most needed blood types. We hope to see you there.

Richard Feldman wishes to thank the OLS community for all the prayers and well wishes during his recent illness.