



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
October 22, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

I never cease to be impressed with the spirituality and zeal of so many of our people. I wrote recently about Laura Vizzina who last Ash Wednesday, when she was asked about the Catholic faith by a fellow pharmacist, invited him to the evening Mass at OLS that very day. He, Dr. Steve Brown, has been coming to Mass ever since. Yes, even during the week. In coming to the R.C.I.A. Class he heard me talk about one of my favorite, out-of-print books, which I loan out to the point of not having my own copy. Dr. Brown scanned the internet for places that sell out-of-print books and last Monday handed me three copies of my treasured book, "Living the Christian Life Day By Day". He also told me that he is scheduled every other Monday to work at the pharmacy, and that every night he is scheduled, Laura takes his place at the pharmacy.

I was telling Mrs. Dorn, Principal of OLS School, about the R.C.I.A. Class and how converts are the ones that seem so willing to invite others into the faith. She said, "You just talked about Laura! I remember her from St. Joseph's Catholic School and I think she is a tribute to Catholic Education." Personally, I will be eternally grateful to my parents for sending me to St. Patrick's School (Galveston, Texas), St. Peter's (Laredo, Texas), and St. Mary's and McGill (Mobile, Alabama). One out of five invitations by one of us will bring another to the R.C.I.A. Class to learn more about our Catholic faith.

I love the artistically arranged flowers in the planter in front of the Church. The beautiful flowers in the shape of a cross are so fitting. Ever since the Crucifixion of Jesus the cross has been a symbol of Christ. Protestants and Catholics place the cross here, there, and especially in cemeteries. In the Old West, when they buried people frequently and quickly, they would place a make-shift cross

on the grave, that symbol of our salvation, which we remember best when a dear one moves on into the judgement of the Almighty, reminding us that Jesus opened those gates of heaven.

Many thanks to Jeanne Bearden and Janet waters for giving us that gorgeous arrangement in the form of the cross in the planter in front of the church.

Last Sunday OLS hosted Bishop Baker, who wanted to come to different parishes and listen to the ground troops as regards vestiges of racism, a societal and individual sin. Frances Smith, Director of Adult Education, brought him to our usual Sunday morning session. Frances carried the portable microphone, giving everyone who chose to speak the opportunity. The Bishop asked me to summarize the meeting at the Presbyteral Council the following Tuesday.

The Bishop stated he found very little trace of racism in our parish, with individual speakers such as Margie Curry, Dr. Del Hahn and John Hardin. Beverly Skellie Hiott gave great advice as regards parents starting their children on the right path of thinking "color blind". Mrs. Dorn reported no real signs of racism in our School. The overall motivation, as the Bishop and others stated, was to recognize we are all God's children, regardless of race, color and nationality.

We thank the many people who came, and we especially thank the Bishop for gracing us with his presence and the reminder to keep working on the issue. It was brought out that early childhood education and integration is a heavy factor in continuing to correct vestiges of racism of the past. Education is so important. So, it was suggested that furnishing transportation and tutoring for students from schools of lower achievement than existing Catholic schools could help the African American children.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

All Saints Day Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, Oct. 31 **6:00 p.m. (Vigil)**

Wednesday, Nov. 1 **6:30 a.m.**
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. (school)
12 noon
6:00 p.m.



Monday, Oct. 23	Mary Thornton James L. Smotherman Sp. Int. Karen Hiller
Tuesday, Oct. 24	Special Intention Carolyn Toro Michael Wildfeuer
Wednesday, Oct. 25	Special Intention Carolyn Toro Tee Crumlish
Thursday, Oct. 26	Tucker Kelly Sp. Int. Bruce Haden
Friday, Oct. 27	Sp. Int. Sandra Barranco Joe Schilleci Carole Dumas
Saturday, Oct. 28	Sp. Int. Lillie Rumore OLS School Foundation Donors Carole Dumas
Sunday, Oct. 29	Frank Hogg People of the Parish Albert Brewer Randy Randall

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Friday at 6:00 PM (With Partner)
Friday at 10:00 PM (With Partner)
Saturday at 3:00 PM (With Partner)
Saturday at 4:00 PM (With Partner)
Sunday at 11:00 AM

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.

Fr. Wilfred's bishop, Bishop Agapitus from Cameroon, will celebrate the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Tuesday, October 24. All are invited to attend.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH (R.C.I.A.)! If God is calling you to come, please come. Meal at 6 p.m., class at 6:30 every Monday in the Church Hall.



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

Everyone is invited to join us at Adult Education on Sunday, October 29. Our speaker will be Sister Sara Burress, O.B.S. Her topic will be *Her Conversion Story*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m.

Everyone is invited to a special evening session of Adult Education on Thursday, November 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Our speaker will be Passionist priest Father Alex Steinmiller. His topic will be *Volunteering at the 'Field Hospital' – the Church: Relating to the Unchurched in our World*. Light refreshments will be served.

The Elementary Children's Ministry and Middle School Youth Group will host a joint event, *Celebrations and Costumes*, on Wednesday, October 25, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Please wear your costume (does not have to be a saint costume) to this event as we celebrate All Saints Day. Dinner will be provided for all participants and their families (siblings are invited). Please RSVP with Chi Ranieri at ECM@ourladyofsorrows.com.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, Oct. 22: 10 a.m. Faith Formation – Are Catholics Considered Christian?

7 p.m. “The Pro-Life Movement”. OLS is taking 49 to Washington, D.C. for the March for Life in January. Tonight, we will be discussing how vital it is that we stand up for life in all stages.

Wednesday, Oct. 25: Co-ed Bible Study at 7-8:30 p.m. Pizza, prayer, small groups and fun! Grow in faith together.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Oct. 22: “Working Together”- An Edge Night on Society. Learn about the importance of society and community for the human person, as well as the necessity of authority for society to properly function. We will also learn about the importance of our own participation and how our actions affect the whole. Meet for dinner at 7 p.m. in the FLC.

Camp Hidden Lake: Reserve a spot for your teen for June 18-23, 2018. Cost is \$450 (scholarships available upon request!). Open to rising 6th-9th graders. Email: msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for more information.

You are cordially invited to **Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center Fundraising Banquet** on Tuesday, November 7, at The Club. The night begins at 7 p.m. This year's Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Haywood Robinson, former abortionist now Pro-life physician. Her Choice has been serving the downtown Birmingham community for many years, faithfully offering support and life-affirming options to women in crises pregnancies. Please make your reservation now at 447-8796 or email hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org.

John Carroll Catholic High School News

November 14: Prospective parents and students are invited to attend **Preview Day**. This will allow you to get a feel for John Carroll on a typical school day. It includes visiting classes, a tour, and meeting students and administrators. Space is limited! Reserve your spot online at www.jcchs.org.

November 16: Principal O'Toole and members of the faculty, staff, and student ambassadors will be spending the day at OLS School and Church. There will be an Information Session at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center, open to all those interested in learning more about what John Carroll has to offer. This is a great opportunity to hear about our academic and counseling services, tuition assistance, athletic teams, fine arts, student life, admissions process and more!

The Mary, Woman of Faith Chapter of Magnificat invites the ladies of the Diocese of Birmingham to a Magnificat breakfast on Saturday, November 4, at St. Elias Church from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Our speaker will be Janice Nelson. Tickets are \$15 and available at Alpha Church Supply and Gifts. You may also purchase by email at magnificat0296@gmail.com or online at www.magnificat-ministry.net. Ticket sales end October 29. No tickets will be sold at the door. For more information contact Donna Chmierlarski at 408-0308.

October Bridge Winners:

1st **Pat Rupinski**
2nd **Mike Millican**
3rd **Bill Kelly**