



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
November 26, 2017

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. Think about this for a moment. How long does a king live? King Louis XVI died at the age of 34. Julius Caesar died at the age of 56. Napoleon Bonaparte died at the age of 52. When a king dies, who cheers him centuries later? Caesar is a blurred image on an ancient Roman coin. Napoleon has a tomb somewhere in Paris. But who would do anything for these kings of the past? There is only one King who has been seen alive by hundreds of people after His death. Today a billion people hang on His every word and would do anything for Him. He is the King of Kings!!!

When I was attending McGill High School in Mobile, we had a parade downtown in honor of Christ the King. It was led by the local bishop carrying the monstrance containing Christ our King. All the Catholic school children were in that parade! We acknowledged Christ as our personal King.

Bishop Baker reminds us that in 2019 the diocese is having a Eucharistic Congress, which is usually a procession in the streets with the Blessed Sacrament and then adoration in the Civic Center. With prayer and a recommitment to our baptism, we recognize that Christ is the center of our lives and He is also our King. This is something we need to share with others.

How did we get incorporated into His kingdom whereby He is our personal King? It happened at baptism when God took us from darkness into light and into the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Every baptized person belongs to His kingdom and should celebrate Jesus as King. When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you King?" Jesus did not deny it, but admitted it and said His kingdom was not of this world. He would

not be a material King even though the whole material world is His. He wants to be King of our hearts and souls.

We see Christ our King as an example of reaching out to all people, even the marginalized, when He promises the "good thief" a place in His kingdom. That good thief always makes me wonder. He must have been seeking the "true," the "good," and the "beautiful," and he found it in the most superior and God-like way in Jesus of Nazareth. He had the grace to see Jesus as a King whose reign is mainly in the next world. As the good thief said to Jesus:

"Remember me when you enter into your kingdom."

Jesus answered:

"This day you will be with me in paradise (my kingdom)."

Somehow, in the midst of all the human degradation, the good thief recognized Someone who rose above it all.

Congratulate Jesus this Sunday on His kingship. Every day, but especially today, we see Jesus as our King and pray:

"Lord, remember us and help us enter into your kingdom."

Thank you, thank you, thank you my dear people of OLS for all those cards, most of which had commitments of prayers for me. This means more than anything else, and I just cannot thank you enough for each prayer said on my behalf.

The Sodality sang Happy Birthday and lavished me with a commitment of prayers. The School, lead by the Principal at the student Mass, recognized the birthday and, again, I say thank you to all the students who wrote me with their teachers offering a commitment of prayers. This was also done by the Mom's Day Out and the Parish School of Religion. Let me not forget the congratulatory notes from the CCLC and those individual notes from so many dear friends. It is no secret that God has blessed

me with incredible health for my age and with all those prayers, the good Lord has answered them accordingly.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. A world of thanks to all who brought bags of groceries for all those needy people. The total number of bags was over 700!



Monday, Nov. 27	For All Souls Josephine Romano Elizabeth Saia
Tuesday, Nov. 28	For All Souls Roy McCord Peggy Beuerlein
Wednesday, Nov. 29	Frank Hogg Roy McCord Sp. Int. Faith Fomby & family
Thursday, Nov. 30	For All Souls Jackie Pickard Sp. Int. Heather Young & family
Friday, Dec. 1	Sp. Int. Sr. Pat Sullivan Mary Thornton Sp. Int. Amy Anderson family
Saturday, Dec. 2	Donors to OLS School Foundation Josephine Romano William J. Stephens
Sunday, Dec. 3	People of the Parish Frances Wojick David Ross J. Rumore

### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Friday at 10:00 PM (With Partner)**

**Saturday 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.

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### **What's Going on in Youth Ministry?**

**Nov. 26:** No meetings today. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

### **LifeTeen High School**

**Dec. 3:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m.; Life Night "Made to Last" at 7 p.m. Dive deeper into the beauty of our Catholic Faith.

**Monday, Dec. 4:** March for Life meeting in the Family Life Center for all trip details!

**Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.:** Summit Scripture Bible Study in the youth room!

### **Edge Middle School**

**Christmas Drive:** Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy for children ages 4-12, or new coats, blankets, gloves, hats and scarves for Greater Birmingham Ministries. Items will be delivered on December 11, so please bring your gift to Youth Group by December 10.

**Camp Hidden Lake:** Reserve a spot for your teen for June 18-23, 2018. Cost is now \$225 thanks to Fr. Muller subsidizing camp costs. Open to rising 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders. Email: [mseyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:mseyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for more information.

**Wednesday, Nov. 29:** We are delivering poinsettias to parishioners in nursing homes. Meet at OLS at 6 p.m.!

Find our full schedule on [www.olsyouth.com](http://www.olsyouth.com)!

**The joint youth groups of OLS (elementary, middle and high school)** are participating in the Homewood Christmas Parade on Tuesday, Dec. 5. All 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders are to dress like sheep (all white), middle and high schoolers are to dress like shepherds (some costumes available). We will meet in the Parish Hall at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and then walk to the library at 6 p.m. to line up. The parade begins at 6:30 p.m. at the library, ending at City Hall Plaza. We will walk back to the Parish Hall afterwards. Please note that this is NOT a drop off event for 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders; they must be accompanied by an adult, or a high school sibling for the dinner and duration of the parade. Younger siblings are welcome to dinner and to participate in the parade; please include them in the registration. Register at this link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzb0REa\\_kLfml\\_k0-rb8LGo2oYP\\_DnOdreQwvMvdnqtNE0XGg/viewform?embedded=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzb0REa_kLfml_k0-rb8LGo2oYP_DnOdreQwvMvdnqtNE0XGg/viewform?embedded=true). Please send all questions to [ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com).

**The OLS Music Ministry** invites everyone to an afternoon of Advent Music on Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m. in the Church. All Choirs will be performing, as well as several other soloists and instrumentalists. Please come and get in the Advent spirit with us! All are welcome!

## **John Carroll News**

**Parenting in the Digital Age:** Join us for the PTO Parent Speaker Series “Parenting in the Digital Age”, presented by District Attorney Pamela L. Casey, on Tuesday November 28, at 6 p.m. in the John Carroll Auditorium.

**Road Show:** Principal O’Toole and members of the faculty, staff and student ambassadors will be spending the day at OLS School on Thursday, November 30. 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 counselling services, tuition assistance, athletic teams, fine arts, student life, admissions process and more!

**The John Carroll Choir & Band Holiday Concert** will be held on Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m. in the John Carroll Commons. All are invited.

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### **November Bridge Winners:**

1<sup>st</sup>    **Anne Connell**  
2<sup>nd</sup>    **Barbara Nelson**  
3<sup>rd</sup>    **Mike Millican**

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