



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
March 18, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Not this Sunday, but next, is the first day of Holy Week. If we don't plan in advance how to spend Holy Week, it will come and go and we will ask, "Where did it go?"

Today is not too early to make some plans. We will have the usual two Masses on Holy Thursday. The Church law says one Mass for all the people, unless the bishop permits otherwise. We wrote the bishop and, again, he stated that he wanted everyone who wanted to celebrate the Feast of the Eucharist to have Mass available.

I reminded the bishop how much our people appreciate the Eucharist, and he came through with the permission for a 5 p.m. Mass, as well as the 7 p.m. Mass, with the washing of the feet.

There is no way we can appreciate the Eucharist as much as the Lord deserves. No meal is as famous throughout the world and our Christian history as the LAST SUPPER.

The Eucharist is an offering, again, to the Father of Jesus Crucified. It is also a Meal, in the sense that this offering is given back to us to consume.

Some of the consecrated Host is saved for Communion to the sick, and there is always some saved for Benediction, a short adoration, along with the blessing. Then, there is the incredible devotion to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament around the clock, seven days a week.

OLS has the marked distinction of Perpetual Adoration of Jesus for 25 ½ consecutive years. This takes about 300 committed adorers. We have some people who are the founding folks of this great devotion a quarter of a century ago, and they are still with us. Some have not been able to continue

because of health reasons, moving out of town, or moving into God's heaven.

Lee Hines, after over 25 years of a committed hour on Tuesday mornings from 2 to 3 a.m., has suffered some serious health problems and is not able to drive. The person in the Chapel before Lee now stays for an hour and a half, and the person afterwards now comes a half hour early. This is really an SOS for some wonderful person to assume the 2 to 3 a.m. hour on Tuesday. Three cheers for Lee and his 25 year commitment to Perpetual Adoration.

St. Joseph's Altar: OLS, for as long as we can remember, has celebrated the famous St. Joseph's Altar, with the finest food for a full house of Italians and friends. The Italian-American heritage is one of the great blessings to the city of Birmingham. The Italian immigrants never hid their faith, and the Bruno family, with the grocery business, have given to colleges, hospitals, and multiple charities, not the least of which is the renovation of our own OLS School in 1996.

This year, after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 10, we celebrated St. Joseph's Altar, a centuries old meal of thanksgiving, with offerings made to the needy around the Feast of St. Joseph. The feast is this Monday, but because of conflicts the picture-perfect altar was decorated and shopped for by Marie Swift, with Fran Ross Robertson and others, a week early. It was through the intercessory prayers of St. Joseph that a drought and famine was stopped with the rains. That favor is remembered yearly by the Italian-American communities. Thanks to all who brought food, attended, and donated to the poor, as has been that yearly custom.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

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**Stations of the Cross** will be held each Friday of Lent at **6:30 p.m.**

There will be **no Noon Mass** on Tuesday, March 27. The priests will concelebrate the Chrism Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



*Mass Intentions*

Please Note: Mass Intentions are assigned to the priests, not the Mass times. If you have reserved a certain date, you will need to call the Church Office the Friday before to find out the Mass time.

Monday, Mar. 19	Special Intention Daniel Quinn Theresa Mundi
Tuesday, Mar. 20	Sp. Int. Bobbie McDavid Carol Seiler Sp. Int. Nap & Sandra Barranco
Wednesday Mar. 21	Special Intention Theresa Mundi Sp. Int. The Quinn Family
Thursday, Mar. 22	Jackie Milazzo Nathalie Forstall Victor Hugh Rumore
Friday, Mar. 23	Takla Azzou Theresa Mundi Victor Hugh Rumore
Saturday, Mar. 24	Donors to OLS School Foundation Jackie Milazzo Sp. Int. Frances Naro
Sunday, Mar. 25	People of the Parish Alex Bourgeois Sp. Int. Jude & Claudia Tombrello

**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:  
**Monday at 11 AM (With Partner)**  
**Tuesday at 2 AM (Permanent Committed Adorer Needed)**  
**Tuesday at 11 AM (With Partner)**  
**Tuesday at 1 PM (With Partner)**  
**Friday at 11 AM (With Partner)**  
**Friday at 9 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.

**The Chapel of Our Savior will close on Holy Thursday for the Holy Triduum at 3 p.m. It will reopen on Easter Sunday at 1 p.m.**

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament** will take place on Holy Thursday beginning at 9 p.m. in the Church (after the Mass of the Last Supper) until midnight. Please sign-up for a Holy Hour. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule.



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

**Adult Ed. will not meet on March 25 or April 1. We will resume on April 8.**

**V.I.P.** will be held on Tuesday, April 3. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Come join your friends and neighbors for faith, fellowship and fun.

**New Position Open** - OLS is hiring a part-time PSR Administrative Assistant. Looking for a faith-filled, energetic individual who has computer and organizational skills. Also needs to work well with adults and children. For more information or to apply, email Suzanne Corso at [dre@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:dre@ourladyofsorrows.com).

**The Elementary Children's Ministry** invites all 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their families to cheer on the UAB men's baseball team against Alabama on Tuesday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Region's Field. Please register for this event using the link on the Elementary Children's Ministry webpage on the OLS website. Contact Chi Ranieri at [ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com) if you have any questions.

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

**Sat. April 7: Unity Fest (10 – 3 p.m.)!** The Diocese is hosting this fun event at OLS and there will be speakers, games, food trucks, and more! More details coming soon.

### **LifeTeen High School**

**Sun., Mar. 18: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.** Diving deeper into the validity of the Gospels.  
**Life Night at 7 p.m.** Join us for dinner and a discussion on vocations.

**Wed., Mar. 21:** 7 p.m. Summit Scripture Bible Study in the youth room. Dive into the upcoming Sunday Mass readings together.

**Sun. Mar. 25:** No Youth Group today! Enjoy your Spring Break!

**Wed. Mar. 28:** Join us for a movie night! We will be meeting at the Patton Creek theatre to watch Paul, Apostle of Christ. Please RSVP so we can reserve tickets:  
[youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com)

### **Edge Middle School**

**Mar. 18:** Join us for dinner at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall, followed by "Ignited Within", an Edge Night on the Sacrament of Confirmation. We will come to a greater understanding of this Sacrament and how the graces of our Baptism are strengthened and we are given the graces to take on the mission to go out and share our faith.

**The St. Joseph Altar Committee** would like to thank everyone who participated in the annual celebration of the Feast Day of St. Joseph: the participants, workers and volunteers who gave of their time and effort; the individuals who brought food; Nabeel's, who donated the bread that was served; those who gave monetary donations; and everyone else who helped make this occasion a special event. We feel sure that St. Joseph was pleased with the results and we ask his blessings on each one and on the entire OLS Parish.



**Save the Date:  
Vacation Bible School is  
June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>!**

**Volunteers needed now** (especially adults) Full week – 8:45-12:15

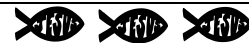
#### **Adult Volunteers**

- Decorations – Before VBS
- Crew Leaders – no teaching required
- Bible Story and Bible Point Leaders
- Nursery Leader
- Clean up Crew – Friday after VBS

#### **Jr. Volunteers**

- (Rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders and up)
- Where we need you

**Sign up at [www.olspsr.com](http://www.olspsr.com)!**



#### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Jesus calls us forth from our graves of apathy and passivity. How will your new life make a difference? Consider ministry in the Church. (John 11:1-45)  
For all our ministers of care with the sick and dying and their families.

Cleaning  
Crew  
Needed



## Looking for a way to serve your church?

*How about being a sacristan and helping clean the altar?*

How often do you need to be there?

About once every sixth Saturday morning at 8:15 am.

How long does it take? About one hour.

What do you have to do? Dust, vacuum, wash, general cleaning of the altar, change the Holy Water.

Who can do this? Anyone - men, women, children.

Please contact Marcy Fleming at 205-401-8548 or [mbf96@me.com](mailto:mbf96@me.com) if interested.

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### **OLS Safety Committee:**

Our Lady of Sorrows is in the beginning stages of creating a committee to address safety concerns. If you have questions or suggestions, or if you would like to volunteer to serve on the committee, please email Bruce Bright at [bruce@ontargetleading.com](mailto:bruce@ontargetleading.com).

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**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet at OLS on Saturday, March 24, from 10-11:15 a.m. Please join us for Adoration, the Rosary and Holy Mass. It's a perfect opportunity for PRAYER during Lent! Fr. Bryan Jerabek from St. Paul's Cathedral will be celebrating Mass and leading us in prayer! Come join us!

For more information call Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

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**St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church** invites you to its annual ***Feast of Saint Mark Italian Festival***. Come enjoy an Italian Food experience on the "boulevard", which will feature over 14 different restaurants/food vendors. We will have great entertainment and another spectacular Fireworks Show! Bring the family and friends on April 28, from 3:30-10 p.m. Tickets are available online at [www.feastofsaintmark.com](http://www.feastofsaintmark.com) or at the Parish Office. Ciao and arrivederci!

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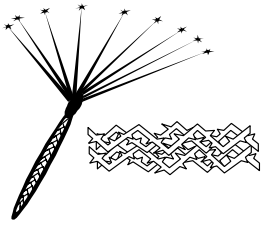
### **The Feast of the Divine Mercy** is Sunday, April 8.

The Holy Hour will begin at 3:00 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction.

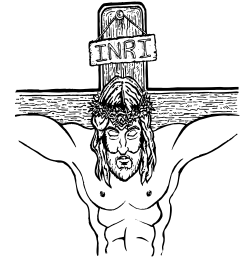
Come join us in prayer!

The Novena leaflets can be found in the vestibule. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.

One may gain a Plenary Indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday under the usual conditions of Confession, the recitation of the 9-Day Novena, prayers and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.



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**Holy Thursday**

March 29th

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

**5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M. In**

**The Church (NURSERY PROVIDED)**

**Good Friday\*\*\***

March 30<sup>th</sup>

*Meditations on the Seven Last Words*

**12:00 –2:20 P.M.**

*Stations of the Cross –2:30-3:00 P.M.*

*Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 P.M.  
in the Church. (NURSERY PROVIDED)*

**Holy Saturday**

March 31st

***EASTER VIGIL***

**8:00 P.M. (NURSERY PROVIDED)**

**Easter Sunday**

April 1st

**7:00 A.M.**

**8:30 A.M. (Nursery Provided)**

**10:00 A.M. - 2 MASSES (CHURCH AND  
PARISH HALL) (Nursery Provided)**

**11:30 A.M.**

**6:00 P.M.**

**\*\*\* On Good Friday, Father Muller will begin the reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross at 12:00 p.m. and will conclude at 2:20 p.m. The Stations of the Cross will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m., the hour of our Lord's death, the Hour of Divine Mercy. You may come for any part of the services, but please, out of respect, remain in the vestibule until Father has completed his meditation and then enter the church.**