



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
March 25, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The Church is at her best during Holy Week. Last Sunday we wrote all about Holy Thursday, the feast of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Today we anticipate and write about Good Friday. For Easter I will write about the Resurrection of Jesus.

With 365 days of the year, there is only one day that gets the title GOOD, as we repeatedly say Good Friday.

To the extent that we humans have sinned, with endless killings, abortions, private murders, and wars since the beginning of man's existence, and injustices of all kinds, there is balanced off, by God's mercy, the sufferings of the God-man on the hill of Calvary. The suffering on the day we call Good Friday was an act of sacrifice offered for all the sins of all time, that these sins could now be forgiven.

This anniversary of Jesus' death is celebrated all over the world, with fasting and abstaining from meat. The three hours of Jesus' suffering on the cross from noon until 3 p.m. are three sacred hours. We will have three hours of devotion reflecting on each of the seven words spoken from the cross from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m. These reflections will be a sermon, group prayer and group singing of WERE YOU THERE WHEN THEY CRUCIFIED MY LORD. Stations will begin at 2:30 p.m. and last until 3 p.m. If one cannot come for all three hours, one can come and go anytime during this sacred three hours, commemorating Jesus' horrible suffering for three hours, speaking seven times in spite of His agony.

Then, on Good Friday evening, we have NO MASS, but a long Communion Service with the consecrated Hosts left over from the day

before. This starts at OLS at 7 p.m. There are four parts:

1. Scripture
2. Prayers
3. Veneration of the Image of the Crucifixion
4. Communion Service

I. The first **Scripture** reading is from Isaiah (7<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.). Prophecy of Jesus' suffering:

"...it was our infirmities that He bore, our sufferings that He endured...He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins...by His stripes, we were healed...We had gone astray like sheep, each following his own way...but the Lord laid upon Him the guilt of us all..."

What a prophecy from the 7<sup>th</sup> Century before Christ!

The second reading is from the Epistle to the Hebrews, which mentions Jesus as the High Priest, with references to the sacrifice of Jesus made to the Father (all during Lent we have the picture on the altar of Christ crucified being offered to the Father, who is in back of Jesus accepting this offering).

The Gospel reading is the narration of the Passion according to St. John, which mentions two of the Seven Last Words from the Cross. The other evangelists mention the remaining five. It is St. Luke who mentions the first words from the Cross, which are so helpful to us. It is Jesus saying:

"Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing."

Our Lord preached to us endlessly (even in the Lord's Prayer) that we must forgive one another. Here, Jesus preaches eloquently by His example, even giving His enemies the benefit of the doubt.

II. There are **ten prayers**, with an invitation to pray before each prayer. Notice how fitting these prayers are:

1. For the Church;
2. For the Pope;
3. For the Bishop, priests, deacons and people;
4. For those coming into the Church at the Easter Vigil;
5. For the unity of Christians;
6. For the Jewish people;
7. For all who do not believe in Christ;
8. For those who do not believe in God;
9. For those in public office; and
10. For those in tribulation.

III. Then there is the **Veneration of the Crucifix**, the image of Christ crucified, showing our appreciation of Christ dying on the Cross. We kiss the image as we might kiss the picture of a loved one.

IV. After the devotion, there is the **Communion Service**. This is not the Sacrifice of the Mass. It is the concentration on the reception of that which was offered to the Father. It starts with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Sunday, Easter, we will write on the Resurrection of Christ and the coming of converts into the Church. Easter is our promise by Christ for the life after death.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

**Please take your palms with you when you leave today. Remember, they have been blessed.**

**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. 26	Special Intention Patrick J. Boccuzzi
	Sp. Int. Sr. Janet Marie Flemming
Tuesday, Mar. 27	John Holt Elizabeth Saia
	Rose Cefalu Maggio
Wednesday Mar. 28	Special Intention Dr. Joseph Schilleci
	Sp. Int. Kris & Danny Fleming & daughter
Thursday, Mar. 29	Sp. Int. Susan Ward Anne Vickers
	Sp. Int. Cedric & Mary Jo Fernandes & children
Friday, Mar. 30	GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday, Mar. 31	Donors to OLS School Foundation Carolyn McClard Dolly Barranco
Sunday, April 1	Donald Taccone/People of the Parish Rondal Steele, Sr. Elizabeth Saia

**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

**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.

### **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. 25:** No Youth Group today! Have a safe Spring Break and know of our prayers!

**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

#### **Edge Middle School**

Enjoy your Spring Break! We will see you on April 8!

Camp Hidden Lake: Reserve a spot for your teen for June 18-23. Cost is \$225. Open to rising 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders. Email  
msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for more information.



### **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.

#### **Holy Week Schedule**

##### **Holy Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper* 5 & 7 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)

##### **Good Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Meditation on the Seven Last Words* 12 – 2:20 p.m.  
*Stations of the Cross* 2:30 p.m.  
*Celebration of the Lord's Passion* 7 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)

##### **Holy Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

*EASTER VIGIL* 8 p.m.  
(Nursery Provided)

##### **Easter Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m.  
8:30 a.m. (Nursery Provided)  
10:00 a.m. (Church & Parish Hall - Nursery Provided)  
11:30 a.m.  
6:00 p.m.