



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
April 8, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

EASTER

Easter has a happiness and joy all of its own. The Scriptural readings this past week give us the apparitions of Jesus to individuals and groups of people. The victory was so much greater because of the apparent defeat on the cross.

Jesus did not hesitate to explain to His followers that the Messiah had to suffer first before entering into His glory. You see, the language of love is sacrifice and God had to show His love for us, as the Scriptures indicate. So we too must have our little sufferings before we enter the glory of the eternal life of perfect happiness with Him who loves us so much.

DIVINE MERCY

Think about it for a moment! Is there anyone of us who can say he or she is ready to stand before Jesus and state he or she does not absolutely NEED His mercy? Without exception, all of us must plead for mercy. We pray for mercy frequently at Mass. Yet, we tend to overlook the reality of our absolute need for His mercy! It is like the way we overlook or ignore the great love Jesus has for each of us.

When Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary in the seventeenth century and told her to be an apostle of devotion to His love for us (devotion to the Sacred Heart), it meant we humans were woefully lacking here.

In the twentieth century, in the Lord's goodness, He found it necessary to appear to another nun, the recently canonized St. Faustina, to remind people of the need to beg for His mercy. He longs to give us this mercy if we ask. Part of this devotion to Divine Mercy is that we show mercy to other people. Also, in teaching us a devotion to Divine Mercy through St. Faustina, Jesus

admonishes us to exercise more trust in His goodness, His wisdom, mercy, and love for us. So, on the picture of Divine Mercy which He described to St. Faustina, He wanted the words:

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

Pope John Paul II declared the first Sunday after Easter to be DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY for the UNIVERSAL CHURCH. The hour Christ died, 3:00 p.m., is a sacred hour. According to St. Faustina, a short prayer to heaven is recommended daily at this hour, professing trust and asking for mercy, if one can think about it at 3:00 p.m. Great numbers of parishes all over the world are sponsoring an hour's devotion to Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday. We at OUR LADY OF SORROWS, FOR THE FOURTEENTH YEAR, will have the holy hour from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. We usually have a full church at 3:00 p.m. on this Feast of Divine Mercy!

Why is this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday? The Gospel assigned for this Sunday has been the one in which Jesus leaves with His Church His power to forgive sins.

Divine Mercy devotion is not just another private devotion. Nothing so corresponds to the essence of our faith, the Mass, as does this devotion. How often during Mass we bow humbly before God asking for mercy! We start Mass with:

“Lord, have mercy...”

Before Communion,

“Lamb of God, Who takes
away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.”

In the chaplet, on the large beads of the rosary, we say:

“Eternal Father, I offer the
body and blood, soul and divinity
of your dearly beloved son, Our
Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement
for our sins and for that of the
whole world.”

That's about the same prayer we all say after the consecration at Mass...

"We offer you this life giving bread, this saving cup."

The *Image* of Divine Mercy is a great reminder of this needed devotion. It seems to me every home should have this image.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 9	Janice Stephens Adams Anne Renno Victor Hugh Rumore
Tuesday, April 10	Special Intention Mary & Jim Meehan Sp. Int. Rosemary & Sam Savage
Wednesday, April 11	Gertrude O'Roarne Curry Dr. Joseph Schilleci Lena Carruba
Thursday, April 12	Walter Cooney Dr. Joseph Schilleci Mary Elsie O'Brien
Friday, April 13	Special Intention Dr. Joseph Schilleci Josephine Sicola
Saturday, April 14	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Joseph Schilleci Mary Elsie O'Brien
Sunday, April 15	People of the Parish Sp. Int. Melanie Falconer Mary Elsie O'Brien

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 11 AM (With Partner)
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Tuesday at 1 PM (With Partner)

Wednesday at 7 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 Feast of the Divine Mercy is today, 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!

Our Lady of Fatima will meet on Thursday, April 12, at 10:45 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Our guest speaker will be Jane O'Brien. Her topic will be FINDING GOD IN THE SILENCE! Please come and join us.

Everyone is welcome to attend *Adult Education: Encounter and Evangelize* on Sunday April 15. Our speaker will be Jean-Francois Pittet. His topic is *Devotion to Mary*. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments. The class begins at 10 a.m.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

Sun. April 8: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Focusing on Chapter 6 of Monsignor's book: The Divinity of Christ. Life Night at 7 p.m. After an 8 week session focusing on Theology of the Body, it's time to have a night of games! Join us for dinner and fellowship with your peers.

Wed. April 11: 7 p.m. Summit Scripture Bible Study in the youth room! Come study the Word of God and learn more about our Catholic faith.

Edge Middle School

Sun. April 8: Join us for dinner at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by "Source and Summit", an Edge Night on the Eucharist in Scripture. We will come to understand the Scriptural roots of the Eucharist in the Old and New Testaments and to grow in a deeper love of the Eucharist and appreciation for the Mass. Fr. Wilfred joins us for Eucharistic Adoration.

REBUILDING: A DIVORCE AND GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

So. Are you divorced? Going through a divorce? Have you tried a divorce recovery group and still feel alone...afraid...lost? Let us help. We won't tell you what to expect from divorce, what to do, how to feel, or when the pain will stop. What we will do is provide a safe, confidential setting with people who have been exactly where you are and have survived. Our next 10 week session begins on Tuesday, April 10, at 6 p.m. in the OLS Family Life Center. For more information go to www.ourrebuilding.org or call 969-0062. Leave a message and we will return your call.



Our Lady of Sorrows presents

Vacation Bible School

**June 11th - 15th!
9 a.m. – 12 noon**

K4 (4 yrs. By June 1) – 4th grade (in coming school year)

Register Now! www.olspsr.com

We need volunteers! Rising 5th graders to adult. Contact us at:
psr@ourladyofsorrows.com or 871-1431.

Madonna and Child Guild will meet on Friday, April 13, at 9 a.m. in the Sodality Room. The Rosary will be followed by guest speaker Jacqueline DeMarco, Clinical Psychologist, speaking on the topic of "Fostering Healthy Relationships with Yourself and Others". Please contact Erin Penhershki at epenershkiart@charter.net to make nursery reservations by noon on Wednesday, April 11. Include names and ages of your children. Please feed your child prior to dropping them off – no snacks allowed!

The Tyler Porter Memorial Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, April 27, at Highland Park Golf Course. Proceeds benefit the Tyler Porter Memorial Scholarship Fund at John Carroll Catholic High School, awarded to a JCCHS senior baseball player and announced at senior awards day. Please visit www.tylerportergolf.com to register, sponsor a hole, or donate. Inquiries may also be directed to tylerportergolf@gmail.com.

March Bridge Winners:

1st Bill Kelly
2nd Polly Kelly
3rd Sally Stephens