



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
April 15, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

An issue of *Catholic Update* titled their feature topic "A Walk Through the Mass". They put the emphasis on the Mass as a meal, rather than as a sacrifice. The Meal is the people's consuming that which is first offered to God, the Father. The reason I am driven to write a small book on the Mass is simply because, somehow, in Catholic catechetics, we just don't seem to prioritize what the Mass is. Yet, the prayers of the Mass say it. The popes, Pius X and Pius XII, have said it, and, yes, even the first pope, St. Peter, references this fact, writing to all baptized people of his day that they are a royal priesthood. What else does this mean except that we share in the priesthood of Christ, and as St. Paul reminds us:

"As often as you do this, you proclaim His death until He comes."

Paul does not say, primarily, "As often as you do this you sit down for a most holy meal." That's secondary and comes from God offering back to us what we have first offered to Him. Proclaiming His death is proclaiming His sacrifice and priestly offering to the Father. It seems a slight bit of Protestant theology has slipped into the way we catechize our people. They emphasize the "meal" aspect, and St. Peter called all baptized "a royal priesthood".

With present catechesis, it is like St. Peter never told all baptized in the first century that they were a "royal priesthood", as though popes have not written on the "priesthood of the Laity", as though we don't say "we offer you this life-giving Bread, this Chalice of Salvation" right after the consecration and after a moment of elevated Host, to affirm the real presence before the act of offering. The

priest does not say "I offer, but we offer you..."

Most of you have seen my favorite holy picture on the altar all during Lent. The original, much larger, is the masterpiece of art and theology by the artist, Stephen Ardovino (nephew of John Tombrello).

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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



Monday, April 16	Special Intention Sp. Int. Rod & Peter Ann Ryan Mary Elsie O'Brien
Tuesday, April 17	Vic DeJohn Marian Stephens Heatherly Tom Tucker Kelly
Wednesday, April 18	Special Intention Sp. Int. Doris Lou Cofer Tom Tucker Kelly
Thursday, April 19	Special Intention Victor Hugh Rumore Rose Ghossein
Friday, April 20	Special Intention Sp. Int. Charlotte Rumore & family David Swards
Saturday, April 21	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. Nighisti & Fran Negassi Sp. Int. Anthony J. Rumore
Sunday, April 22	People of the Parish Sp. Int. Rosemary & Sam Savage Special Intention

The Bread for the World Letter Campaign will take place on Sunday, April 29, in the Parish Hall following all of the morning Masses. You can also participate using your smart phone or laptop and home computer. Insert bread.org/eol into the browser of your device. After you input your name, address,

and zip code, add a line or two to personalize the sample letter; the system will automatically email both your two senators and representative with the push of one button!

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.



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.

Everyone is welcome to attend *Adult Education* on Sunday April 22. Our speaker will be Mary Ann Graeve. Her topic is *The Power of the Word*. The gathering begins in the **Family Life Center** 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 15: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Continuing the lesson on Chapter 6 of Monsignor's book: *The Divinity of Christ*. Life Night at 7 p.m. Join us for a Trivia Night! We will recap the semester of *Theology of the Body* with trivia and games!

Wed. April 18: Bible Study at 7 p.m. Pizza, prayer, and small group discussion!

Camp Hidden Lake

We are looking for chaperones for our Camp Hidden Lake trip July 16-21! This is an incredible way to grow in your personal faith and connect with the teens in our parish. You must be 21 years old and Youth Protection certified through the Diocese. Email ginny@olsyouth.com for more details.

Edge Middle School

Sun. April 15: Join us for dinner at 7 p.m. in the Family Life Center, followed by "The Heart of God", an Edge Night on Life Teen's Annual Theme. We will come to understand that God's heart is constantly seeking after us and we are called to respond to Him. We will learn more about the Heart of God, why we should respond to Him, and why we should desire a relationship with Him.

Wed. April 25: 8th Grade Send-Off! All 8th graders are welcome to join High School for Bible Study at 7 p.m. Pizza, prayer, and small group discussion, followed by dessert at a location TBD.

YOU'RE INVITED! Trash and Treasure is having a potluck dinner on Wednesday, April 25, at 6 p.m. Current volunteers and potential new volunteers are invited to bring their favorite dish and join us for an evening of food and fellowship as we get ready to start

our preparation for this year's sale!
Volunteers are needed for all areas. For more information about the potluck or about volunteering, please contact Melanie Falconer at 205-281-9695.

Trash & Treasure is gearing up for another great 4th of July Festival...and you can too! We will begin accepting donations at the end of May, so now is the time to start planning. If you have a furniture item that needs to be picked up before then, we do have limited storage available. If you would like to schedule a pickup, please contact Bill Miller at 478-6936. Again, if you can wait until the end of May, it is greatly appreciated. For other questions about donations – or even volunteering – please call Melanie Falconer at 281-9695.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet at OLS on Saturday, April 28, at 10 a.m. Won't you join us for prayer, Adoration, and Holy Mass? All are welcome! For more information contact Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

**Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center
15th Annual GOLF FOR LIFE
Friday, May 11,
Highland Park Golf Course
Lunch at 12 Noon
SHOTGUN START at 1 p.m.**

The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer. We need people to organize a foursome to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome, and will be paired up. We also need Hole Sponsors, \$500, or half Hole Sponsors, \$250. This ministry exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy choose life, and to support them in that decision. Please support this event and contact Her Choice at 205-447-8796 or golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org.



*A story of love and resistance under the
French Revolution*

Exposes Christian Persecution Under the
French Revolution

*Wednesday, April 18, at 6:30 p.m.
OLS Parish Hall*

Free of Charge. All are invited!

Magnificat and the Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham invite all Catholic men and women to attend a Life in the Spirit Seminar on April 21, at Our Lady of Fatima Church from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available by contacting Donna Chmielarski at 408-0308, from Alpha Church Supply or email: magnificat0296@gmail.com. No tickets will be sold at the door.

My Dear Family in Christ,

Our Lord Jesus Christ has blessed me through you in the outpouring of love: cards, Mass cards, enrollments in Mass Associations, spiritual bouquets, visits, phone calls and other kinds of gifts, messages and greetings.

I feel a great desire to respond individually to you. This is just not possible.

My illness progresses with some suffering and inconvenience. I am grateful for the loving and skillful care I receive. Memories of my years bring me happiness and some tears. I am able to spend much time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. You are there with me in my prayers.

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your family always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop Foley