



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
August 19, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

One of the first things Pope Francis did as in 2013 when he became pope was to write a document (Evangelii Gaudium) entitled the JOY OF THE GOSPEL.

The main theme is what is now termed MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP. This is a great term, but the one slight flaw is that the words are not in chronologic order. Being a disciple comes first, and then we become missionaries.

In 2017 the American bishops convened Catholic leaders from around the country to plan on putting the pope's vision into practice. So very much of it is already in practice. This was like the validity of "the best schools become better" philosophy.

On the 50th Anniversary of the Diocese of Birmingham, our bishop has written a pastoral letter on a discipleship that ultimately becomes a MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP.

The gist of the whole issue starts with increasing our love for God. Our lives should be a loving adoration and thanksgiving to Jesus for SAVING US. But, then, we must do our part. I love Dr. Frank LaRussa's parable about the man who was so close to God that he asked God to have him win the lottery. Then God said to him, "But YOU must buy a ticket." In other words, we must do our part. We can never forget that the definition of love is the willingness to sacrifice for another.

On the first Friday of the month it is impressive to see the numbers at the 6:30 and 7:30 a.m. Masses. True, not that many come at 6 a.m. for the adoration and prayers to the love that Jesus has for us (Sacred Heart devotion). It is, admittedly, really early,

and maybe we should change the half hour to 7 to 7:30 a.m.

We celebrate 26 complete years of Perpetual Adoration this weekend. When I make a visit to the Chapel, before I leave I say, as I look at the people present: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. Now I also turn to Jesus and say: THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. Mary Claire Brouillette keeps saying that it is Jesus who chose OLS for Perpetual Adoration.

As in marriage, where one must work on that relationship with the spouse every day, so, too, we must "work" at that love relationship with Jesus daily.

It is then that we tend to be "missionary" and want to share our faith with others. The RCIA class, which Fr. Deering has renamed Roman Catholic Inquiry and Answers, starts at OLS this October 8th. At Holy Spirit in Tuscaloosa, Father Deering invites any Catholic who could use a "brush up on the faith" to come. He then states that a few Catholics end up bringing a non-Catholic friend.

One could also start off bringing someone to the classes because they are interested in the faith, and one might offer to come with them. Most need a familiar face to accompany them.

A classic example is Provy Richards. Her stepson lives 18 miles north of Cullman. They started classes last week. Every Tuesday evening she drives to Sacred Heart in Cullman to be with her stepson, who is taking instructions. Then she travels back home. Now that is being a "Missionary Disciple."

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Monday, Aug. 20	Joe Alfano Annie Diergo
Tuesday, Aug. 21	Sp. Int. Joe & Stephanie Bryson Joseph Schilleci Sp. Int. The Kolar Family Sp. Int. Allie Mulette
Wednesday, Aug. 22	Special Intention Walter Cooney Special Intention
Thursday, Aug. 23	Susan F. O'Donnell Annie Diergo Margaret Monte
Friday, Aug. 24	Special Intention Sp. Int. The Wiget Family Sp. Int. Kristin Britt
Saturday, Aug. 25	Donors to OLS School Foundation Margaret Monte Virginia Zicarelli
Sunday, Aug. 26	People of the Parish Sp. Int. Bernadette Archer & family Joseph J. & Jackie Milazzo



Vivian Bonamy, Vita D'Amico,
Mary Ann Huie, Melanie
Gilchrist, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth, Fr. John Robinson,
Margie Cole

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Wednesday at 10 AM (Need Committed Adorer)

Friday at 11 AM (With a Partner)

Sunday at 5 PM (Need Committed Adorer)

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.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, August 26. Our speaker will be Alex Kubik, Director of Discipleship and Mission for the Birmingham Diocese. His topic is *Putting Missionary*

Discipleship in Action. The gathering begins in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m. Childcare is available in the nursery.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Grades Pre K4 – 12 and Growing with God Grade Pre K3 begins this Sunday, August 19. Late registration is still accepted, call 871-1431 or register on-line at www.olspsr.com.

Altar Server Training

Four dates have been scheduled for altar server training for those in 4th grade or above. We have found it is much easier to train a smaller number of new altar servers rather than training a much larger number. Therefore, each date for training has six slots. Please reserve a date for training that works best with your schedule. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis. When any given date has been filled (6 aspiring altar servers have taken all 6 slots) another date will have to be selected. Please schedule training by going to signupgenius.com, click on the "search symbol" (magnifying glass) and enter my email kentgraeve@gmail.com to obtain access to altar training site. Register by filling your server's name into one of the slots provided. For answers to questions please call 205-999-3474 or use the above email address.

A Youth Protection 2 Training Webinar will take place at John Carroll Catholic High School at 2:45 p.m. on Monday, August 27, in the Library. Any diocesan employee is welcome to attend. This is required for all teachers and coaches in the Diocese of Birmingham. Completion of Youth Protection 1 is a prerequisite. You must register in advance to participate. Go to www.bhmdiocese.org under Youth Services.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sept. 10: Youth Group Parent Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the youth room. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend and learn where their involvement is greatly needed in allowing our youth ministry program to succeed.

Core Team Recruiting! Do you love the Eucharist and have a desire to share that love with teens? Please prayerfully consider joining the OLS Core Team! We are in need of men and women with strong faith to volunteer their time and talent starting this Fall. Please contact Ginny or Carol for more information.

Life Teen High School

Aug. 19th: Fall Kick Off! Faith Formation at 10 a.m. in the youth room. Join us for dinner and games as we start the new semester! 7-8:30 p.m.

Aug. 22nd: "Summit" Scripture study! A co-ed Bible Study every Wednesday from 7-8:30 p.m. Dinner included!

Edge Middle School

Aug. 19th: Long Live the King! Join us for our kick-off dinner and games as we start the new semester and dive into our theme, Kingdom Come! We will learn more about Christ's life on earth and the impact it continues to have today. 7-8:30 p.m.

Blaze Bible Study for 7-8th grade girls: We are starting a six week Bible Study this Fall called "Discovering My Purpose." If you are interested, please email Carol at mseyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com. The study will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the FLC Library.

Do you like to sing? Please come and check out the OLS Children's Choir. Our first rehearsal is on **Wednesday, August 22nd**, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Church Music Room. Come and make a joyful noise to unto the Lord! For more information please email Mrs. Garcia at: OLSChoirKids@gmail.com.

Bible Study

St. Ambrose, an early Church father and Bishop of Milan wrote, "The reason we should devote time to reading scripture is to hear God speak to us". All are invited to hear God speak by attending Bible study on Thursday evenings from 7- 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our ten-week study of the *Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy*, will begin on September 13, and conclude on November 15. Since study material must be ordered, registration is required. You can register or obtain additional information by writing to: kentgraeve@gmail.com or calling 999-3474.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, August 25, at 10 a.m. All are invited for Adoration, Rosary and prayers, Benediction, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Come pray with us! For more information contact Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

Bob and Jan Henger invite any couple or individual interested in joining their Bible Study to join them at their home beginning Wednesday, Sept. 12, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. Dinner will be provided. This group of OLS parishioners is entering their fourth year of study, which includes discussion on the up and coming Sunday scripture readings, thereby enhancing the Sunday mass experience. Please call 823-2271 if interested.



OLS School is collecting Boxtops to help support school improvements and programs. Please clip and send your

Boxtops to Boxtop Coordinator at 414 Kenilworth Drive, Homewood 35209. Thank you!

Dear ladies,

In studying The Word, The Bible, we learn about our beloved shepherd and His sheep in John 10, Psalm 23, Ezekiel 34. We are reminded how Jesus loves his people, each one of us especially. Jesus the shepherd is the Good Shepherd. He goes after his beloved ones. He doesn't just wait around and hope they'll come back home. When he reaches them, He picks them up and carries them on his shoulder, back home, all the time speaking loving words to them. He gives us Rest and refreshing water and food to eat for mind, soul, and body. He says that the sheep know His voice, especially in HIS WORD. "Do not be afraid, I am with you always," says Jesus to each one of us, in Matt. 28:20. Come join us for Bible Study and fellowship on Tuesdays, 9 -11 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We will be starting September 11. Call Mary Ann Graeve at 205-908-2728 to register. Leave your name and number, and I will return your call.

Everyone is invited to a Healing Mass on Wednesday, Sept. 5, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Msgr. Martin Muller will be the celebrant. Frank Kelly will be the guest speaker after Mass, and the healing service will follow. Please join us.

Our Lady of Sorrows Feast

Saturday, September 15

*Music meditation
at 4:30 p.m.*

*Benediction and Meditation on
the Seven Sorrows
at 4:45 p.m.*

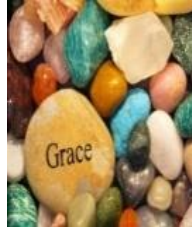
Mass at 5 p.m.

*A dinner will immediately
follow in the Parish Hall at
6:00 p.m.*

**Everyone is welcome!
Join us on this
special day!**

John Carroll Alumni Appreciation Event

All John Carroll alumni are invited to join us for our Annual Alumni Appreciation event at the 2018 Homecoming football game on Friday, September 21. Food and fellowship will begin at 6 p.m. at the tent located at Pat Sullivan Field at John Carroll. Visit the alumni page of our website to RSVP and receive free admission to the game for you and one guest.



BECOME A MEMBER OF THE OLS ALTAR SODALITY!

Through the six Guilds of the Sodality, our meetings and projects foster spiritual enrichment through the fellowship we share and the service we provide to our church community with the Corporal Works of Mercy at the foundation of our mission.

There is a guild to suit you!

What You and the Sodality both have to offer one another will create an enriching partnership and many lasting relationships!



Join us at the new member event
Monday, August 27th at 6:30 p.m.
in the Family Life Center!

ALL LADIES OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED.
SODALITY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO INVITE AND BRING ALONG A NON-SODALITY
MEMBER TO THIS EVENT!