



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
September 23, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Most of us take our baptism for granted. So, it is only fitting, from time to time, to think about it and all it implies. Actually, we are supposed to think about it every time we make the Sign of the Cross, especially with holy water.

At Baptism we are adopted by God as His children (this includes Protestant baptisms, as well as baptism in our Catholic faith). At Baptism we are promised an inheritance as children of our Father in heaven. We participate in the Priesthood of Jesus, His kingdom, and His prophetic role, which means His "teaching role" (the word "prophet" means "teacher").

There are obligations connected with the enormous greatness of being adopted by God as His children. One obligation not often recognized and not too well practiced is the obligation to "spread the faith." It is part of the prophetic role of Jesus.

We start R.C.I.A. classes on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October, a week from tomorrow. Most of us know people who are not committed to another Christian denomination and who would feel complimented if we actually invited them to the R.C.I.A. class.

Walter Busenlehner invited Bo Lovell years ago to come to the classes. Walter actually came with Bo. Today, Bo is our great, full-time sacristan who almost entered the seminary. He looks around the parish to help anyone who he is able to help in any way. Bo brought his own daughter into the faith and is now working on his mother.

Anne Marie Verchot is the director of the program and she is truly the best in the field. She has written a letter you will find in this bulletin. You can simply pass this letter of hers, with the 22 topics of lectures we will have on Monday nights, to those friends or relatives who might be interested, and let them know they are most welcome to attend our class. As Anne Marie states, there is no obligation nor pressure to become a Catholic. Please check the letter out and help us touch the minds and hearts of people by attending these sessions.

Each class begins at 6 p.m. with a light meal. At 6:30 we meet in small groups for discussions, and at 7 p.m. I will always give a 40 minute explanation of different aspects of the Catholic Faith.

Last Monday Anne Marie asked me to teach our group of leaders to be "facilitators" (one who invites people to verbally participate) in the process of giving a demonstration. I was personally impressed with those six people. They know their faith. They are kind and good listeners, and I feel these six are "called by God" to help others understand our Catholic faith.

One does not have to become a Catholic, but if these classes help anyone grow closer to Christ it was a great success for all who were involved.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. Dear OLS people,

Congratulations! The blood drive was a record breaking success this past Sunday. Seventy people applied to give and 59 units were successfully taken, which brought such a compliment from the Red Cross, who said: OLS is the number one parish in giving blood in the state of Alabama.



Monday, Sept. 24	Special Intention Sp. Int. Glen & Louise Bryson
Tuesday, Sept. 25	Sp. Int. Sr. Janet Marie Flemming Forest Walls Sp. Int. Peggy Cole Annie Diergo
Wednesday, Sept. 26	Sp. Int. Frank & Vita D'Amico Sp. Int. Rick Blackstone Joseph Alfano
Thursday, Sept. 27	Special Intention Sp. Int. Jack & Paula de la Bretonne Annie Diergo
Friday, Sept. 28	Sp. Int. Clara Barbosa Sp. Int. Catherine & Jeff Hahn Alfonso Alfano
Saturday, Sept. 29	Dr. Guy Blaudeau Walter Cooney Sp. Int. Vincent Zicarelli, III
Sunday, Sept. 30	People of the Parish Lena Mae DiChiara Annie Diergo



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

### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Tuesday at 7 PM (With Partner)**
- Thursday at 11 PM (Need Committed Adorer)**
- Friday at 9 AM (Need Committed Adorer)**
- Friday at 11 AM (With a Partner)**
- Friday at 11 PM (Need Committed Adorer)**
- Sunday at 1 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, Sept. 30. Our speaker will be Jay Flynn. His topic is *St. Faustina and Divine Mercy*. 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.



Bishop Baker is asking all parishes to add a special prayer to St. Michael during Masses beginning September 29, and ending October 7, for healing and reconciliation in the Catholic Church. Copies of the prayer will also be available in the pews.

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



### **Candlelight Rosary Procession**

On Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Sorrows will sponsor the 18th annual Candlelight Rosary Procession for world peace and to convert all nations. In the year 2000, Pope John Paul II designated the first Saturday in October as World Rosary Day and encouraged people all over the world to pray the Rosary for peace.

Immediately following the 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass, Fr. Frankline will lead the Candlelight Rosary Procession. It will begin at the Shrine of the Madonna and Child in front of the Church and continue visiting the various shrines on OLS Church grounds.

**V.I.P.** will be held on Tuesday, October 2. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Please join us as we kick off another year of faith, fellowship and fun!

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### **Madonna and Child Tailgate**

All families are invited to a tailgate potluck in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, September 26, at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite tailgating dish or dessert and the recipe to share. Wear your team colors! Children of all ages are welcome.

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**A huge thank you to all who came to celebrate Our Lady of Sorrows Day!!** A special thank you to Fr. Muller and Fr. Frankline. Thank you to all members of our choirs (Deborah Garcia, Caroline Spears, Jonathan Murphy–Directors), and accompanists Jenny Sims and Alexandra Naylor for lifting the celebration with wonderful music dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. A special thank you to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild for preparing and serving the delicious dinner and decorating the Parish Hall: Donna Bahakel, Leslie Bentley, Angie Dunston, Brenda Matherne, Alexandra Naylor, Celine Nkashama, Boni Remke, Mary Rupinski. Thank you to Sasha Naylor for organizing and coordinating this celebration. Hope to see all members of our parish dedicated to Our Blessed Mother next year!

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### **John Carroll Preview Days**

We are proud to invite prospective parents and students into our school to understand what makes John Carroll the most special high school in Birmingham! Preview days will allow you to get a feel for John Carroll on a typical school day. Preview Days are from 9 – 11 a.m. on Sept. 25, Oct. 23, and Nov. 27. Visit [www.jcchs.org](http://www.jcchs.org) to register to attend or contact [admissions@jcchs.org](mailto:admissions@jcchs.org) for more information.

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

### **LifeTeen High School**

**Sunday, Sept. 23:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. in the youth room. We will be studying *Divine Revelation*. Life Teen at 7 p.m. Dinner will be followed by games and a talk. “Hallowed be Thy Name” – learning more about our loving Father!

**Wed. Sept. 26:** “Summit” Scripture study! A co-ed Bible study focusing on the Sunday Mass readings from 7-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. Dinner included!

**Registration for the Fall Retreat “Chaos” is now open!** Saturday, Nov.10-11 at Camp Hargis. Step away from the stress of school, work, and “Be still and know that I am God.” More details at [olsyouth.com/retreat](http://olsyouth.com/retreat).

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, Sept. 23:** “Beach Ball Bonanza.” Join us for an Edge Social Night where we will grow in community and build new friendships through fun and engaging beach-themed games! Meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

**Wed. Sept. 26:** Blaze Bible Study for 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Our 6 week Bible study, “Discovering My Purpose,” continues. If you are interested, it’s not too late to join us! Please email Carol at [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com). Meet in the FLC library (1<sup>st</sup> Floor) from 7-8:30 p.m. Pizza dinner will be served.