



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
October 28, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

R.C.I.A. Class: We just had our third class, and though many come to accompany those interested, to help them get to know others, we do have 17 interested in the faith. The problem is we usually start with 20. This means we have three people, somewhere, who are called to come to the class and have not yet started.

Larry Johnson told me that he keeps inviting a friend who is close to coming, and he keeps telling him that it is never too late to start. Right! We keep a supply of the talks from day one. Someone can always "catch up" if they want the full course. There are those who come simply to educate themselves in Catholicism and/or to get closer to Jesus.

Last Monday night we dealt with Who is Jesus. He is not half God and half man. He is completely God and completely Man. He has a divine intellect and a divine will. He has a human intellect and human will. Mystery of Mysteries that God would look at His masterful creation and see us in trouble. We are made to His image and likeness: intellect, free will and eternity. With these three, we humans have not always made "good choices" in our relationship with our Creator.

Yes, we need an offering to the Almighty for the forgiveness of sin. That God would reveal the mystery of the Trinity and have the Son join Himself to our human nature in the person of Jesus of Nazareth and suffer for our sins is so extremely Biblical and so mysterious.

However, we need to let God be God. God has a right to His mysteries and we have an obligation to respect this right. When He reveals a "mystery" we are not to stamp our feet and insist on understanding. It is for us that we have Jesus of Nazareth dying for our sins. No wonder Pope Francis says that the

name of God is MERCY. This is born from His love for us.

Who is Jesus to us? He is our Savior, our redeemer, our God, and our closest friend. The Apostle St. Paul saw many similarities between loving Jesus and the way two people love one another in the married life. For St. Paul, faith in Jesus was a "relationship" with Jesus. Here are five aspects of St. Paul's love of Jesus:

1. LOVE IS A TWO WAY STREET. As St. John says, "God has loved us first." Yes, just as Charles loved Mary first and waited for a return of that love, which finally came, so, too, God loves first and waits for a return. You can never force someone to love you. You can reach out, as God does, and we are free to make the return. Paul writes that God knew him and reached out to him at birth, but the great reaching out was on Paul's road to Damascus, when the Lord threw him to the ground and said, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" Paul could have rejected Jesus, but with such a forceful invitation to have his blindness healed by listening to Jesus, He fell in love with Jesus.
2. LOVE GROWS OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. Paul had to be baptized and learn more about Jesus, then his love for Him grew. Love GROWS. This is true with humans, and so is our love for Jesus, if we let it to grow.
3. LOVE IS CONSTANTLY NEW. There are countless stories of people whose lives have changed because they have fallen in love. St. Paul writes about the new life "in Christ." Love allows us to see the world with new eyes.
4. THE NEW VALUE (the trump card). Love is a commitment that has a superior value. St. Paul speaks of being beaten, stoned, jailed and left for dead and endless sacrifices he made in life because Christ was his top value.

5. LOVE HAS AN OPENNESS TO THE FUTURE. When the main bread-winner is transferred, the loving spouse is "open to the future." This is also true with the expectation of raising a child. For Christ, Paul was open to the future, whatever it held for him. New cities, new converts, new opportunities, new persecutions, and the new journey into the next life to be with Jesus.

Are we willing to try this love affair with Jesus, accept those aspects of a true love affair?

From the bottom of our hearts we want to say:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU!

When I am tired, help me still to say:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU!

When I find it hard to forgive,
I only need to repeat:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU!

What trouble can shake me –
what suffering overcome me
if I can always repeat:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU!

For the joys You give me –
for the graces You shower on
me, my Thank You will always be:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU!

An simply to please You, for
no other reason, let me often say:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU!

And when the evening of my
life comes, and You invite me
home, let me say for one last
time here below, before I depart:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU!

An when you call me for judgement,
be merciful, Lord, because You know
how many times I have said:

JESUS, I LOVE YOU!

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

All Saints Day Mass Schedule:

Wednesday, Oct. 31 6:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Thursday, Nov. 1
6:30 a.m.
7:30 a.m.
9:00 a.m. (school)
12 noon
6:00 p.m.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Tuesday at 4 PM (With Partner)

Wednesday at 10 AM (Need Committed Adorer)

Friday at 9 AM (Need Committed Adorer)

Friday at 11 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.



Jeanette Gutkowski, William Pickard, Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Margie Cole



Mass Intentions

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| Monday, Oct. 29 | Special Intention Dale Richards Annie Diergo |
| Tuesday, Oct. 30 | Joseph Alfano Joseph Alfano Marie Dirgo |
| Wednesday, Oct. 31 | Sean Ryan Dale Richards Josephine Romano |
| Thursday, Nov. 1 | Special Intention Annie Diergo Dean Romano, Sr. & S.I. Ellie Rember |
| Friday, Nov. 2 | Sp. Int. Frank & Vita D'Amico Cara Triola Rose & Angelo Maggio |
| Saturday, Nov. 3 | Donors to OLS School Foundation Bill Stephens Sp. Int. Joe Saia |
| Sunday, Nov. 4 | People of the Parish Joseph Schilleci Annie Diergo |

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, Nov. 4. Our speaker will be Daniel McCormick. He will give an Overview of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. 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.

ATTENTION LADIES!!!
The OLS Ladies Altar Sodality
invites you to our Fall Luncheon on
Friday, November 16.



RAINDROPS AND ROSES

Holly Mackle, Curator and Author of
Same here, Sisterfriend
and her sisterfriends will bring us along as
they laugh their way through the
misadventures of authentic motherhood.
Full of wit and charm, Mackle and
company will guide us through a
collection of hilarious and vulnerable
tales written by moms
who have seen it all.
Doors open at 10:00 a.m. for the teacup auction
and lunch will be served at 11:30. Tickets are
\$25 and can be purchased from any
sodality/guild member.

We welcome all the ladies of the parish and guests to join St. Ann's Guild on Wednesday November 7, at 10 a.m. in the Family Life Center. We will begin with Rosary at 10:12 a.m., Business meeting at 10:30, followed by guest speaker Mrs. Kristin Sessions at 11 a.m. Mrs. Sessions is Assistant to Bishop Baker and is the mother of Seminarian Daniel Sessions. She will be speaking on Encouraging All Vocations and will update us on the Seminarian Education Fund, formerly

known as The Burse Club. A light lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. Please reply to Anne McMahon at amcmahon7205@charter.net or 205 936-9183 to help us with head count for lunch.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, Oct 28: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: *The Story of Salvation Part 3*. Life Night at 7p.m.: Dinner and Part 3 of our series "The Last Things." Focusing on the Church teachings regarding Purgatory.

Wednesday, Oct. 31: No meeting tonight! Have a safe and happy Halloween!

Nov. 10-11: "Chaos" Fall Retreat at Camp Hargis. This is for all current high schoolers. Our retreat will have Fr. Frankline for Confessions/Adoration, Fr. Vu for Mass, musician Tom Young from Nashville, and special guest speakers. Cost is \$40. For details go to www.olsyouth.com/retreat.

Camp Chaperones Needed

We are looking for 10 chaperones for our Camp Covecrest (July 8-14) and Hidden Lake trips (July 15-20)! This is an incredible way to grow in your personal faith and connect with the teens in our parish. Must be 21 years or older and Youth Protection certified through the Diocese. Contact ginny@olsyouth.com for more details.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Oct. 28: Halloween Party! Join us for an Edge Social with a Happy Holy-ween celebration of fun and games! Costumes are encouraged! Meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the FLC.

Our 6-week Bible Study, "Discovering My Purpose," has concluded. Thank you to all who participated.