



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
November 4, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Even when people "linger" waiting for the Lord to take them, we still do not know the day nor the hour. I gave Roger McLaughlin the Anointing of the Sick and the Apostolic Blessing less than 48 hours before the Lord picked the day to take him. That day was the Feast of All Saints! Not All Souls Day, when we primarily pray for those in purgatory. As the Feast of All Saints dawned and at that early hour on the Feast, the Lord took Roger, of our many saintly people from the parish, to Himself and into perfect happiness of heaven.

In the first reading on this great feast, we are told that those seen in St. John's vision of heaven come from every nation, every race, every walk of life, and with every tongue. Salvation is a gift from God, as the multitude before the throne and before the Lamb were singing: "Salvation comes from our God who is seated on the throne and from the Lamb."

Being a saint is the most important thing we do in this life. Leon Bloy, great French novelist, said:

"The greatest tragedy on this earth is not to be a saint."

Pure and simple: Eternity is just too long to miss that eternity of perfect happiness and to end up with an eternity of horrible suffering. As Jesus said:

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?"

Heaven is that **DYNAMIC RETIREMENT**. It is that **NEW ADVENTURE**. We are people of **HOPE**, which means we look forward to good things in the future. When I view the people at daily Mass and those visiting the Chapel of our Savior and also those who see

Sunday Mass as the highlight of the week, I see people of faith and hope who are investing in the treasures of heaven.

Here are five characteristics of a saint:

- 1) Saints were filled with the **LOVE OF GOD**. They have chosen God above all others and made a commitment to Him. They frequently pray: "Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!" If you love someone, you want to do what they want you to do. So it is with our love of God. It is a constant "call and response."
- 2) Saints **love other humans**, even one's enemies, and one can never find a stingy saint.
- 3) Saints are **humble**, attributing to God all that they have and all that they are able to do.
- 4) Saints are **people of prayer**. Some spend hours in prayer. Others do not pray for hours, but when they do it is with devotion and commitment, and they make helping others a prayer.
- 5) Saints are **not perfect**. Jerome had a fearful temper. There is a picture of St. Jerome with a rock in his hand, beating his breast, asking God for mercy. The pope of the time saw the picture and said, "Jerome, if it had not been for that rock and your repentance, we would never have canonized you."
- 6) Saints have **perseverance** like the blind man, who kept shouting: Jesus of David, have pity on me. Nothing could stop him from repeating this.

There are so many non-canonized saints; people who live ordinary lives with extraordinary love of God and neighbor. Sainthood is not made of Carrera marble, but out of the pebbles and stones of everyday life. Pope John Paul II loved to canonize married people. I think his purpose was to help us realize that everyone is called to

Sainthood. St. Paul, in his 1st Letter to the Corinthians, told them they were all called to be saints. In the midst of many different people with different circumstances, we are **all** called to be saints.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Mass Intentions

Monday, Nov. 5	Special Intention Dale Richards Cara Triola
Tuesday, Nov. 6	Special Intention Sam Raine, Jr. Annie Diergo
Wednesday, Nov. 7	Joseph Schilleci Annie Diergo Cara Triola
Thursday, Nov. 8	Thomas & Helen Jeffers Joseph Schilleci Carolyn Gallagher
Friday, Nov. 9	Sp. Int. Benjamin Marino Joseph Schilleci Miranda Villordo
Saturday, Nov. 10	Donors to OLS School Foundation Joe Gallagher Sp. Int. Monica Luke & Paul Wellman
Sunday, Nov. 11	Jessie D'Agro/People of the Parish Joseph Schilleci Lena Carruba

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Tuesday at 4 PM (Need Committed Adorer)

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

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, Nov. 11. Our speaker will be Melvin Upchurch. His topic is *Protestant versus Catholic: One Bible Verse is All the Difference*. 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 **RAINDROPS AND ROSES** on Friday, November 16. 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

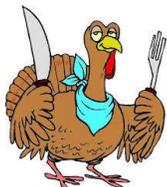
The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild has placed grocery bags in the vestibule for those who would like to contribute to the Catholic Center of Concern. You will find a list of suggested items on the front. Please place your filled bag on the altar. We will begin delivering the bags on November 15. Thank you in advance for your most generous contribution.

St. Ann's Guild will meet 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. 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.

Please join Our Lady of Fatima Guild Thursday, November 15, for our monthly guild meeting. We will meet at the FLC and help with the set up for the Fall Luncheon. Set-up begins at 8:30 a.m. with our monthly meeting & lunch at 11:30 a.m. Contact Jane O'Brien at jane.ob@icloud.com with any questions.

Our Lady of Peace Guild will visit the Dominican Monastery of St. Jude in Marbury, Alabama on Monday, November 5, in lieu of our regular monthly meeting. We will meet in the Family Life Center at 9 a.m. We plan to stop for lunch after our visit to the monastery.

The Ave Maria Shoppe will be open every Sunday during the morning Masses until December 16. We have beautiful Advent wreathes, candles, Christmas ornaments and nativity sets. We also have books of saints as a learning tool for children during the month of November, which is dedicated to the saints.



The Knights of Columbus will be smoking turkey breasts at the OLS pit to help kick off the Thanksgiving weekend. Each breast is \$35 and can be ordered by calling or texting 267-1116. Please leave a message with your name, phone number and how many you need. The turkeys will be wrapped and ready for pickup at the pit between 2-6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21st – the day before Thanksgiving.

Yes! It's Pizza with a Purpose...

Be sure to pick up a flyer in the vestibule of the church and take it to **California Pizza Kitchen (CPK) at The Summit** to help raise money for **OLS School!** On **NOV. 14 AND 15 CPK at The Summit** will donate 20% of the cost of your **CARRY OUT order** for dinner or

lunch to our parish school. Plus, if you plan to cater a special occasion like a work lunch or Bible study, CPK will also donate the same percentage **ANY DAY** between **NOV. 12-16 for catering orders**. Thank you for helping us make a difference!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

LifeTeen High School

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.

Sunday, Nov. 4: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: *Who is Jesus? Part 1.*

Life Night at 7p.m.: Dinner and Part 4 of our series "The Last Things." The goal of this night will be to distinguish the Final Judgment from particular judgment and to replace fear with excitement for Jesus' Second Coming.

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Summit Scripture Study from 7-8:30 p.m. Scripture, pizza, games!

Our high school fall retreat is Nov. 10-11. Please pray for the 60+ teens who are there right now!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Nov. 4: "A Legacy." Join us for an Edge Night on the Last Things. We will come to a greater understanding of what happens when we die and how the lives we live now affect what happens after we die. Meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.



Our Lady of Sorrows Confirmandi

Rite of Welcome
Sunday, November 4, 2018
11:30 AM Mass

Catherine Agena
Tanner Barlow
Ebrahim Bazeddi
Brooks Bilodeau
Brooke Brown
Belle Buckner
Olivia Burczyk
Jack Burke
Estela Carlo
Orlando Carlo
Gri Cashio
Maddie Cobb
Abigail Collins
Kamaryn Crenshaw
Anthony Cucinotta
Arantxa Delgado-Nunez
Thornton Dent
Caroline Diaz
Alex Downes
Nicholas Echols
Ren Elder
Will Ferguson
Marcelo Gaitan-Wolfe
Daniel Galloway
Grayton Galloway
Miriam Gunnells
Katie Gutierrez
Kyndal Hamilton
Anna Frances Hankes
Suzanne Hardin
Matthew Harkins
Melanie Harris
Sanchez Hines
Louis Howland
McKenna Huie
William Hunton
Kennedy Jordan
Michelle Kagwima

Katherine Krontiras
Zachary Lachina
Aidan Lange
Emma Leonard
Jack Lockhart
Eduardo Lopez
Angus MacDougall
Samantha Magruder
Riggs Manown
Madeline Massie
Mary Siena McBride
Millie Kate McBride
Patrick McCarty
Patrick McGovern
Jacob McMahan
Carter Measel
Gracie Mills
Drew Mollica
Elizabeth Moore
Sophia Nelson
Addison Oliver
Weston Oltmanns
Nora Paez
Gabe Restrepo
Emily Rhodes
Colin Robinette
Charlie Saunders
Lucie Schauer
Hayzen Sims
Janie Spratley
Lillian Stewart
Jake Swafford
Mary Evins Tapley
Quinton Townes
Zachary Truitt
Olivia Turner
Brooke Wallace
John Michael Wos
JP Zarzaur