



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
November 18, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Purgatory is a firm teaching of the Church. There is a great reading in the Book of Wisdom which indicates many do not go to purgatory, while we know many do.

I personally think to myself: THE MORE ONE BELIEVES IN HELL, THE MORE ONE BELIEVES IN PURGATORY AND GOD'S MERCY. Also, the Church teaches firmly that our prayers, especially the Mass, can help the souls in purgatory. How much help is up to God?

Praying for our relatives, friends, and benefactors in purgatory is one of those issues for which we need reminders. The Church calendar tells us, starting with November 2, that November is the month we put a special emphasis on those in purgatory who would love to have our prayers and good works offered for them.

In the Eucharistic prayers at every Mass, after the consecration and offering of Jesus to the Father, we pray for the universal Church, and then AT EVERY MASS, we pray for those:

“...who have fallen asleep in the Hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy. Welcome them into the light of your face.” (Eucharistic prayer #2)

Those whose names are on the altar are remembered at every Mass during November, with twelve extra Masses just for those names on the altar.

Thanksgiving is this Thursday, and when we give thanks we must give thanks to Whom? To God, the Giver of all gifts.

St. Paul to the Thessalonians said:

“...give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

Under what circumstances do we give thanks? For our parents, teachers, friends, eye sight, hearing, legs, feet, hands, health, doctors, hospitals, and the freedoms in this country, especially religious freedom and our gift of faith. We could list 25 or 50 things, such as our phones, clothes, roads, shoes, pets, etc.

I never tire of reading of the ten Lepers, wise enough to beg Jesus for help, but not all were wise enough to go back and thank Jesus when they realized they were cured.

The words of Jesus are powerfully telling us that Jesus wanted to be thanked, as he said to the one who came back to thank Him:

“Where are the other nine? Were not all ten made clean?”

This Thursday's Masses will be at 6:30, 7:30 and 10 a.m. The whole nation, with a national holiday, is reminded to give thanks to God for the countless blessings we receive in life, with the promise of perfect happiness in the next life, if we live lives of gratitude.

The Retreat for 52 high school students at Hargis from all day Saturday through all day Sunday (Nov. 10-11) was a dynamic success. Along with the 52 students were 12 adults to keep things organized. There were four priests, three for confession Saturday evening and Fr. Vu came Sunday morning for the Holy Sacrifice.

The theme of the retreat was to survive the Chaos of the daily schedule with school, decisions, tests, social life and sports. We need to plan to make time for Jesus, and a prayer life will keep us focused. Jesus took time for prayer. He is our model and dare we not also “make time for prayer.”

Ginny Dooley claimed the students left “on fire” for keeping in touch with the good Lord. She said one student admitted to her that she had not been to confession in four years. There was adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday evening and confessions heard by Fr. Frankline, Fr. Balta and Fr. Liju.

The Holy Spirit 101 retreat was truly well attended and most appreciated. This was the week before, with four hours Friday and around twelve hours on that next Saturday.

The Advent Mission will be given by Fr. Vernon Huguley from St. Patrick's parish. He is already preparing for those three days, December 3, 4, and 5, with confessions the first night, anointing the second night, and the Holy Sacrifice the third night. The Mission begins at 7 p.m. each night. Look what I found on his program:

Lord, enlighten what is dark in me,
Strengthen what is weak in me,
Mend what is bruised in me,
Heal what is sick in me, and lastly,
Revive whatever peace and love has
died in me. Amen.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

The Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule:
6:30, 7:30, and 10:00 a.m.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH (R.C.I.A.)! It's not too late! If God is calling you to come, please come. Meal at 6 p.m., class at 6:30 every Monday in the Parish Hall.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel **URGENTLY** needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

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.



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



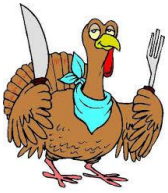
Mass Intentions

Monday, Nov. 19	Lena Lucia Souls in Purgatory Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, Nov. 20	Souls in Purgatory Catherine & Kenneth Smitherman Victor Hugh Rumore
Wednesday, Nov. 21	Julia Riepele Cabrera Michael Niedergeses Pat McNamee
Thursday, Nov. 22	Pat. J. Piazza Donald Taccone Special Intention
Friday, Nov. 23	Elizabeth Saia Souls in Purgatory Joe Naro
Saturday, Nov. 24	Souls in Purgatory Souls in Purgatory Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, Nov. 25	People of Parish Anthony Ross & Roy McCord John Holt

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, Dec. 2. Our speaker will be David Anders, PhD. He will answer questions submitted by parishioners on the Catholic Faith. 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.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Blood Drive this Sunday, November 18, in the Parish Hall from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. They will be cooking a hot breakfast for all donors and their families. The American Red Cross continues to face shortages of the most needed blood types. We hope to see you there.



Help us Help You Make Thanksgiving Dinner! "The Knights of Columbus will be smoking turkey breasts the day before Thanksgiving at the OLS pit. Each breast is \$35

and can be ordered by calling or texting 267-1116. Please include your name, phone number, and how many you need. Orders will be taken until noon Tuesday. Each breast is 4.5 to 5 pounds, individually wrapped, and can be picked up on Wednesday, November 21, between 2-6 p.m. at the pit."

Tithing Tax Deduction

If you are considering making a year-end parish donation, new tax laws have created a higher standard deduction and limitations of how much may be itemized. Many families will be left without the ability to deduct their tithing. Strategies are available to make your charitable giving tax deductible. Those over the age of 70 are especially able to utilize those strategies. Timing is key, as implementation has to occur before the end of 2018. Please join Joel Barlow, CPA, CFP® for an information workshop on Thursday, November 29, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall to learn more. If you are unable to make the workshop and have questions, please contact the Joel Barlow at 205-915-0155.

Tis the season to be jolly. Our Lady of Peace Guild will be holding our annual Christmas luncheon on Monday, December 3, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Food will be provided by Christian Catering, at a cost of \$12/person. If you plan to attend the event, we need you to make your reservation in advance so we know how many people to plan for --- but you can pay on the day of the luncheon. Please contact Josephine D'Amico (822-6319) no later than Friday, November 23. May GOD bless you all, and Happy Thanksgiving!
Hope to see y'all there.

The OLS PTO is continuing their shoe drive. We are just over halfway to our goal of 2,500 pairs of shoes. We will continue to collect gently worn, used and new shoes of all sizes through November 30. The collected shoes will be sent to Haiti. The shoe collection boxes are located near the back entrance of the school and in the foyer of the Family Life Center. Be sure to look for the big white box with the red shoes and please keep filling up those boxes!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Camp Chaperones Needed

We're looking for 5 adults to help with each trip: Camp Covecrest (July 8-14) and Camp Hidden Lake (July 15-20th). This is an incredible way to grow in your personal faith and connect with the youth in our parish. Your help is important in making these trips a reality. Contact ginny@olsyouth.com for more details. Chaperones attend for free!

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, Nov. 18: Faith Formation @10 a.m.: "Who is Jesus?" Part 2. Life Teen @7 p.m.: A Night of Thanks! Join us for a delicious thanksgiving meal and fun games.

Wednesday, Nov. 21: No meeting tonight. Next Wednesday we will have some fun at Urban Air!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Nov. 18: Join us for an Edge and LifeTeen Thanksgiving Dinner celebration. Grow in fellowship as we break bread, give thanks, and play festive games. Meet from 7-8:30 pm in the Assembly Hall.

There will be no youth meetings on Sunday, Nov. 25th. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!