



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
November 25, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. Think about this for a moment. How long does a king live? King Louis XVI died at the age of 34. Julius Caesar died at the age of 56. Napoleon Bonaparte died at the age of 52. When a king dies, who cheers him centuries later? Caesar is a blurred image on an ancient Roman coin. Napoleon has a tomb somewhere in Paris. But who would do anything for these kings of the past? There is only one King who has been seen alive by hundreds of people after His death. Today a billion people hang on His every word and would do anything for Him. He is the King of Kings!!!

When I was attending McGill High School in Mobile, we had a parade downtown in honor of Christ the King. It was led by the local bishop carrying the monstrance containing Christ our King. All the Catholic school children were in that parade! We acknowledged Christ as our personal King.

Bishop Baker reminds us that in 2019 the diocese is having a Eucharistic Congress, which is usually a procession in the streets with the Blessed Sacrament and then adoration in the Civic Center. With prayer and a recommitment to our baptism, we recognize that Christ is the center of our lives and He is also our King. This is something we need to share with others.

How did we get incorporated into His kingdom whereby He is our personal King? It happened at baptism when God took us from darkness into light and into the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Every baptized person belongs to His kingdom and should celebrate Jesus as King. When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you King?" Jesus did not deny it, but admitted it and said His kingdom was not of this world. He would not be a material King even though the whole

material world is His. He wants to be King of our hearts and souls.

We see Christ our King as an example of reaching out to all people, even the marginalized. He promised the "good thief" a place in His kingdom. That good thief always makes me wonder. He must have been seeking the "true," the "good," and the "beautiful," and he found it in the most superior and God-like way in Jesus of Nazareth. He had the grace to see Jesus as a King whose reign is mainly in the next world. As the good thief said to Jesus:

"Remember me when you enter into your kingdom."

Jesus answered:

"This day you will be with me in paradise (my kingdom)."

Somehow, in the midst of all the human degradation, the good thief recognized Someone who rose above it all.

Congratulate Jesus this Sunday on His kingship. Every day, but especially today, we see Jesus as our King and pray:

"Lord, remember me and help me enter into your kingdom."

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. We had another very successful Blood Drive this past Sunday. The Red Cross was very pleased, again, with the wonderful turnout at OLS. Our goal was 53 units, and Our Lady of Sorrows collected 57 units! We are the #1 donor Church in the State of Alabama! My thanks to all who donated, and to the Knights of Columbus who work so hard to make the blood drives so successful.

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)

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. 26	Special Intention Joe Alfano
Tuesday, Nov. 27	Souls in Purgatory Souls in Purgatory Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, Nov. 28	Sp. Int. Robert McDavid Sp. Int. Frank & Vita D'Amico Peggy Beuerlein Bob Huckestein
Thursday, Nov. 29	Sp. Int. Mildred Stephens Dale Richards Souls in Purgatory
Friday, Nov. 30	Souls in Purgatory Souls in Purgatory Carol Pilleteri Frank Cusimano
Saturday, Dec. 1	Donors to OLS School Foundation Bill Stephens Annie Diergo
Sunday, Dec. 2	People of Parish Annie Diergo Sp. Int. Rosemary Savage & Sam

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.

V.I.P. will be held on Tuesday, December 4. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Come join your friends and neighbors for faith, fellowship and fun!

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.

OLS School News

You Can Help Us Feed the Need

OLS School students are participating in a new service-based event and fundraiser called FEED THE NEED. Students will pack 10,000 meals to feed needy children in a third-world country and in our own community, and raise money for our school at the same time. If you would like information on becoming a corporate sponsor of this event, please contact Wendy Thornton at wthorntonlaw@gmail.com.

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!

Catholic Coffee House at Caveat! Join author and Catholic Answers contributor, Leila Miller, as she discusses her new release *Made This Way: How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Tough Moral Issues*, on Friday, November 30, from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Caveat Coffee House, 2832 Linden Avenue. Seating is limited. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).

BIBLE STUDY

"The Church forcefully and specifically exhorts all the Christian faithful to learn the surpassing knowledge of Jesus Christ, by frequent reading of divine Scripture" (CCC 133). With the exhortation of the Church, all are invited to study the Book of Revelation. The Bible study will meet on Thursday nights in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. to 8:35. The study will consist of 10 sessions

beginning January 10, with the last session on March 14. Since study material must be ordered, registration is required. To register, please email

kentgraeve@gmail.com. Questions can be answered or additional information obtained by calling 205-999-3474.

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. 25: No meetings today!

Wednesday, Nov. 28: Meet at Urban Air from 6-8 p.m. for dinner and fun! This free event is for our Elementary, Middle, and High School youth groups. RSVP online: <https://goo.gl/forms/LYvILVuwjTehRfl93>

Sunday, December 2: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: Who is Jesus? Life Night at 7 p.m.: We will have a special guest speaking about Advent!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, Nov. 25: No meeting today!

Sunday December 2: "Relentless Father." Join us for an Edge Night on LifeTeen's Annual Theme. We will learn how God is our relentless Father who wants and pursues us, but also that we need Him. Meet from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.