



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
December 2, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The well-publicized and attended mission entitled HOLY SPIRIT 101 amazed me. The number of attendees allowed was only 130. There are great plans for the future, and when Laney and Gary Gagnon report on the follow-up, I will pass it on in this weekly column. Let me say that it was only yesterday that I received another letter from a family in Trussville who came to this seminar on the Holy Spirit and are doing what they never did before: Praying together for 20 minutes every day.

While there seemed to be a limited number of places for Holy Spirit 101, there is no limit to the great mission starting Monday. Fr. Vernon Huguley is a great speaker and seems to be on the circuit of "giving parish missions."

Father Huguley's formula is unique. On Monday he starts with a talk, and with nine priests, we will then have our yearly Advent Penance Service. The second night, after the talk, he will anoint everyone with sickness. Father claims many of us are sick with stress these days and NEED the anointing. The third night, Father will offer the Holy Sacrifice, along with his mission message.

I encourage as many as can to make this Advent Mission. It is the first week of Advent, and Advent means penance, and penance means "getting closer to God." Life is short, and the single most important purpose of this short life is to strive to see how close we can get to our Creator, our Savior and our Sanctifier.

If you cannot make all the mission nights, at least try to attend some.

I did not advertise my birthday recently. However, I am most grateful to anyone who sent me greetings and happy wishes and the promise of prayers. I went into the Chapel of Our Savior yesterday morning, knelt down right in front, and looked up at Jesus in the monstrance, and I could hear Him say, "Do you know how many people are praying for your knee?" When I left shortly after, Antoinette Alfano leaned over and whispered, "How is your knee?"

Many blessings this season of Advent as we prepare to celebrate the birthday of Jesus, Who sends out so many extra blessings to so many in celebrating His own birthday.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception is Saturday, December 8. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Mass Schedule is:

Friday, December 7: 6 p.m. Vigil
Saturday, December 8: 7:45 & 10 a.m.
12 Noon



Monday, Dec. 3	Sp. Int. Frank & Vita D'Amico Annie Diergo Lewis Messina
Tuesday, Dec. 4	Special Intention Dale Richards Joseph Schilleci
Wednesday, Dec. 5	Special Intention Dale Richards Annie Diergo
Thursday, Dec. 6	Jeff Butterfield Anthony Ross & Roy McCord Joseph Schilleci
Friday, Dec. 7	Charles Woods Dale Richards Annie Diergo
Saturday, Dec. 8	S. I. Grace Kyle & Henry Downes Annie Diergo Joseph Schilleci
Sunday, Dec. 9	People of Parish Dale Richards Annie Diergo

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

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

Wednesday at 3 PM (Share with Partner)

Friday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)

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

Please join us for an Advent Mission on December 3-5, at 7 p.m. The Advent Penance Service will begin the Mission on Monday. Fr. Vernon Huguley will be the presenter. All are encouraged to attend.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, Dec. 9. Our speaker will be Jay Flynn. His topic is *Sacred Icons*. 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!

NOTE DATE CHANGE: Our **Lady of Fatima** will meet this Thursday, December 6, at 11 a.m. for our Christmas Luncheon at the home of Melinda D'Amico. Please contact Jane O'Brien with any questions at 205-937-4099.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Volunteers needed! Children's Liturgy will participate in the **Birthday Party for Jesus** on December 16, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. We will present a live nativity and children are needed to serve as cantors, readers and actors in the nativity scene. All children are encouraged to take part in the fun and festivities! Sign up with Greg Harber (gharber@mindspring.com or 205-807-8055) after Mass on December 2, and December 9. We will have a rehearsal in the Parish Hall on December 9, from 11-12 p.m. (after PSR classes). Snacks and drinks will be provided.

St. Ann's Guild will meet on Wednesday December 5, 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 our Tea Cup Auction and Christmas Party at 11 a.m. Please reply to Anne McMahon at amcmahon7205@charter.net or 205 936-9183 to help us with head count for lunch.

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.

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 11 sessions beginning January 10, with the last session on March 21. 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?

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, December 2: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: Utilizing formed.org to kick start our Advent. Life Night at 7 p.m.: Special Guest Speaker from Life Teen!

Wednesday, December 5: SUMMIT Bible Study from 7-8:30 p.m. Dinner included!

Edge Middle School

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.

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.

End of year contributions must be received in the Church Office or postmarked no later than December 31, 2018 in order to get credit on your 2018 statement. Make preparations now! Thank you!

BEST *Advent* EVER

'TIS *(almost)* THE SEASON

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