



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
February 3, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

We are all affected by the example of others, good or bad. It is up to us to see the good in others and be affected by their example.

Last Sunday I met with some of our many "unsung heroes" of this parish, the Extraordinary Ministers who visit UAB hospitals with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. These heroes give Communion to as many as 40 people. This is not once a month, but every Sunday. If you are a Catholic and at UAB hospital over the weekend, you would love to receive Jesus in the Eucharist. When a Minister enters a room, they are greeted with, "Thank you. I've been waiting for you (really waiting for Jesus)."

There is a Catholic Chaplain assigned to UAB, Fr. Athanasius. However, he lives and helps out at St. Peter's and cannot visit the Catholics on Sunday. He is more concerned about the Catholics who are extremely sick and need the sacraments of healing (Confession and Anointing, and for the dying, the Apostolic Blessing).

Again, it is OLS that fills the void on Sunday mornings and brings Jesus to the sick, who need His healing presence, physical and spiritual. Doug Ross has done this for over 30 years, and Pat Thornton has been his partner for at least 20 years. They pick up helpers and lose them. Circumstances are, now, that their "retirement" has come and others have "stepped up to the plate!"

Presently, there are, as of last Sunday, four Extraordinary Ministers. Cathy Sellers is the leader, with Kelly and Elias, and now Bo. They could use at least one more. As with perpetual adoration, there is always the need for substitutes. During the winter, we all take

a turn at getting a little sick, and with germs should not be visiting the hospitals.

Cathy also goes to UAB Highlands after the first location and made the profound statement that those hours on Sunday morning are the best hours of the week. They give her the grace for the next six days.

The Ministers cover six floors of the various parts of UAB: Jefferson Towers, North and West Pavilion and Spain Wallace. It takes time, two, possibly three hours, depending on how many patients and how many Ministers. Sometimes, one waits in the hall for the medical procedures to take place. The Ministers drive individually, but meet at the Pastoral Care Office, where they pick up the names of the Catholics. After the names are divided, they go to the Chapel for prayer to help them administer Jesus in a prayerful and devout way.

Pat Thornton and Doug Ross don't want their names mentioned, but I believe if we are going to see the grace that God gives wonderful people, and the way they accept the call to help Jesus, making "sick call visits," we need to see people in the concrete. A million thanks for the goodness of our Extraordinary Ministers of the Sick, as well as those at the altar.

I can remember the days before Extraordinary Ministers, when all the priests at OLS had to be at six Masses to help with the distribution of the Lord at Communion time. Now, we have gone back to the early centuries of the Church, when the laity brought the Eucharist to the sick, to those in prison, and to those hiding in the catacombs.

If you would like to be the fifth member on Sunday mornings, or one of their substitutes, please call Cathy at 956-1278. Being an Extraordinary Minister is such an honor and such a service to others and to the Church.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 11 AM (Share with Partner)

Tuesday at 8 AM (Share with Partner)

Tuesday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)

Wednesday at 9 AM (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.



Monday, Feb. 4	Mildred Stephens Sp. Int. Amy Smith & family Dolly Barranco
Tuesday, Feb. 5	Special Intention Sp. Int. Dorie Cofer Dolly Barranco
Wednesday, Feb. 6	Special Intention Sp. Int. Allison & Charles Rumore Dolly Barranco
Thursday, Feb. 7	Mona Smallwood Sp. Int. Rita Rumore & family Victor Hugh Rumore
Friday, Feb. 8	Jeff Butterfield Joseph Alfano Ross J. Rumore
Saturday, Feb. 9	Donors to OLS School Foundation Joseph Alfano David Williams
Sunday, Feb. 10	People of the Parish Janice Stephens Adams Sp. Int. Marianne DeJohn & family



Pray FOR THE SICK
Jeanette Gutkowski, Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Margie Cole

Everyone is invited to bring their Catholic Bible and attend Adult Education on Sunday, February 10, for *Anima, Part 2: Kenosis*. 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, February 5. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Come join us for faith, fellowship and fun!

Rise SM **AGAINST HUNGER** Rise Against Hunger: Join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime! Help us to reach our goal to package 100,000 + meals on February 23rd. Working together we can create a world without hunger. This is open to all members of the church. Shifts are 9-11a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 3-5 p.m.

To register, go to our church website <http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com> or call Suzanne Corso or Tracey Doyal at 871-1431.

Our Lady of Peace will meet in the Sodality Room at 12 noon on Monday, February 4. Our guest speaker will be Donna Arnson. Remember to bring a sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. All women of the parish are invited!

An Evening of self-defense! Madonna and Child Guild invites all mothers to join us for an evening of self-defense taught by the Homewood Police from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, February 8, in the Family Life Center.

St. Ann's Guild will meet this Wednesday February 6, at 10 a.m. in the Assembly Hall. We will pray the Rosary preceding our business meeting at 10:30. We will have a guest speaker, author Amy Welborn, beginning at 11:15 a.m. and lunch at 11:45 a.m. To reply for lunch please email co-chair Mary Jo Huffstutler at beach4emma@icloud.com or call/text 205 835-7401. We will also be preparing gift bags for those parishioners in Nursing Homes.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, February 3: Super Bowling

Sunday: Family friendly event for all ages! Meet from 7-9 p.m. at Vestavia Bowl. Cost is \$5 per person and covers bowling, shoes, and dinner. Please see olsyouth.com to register.

Life Teen High School

Sunday, February 10: Faith Formation @ 10 a.m.: Studying the Eucharist. Life Night @ 7 p.m. will be part 2 of our "Belong" series; special guest speaker Fr. Leonard from EWTN.

Wednesday, February 13: Summit Scripture study! 7-8:30 p.m. in the youth room. Pizza, prayer, and scripture!

Life Teen Mission Trip with Family Missions Company over Spring Break! (Mar 24-30) Find details on www.olsyouth.com/trips.

ADULTS: Please consider chaperoning our trip to Camp Covecrest July 8-13! We need practicing Catholics who have a heart for youth and a willingness to serve. It is an amazing trip and you will gain a lot of personal faith as you watch the teens encounter Christ throughout the week.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, February 10: "Be Named" Edge night at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. Join us as we understand the importance of God's name, the respect and reverence due to God, and our identity as named children of God.

RSVP for Super Bowling Sunday! Meet from 7-9 p.m. on February 3, at Vestavia Bowl. Cost is \$5 per person and covers bowling, shoes, and dinner. Please see olsyouth.com to register.

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Mardi Gras themed Open House Meeting on Wednesday, February 6, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. All men over the age of 18 are invited to join us for red beans and rice, jambalaya, muffulettas, king cakes and more. This is a great opportunity to find out what the Knights of Columbus are all about and to meet other members of your Parish who have already joined the Knights. If you plan on attending please email Mark Stephens at mark.stephens@mcleodsoftware.com.



OLS School is collecting Boxtops to help support school improvements and programs. Please clip and send your Boxtops to Boxtop Coordinator at 414 Kenilworth Drive, Homewood 35209. Thank you!



Save the Date OLS Vacation Bible School

June 10th - 14th
9 - 12 p.m.

NOW TAKING ADULT VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION
EMAIL PSR@OURLADYOFSORROWS.COM

PRIESTLY DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

February 22 - 24

Camp Tekakwitha

Retreat Master: Fr. Brett Brannen, author of
To Save a Thousand Souls.

There is no cost to attend but
registration is required.

Contact the Office of Vocations to register:
205-838-8318 or vocations@bhmdiocese.org.

Deadline to register is February 15.