



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
March 3, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Lent means "Penance" and penance means "Getting closer to God". With the large crowds at the six Masses on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that we primarily came, not for ashes, but to start off this holy season with a special emphasis on the greatest prayer, the re-enactment of the Lord's Supper and the reoffering of Jesus to the Father for the forgiveness of our sins. The ashes remind us of penance.

What will we do for the rest of Lent? Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount speaks about PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING.

So, prayer is first. It means building up that relationship between our self and God. How about some extra Masses during the week? Stations of the Cross in public on Fridays, with benediction? Trying to live more in the presence of God? Developing an attitude of a need for God's mercy and a sense of gratefulness for God's gifts to us?

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent beginning at 6 p.m. On March 8, the Knights of Columbus will hold the first Lenten Fish Fry immediately following Stations in the Parish Hall.

Fasting is second. Since the language of love is SACRIFICE, Lent tells us to "fast from" some T.V., from gossip, from extra food and drink that we don't need.

Almsgiving. This means "giving to people in need". We certainly do this when we earmark any parish donation to the "Charity Fund" and when we bring groceries to the church for the Catholic Center of Concern. Let us not forget "giving to people in need" includes paying people compliments and giving them the encouragement for which many are starved (this starts with one's own family).

Lent is a time to think of our eternal destiny. Jesus put it this way:

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

We pray during Lent that, when we face Jesus after our lives on this earth, we will see Him more as a Savior than as a Judge. Jesus offers us the "bargain of a life time" when He says:

"Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned."

All of the above thoughts might help us make a God-centered Lent.

Rise Against Hunger was a great success last weekend. The five sessions of packaging those nutritious meals merited a total of 80,000 meals! Yes, the goal was 100,000 meal. The Sunday shifts, with the teens and their two sessions, was greatly attended. Sort of like a command performance!

Saturday, with the parish invited, was also great, but with 100 signing up instead of the 200 needed, as we had last year, we ran a little short on participation.

I love the program to Rise Against Hunger, and next year those of us who thought there were too many workers will drop by and just check to see if there is more room for more workers for that hour and a half. There is an old saying that the best parishes try to be even better!

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

March 6th is Ash Wednesday. The Mass Schedule is as follows:

- 6:30 a.m.
- 7:30 a.m.
- 9:00 a.m. (School Mass)
- 12:00 noon
- 6:00 p.m. (Church and Parish Hall)



Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at **6:00 p.m.**



Mass Intentions

Monday, Mar. 4	Bill Burrus Mary H. Sullivan
Tuesday, Mar. 5	Sp. Int. Angelo Family Special Intention Carolyn Gavin Annie Diergo
Wednesday, Mar. 6	Georgiana Ross Robert Lopez
Thursday, Mar. 7	Anthony Ross/Roy McCord Special Intention Dale Richards
Friday, Mar. 8	Sp. Int. Charlotte Rumore & Family Sp. Int. Lillian Rumore & Family Roy McCord Annie Diergo
Saturday, Mar. 9	Donors to OLS School Foundation Mona Smallwood
Sunday, Mar. 10	Fr. Robert O'Sullivan People of the Parish Dale Richards Esther Tidwell



Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Margie Cole, Melanie Gilchrist, Kennie Skellie, Debbie White

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 11 PM (Committed Adorer Needed)**
- Wednesday at 9 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Thursday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)**

Friday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)

Saturday at 11 AM (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.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education

on Sunday, March 10. Frances Smith will be the guest speaker. Her topic is *The Shroud of Turin*. The gathering begins in the **Family Life Center** at 9:45 a.m. with fellowship and light refreshments and the class begins at 10 a.m. Childcare is available in the nursery.



Join us at V.I.P. on Tuesday, March 5, for the Anointing Mass. We will also celebrate Mardi Gras! Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed

by lunch and bingo. Wear your gold and purple and ***laissez le bon temps rouler!!***



The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to a Parish Fish Fry on Friday, March 8, following Stations of the Cross.

OLS Adult Choir Corner: Are you looking for a way to deepen your spiritual connection this Lenten season? Do you love to sing? Are you already going to Mass on Sunday? Well, if you said yes to all of these questions, then please consider joining the Adult Choir for practice on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and for Mass on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.! We meet for dinner each month, learn a little about the voice and singing at each rehearsal, and have a wonderful time doing something we all love: praying through song! Email cspears@ourladyofsorrows.com or just come by the music room for practice on Wednesday! We're always looking new members!

OLS Mother's Day Out Registration for the Summer session and for the 2019/2020 school year will be on Friday, March 15, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. MDO is for children 8 weeks through 4 years of age. Please call Angie at 205-871-3253 for more information. Space is limited!

Hello Ladies, this Monday March 4, at 12 noon, Our Lady of Peace Guild will meet for our monthly meeting in the Altar Sodality Room. Please bring a sandwich, dessert; drinks will be provided. All Ladies in the OLS Parish are welcome to join us! Look forward to seeing you there!

St. Ann's Guild will meet on Ash Wednesday, March 6, in the Assembly Hall at 10 a.m. Our focus will be the Corporal Works of Mercy and our guest speaker will be Nathalie Brasher, OLS parishioner, Catholic Social Worker and Workshops, Inc. Program Director. We will have a light, meatless meal. All members and guests are asked to bring a nonperishable food item or financial donation for the Catholic Center of Concern. Please RSVP to Mary Jo Huffstutler at 835-7401 or beach4emma@icloud. We plan to finish meeting in time for Noon Mass.

St. Joseph's Altar will be held on Saturday, March 16, in the Parish Hall following the 5 p.m. Mass. If you are planning to attend, please bring a meatless covered dish. For more information contact Marie Swift (956-6323), Fran Robertson (529-3336) or Claudia Tombrello (613-6105). Leave a message if there is no answer. Hope to see you there.



SAVE THE DATE
Day of Recollection
Friday March 22, 2019
"Let Us Walk In Love"



Register Now for OLS Vacation Bible School! June 10-14, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. ALSO TAKING ADULT and TEEN VOLUNTEER

REGISTRATION at:
psr@ourladyofsorrows.com

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Life Teen High School

Sunday, March 3: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: Discussing the Anointing of the Sick. Join us at 7p.m. for a Life Night with Part 4 of our "Belong" Series. You belong to the Catholic Church and have a home here!

Wednesday, March 6: Summit Scripture Study at 7-8:30 p.m. We will discuss the importance of Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, March 3: "Mardi Gras" Edge Social at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall. Join us as we learn more about the history and Catholic roots of Mardi Gras while growing in community and fellowship.

Elementary Children's Ministry

Friday, March 22: St. Patrick's Day Feast from 6-7:30 p.m. in the FLC Assembly Hall - more than just shamrocks, join us to learn more about the real St. Patrick!



DON'T FORGET: March 10, is Daylight Savings. Set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour!



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February 21, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We have recently been shocked, and our hearts wrenched, by the callous actions of the New York State Legislature to enshrine abortion up to birth in their state constitution. In addition to that, the recent radio interview by the governor of Virginia who spoke in support of a bill being considered in that state's legislature which would, according to the governor, actually allow infanticide.

Since the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* Supreme Court decisions legalized abortion-on-demand in our nation on January 22, 1973, at least 61,000,000 American babies have been destroyed by abortion. Alaska, Colorado, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon and Vermont, along with Washington, D.C., also allow unborn babies to be aborted through all nine months of pregnancy and have done so for years.

In *Living the Gospel of Life*, the American Bishops stated, "We cannot simultaneously commit ourselves to human rights and progress while eliminating or marginalizing the weakest among us. Nor can we practice the Gospel of Life only as a private piety. American Catholics must live it vigorously and publicly, as a matter of national leadership and witness or we will not live it at all."

The 40 Days for Life Campaign starts March 6, Ash Wednesday, and runs until April 14. There will be 40 Days for Life Campaigns in Birmingham, Mobile, and in hundreds of locations throughout the United States and internationally.

I endorse the 40 Days for Life Campaign. In our diocese, a 40 Days for Life campaign will take place daily at Planned Parenthood in Birmingham from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In spiritual solidarity with the 40 Days for Life, a Novena of Masses will be conducted in our Diocese, April 1-9. All priests and parishes are encouraged to offer one or more Masses during this time period specifically for the permanent closing of West Alabama Women's Center in Tuscaloosa, and for the conversion of its staff. This is a major abortion site in our state, performing over half of all Alabama abortions in 2017. Please pray that God will answer our prayer for its permanent closure!

I invite all Priests and all Catholics in the Diocese of Birmingham to witness, 'vigorously and publicly', through life-affirming kindness to everyone, through Mass, Rosary, and alms, and through life-affirming action every day to spread the Culture of Life to every person we meet, for the victory of justice for all of our unborn brothers and sisters worldwide!

yours in Christ

Sincerely

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, S.T.D.



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February 25, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pope Francis has challenged us to “Be Shepherds..., in the midst of your people like Jesus the Good Shepherd.”

The Black and Indian Mission Collection has, for the last 133 years, changed the landscape of evangelization and education efforts for Native Americans, Alaskan Americans and African Americans throughout the United States. Our financial support of the Collection is the mechanism that affects the Church’s evangelization efforts.

In our diocese, this fund provides monetary support to seven parishes, five schools, and four diocesan ministries each year from the national mission collection.

On March 9-10, all will be asked to participate in the Black and Indian Mission Collection. Your generosity to this collection reflects the depths of your faith and your willingness to help our brothers and sisters in need; it is an opportunity to evangelize and further the missionary cause of bringing the Gospel to our African American and Native American family.

I am extremely grateful for your generous charity and your continued support of this mission of faith and hope.

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