



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
March 31, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The Scriptures tell us that we cannot pray without God's help. The fact is that we cannot make a good Lent without God's help. We are about half way through Lent and there is still time to reconstruct those Lenten resolutions or start to make meaningful ones.

Lent keeps moving us on to the highlight of the spiritual year, celebrating our salvation for all eternity, the Lord's final meal, whereby He left us a memorial of His death and resurrection in his presence in the Eucharist.

Lent is a time to get closer to God...as Jesus told us:

"If you will be my follower, take up your cross daily and come follow me."

Lent is a time to identify our crosses to be sure we are one of His followers. Say the Stations of the Cross in private or attend them with the community. We will have Stations this Friday at 6 p.m. On Thursday, April 4, we will have the Communal Penance Service (eight priests!!!) beginning at 7 p.m.

If we don't get closer to God during Lent, we probably will never get any closer to Him on this earth.

Lent is a time to think about our eternal destiny. The day of our death is the most important day of our lives. St. Benedict says we should think about our death at least once every day. What will Jesus look like? A good shepherd? A regal judge? What will he say to us? Will the verdict of our eternal destiny be a surprise? To some extent I think it will be. The surprising part was explained in the Gospel according to St. Luke (6:36):

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

Jesus offers us a bargain on the judgment. It is such a "good deal," but most of us don't seem to be listening. That's why our judgment will probably be a surprise. These are the words and promises of Jesus and He cannot deceive. He tells us that if we do not judge others, WE WILL NOT BE JUDGED. What a deal! Are we listening, or do we keep judging people?

Sins are an objective reality, but the judgment by Jesus is on a SLIDING SCALE. The extent to which we did not judge is the extent that we will not be judged. To the extent that we forgive, we will be forgiven. If we judged people greatly, our judgment will be great and exacting. If we judged people lightly, our judgment will be light.

Jesus repeated His offer because He was so certain about it as He said"

"Stop condemning and you will not be condemned."

Again, what an offer! Are we listening? Jesus states several times:

"Forgive and you will be forgiven."

Maybe we ought to search for someone to offend us and be quick to forgive so Jesus, at our judgment, will be quick to forgive us!

If we don't do anything else during Lent except take seriously these words of Jesus about our ultimate judgment, then we will not be condemned and not be judged, and our sins will be forgiven. It is the bargain of a lifetime, even though forgiving others is the hardest thing we will have to do. If we are so dedicated to not judging, we will be strong enough to keep the rest of His commandments.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

P.S. From all reports, the Sodality Day of Recollection was a dynamic success. Many thanks to Fr. Huguley, and to all who worked on it and those who came.

P.S.S. Congratulations to Brother Simeon (Jonathan) Gagnon, who took his first Monastic vows at St. Bernard Abbey on Thursday, March 21.

**Noon Mass is celebrated each weekday during Lent.**



Stations of the Cross

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

**The Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. in the Church. We will have 8 priests hearing confessions. Please join us.**



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, April 1	For an end to abortion Donald Taccone Frances Humphries
Tuesday, April 2	Steve Stella Jeff Butterfield Don Convey
Wednesday, April 3	Special Intention Rosemary Savage & family Danny Waters
Thursday, April 4	Benjamin & Frances David Susan Reese Ostrowski Rosemary Savage & family
Friday, April 5	Special Intention Rosemary Savage & family Mona Smallwood
Saturday, April 6	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens Rosemary Savage & family
Sunday, April 7	People of the Parish Laszlo F. Hary Rosemary Savage & family



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:

**Tuesday at 4 PM (Share with Partner)**

**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)**

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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.

**V.I.P.** will be held on Tuesday, April 2. 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!

**Everyone is invited to attend Adult**

**Education** on Sunday, April 7. Bob Henger will be the guest speaker. His topic will be *Catholicism: Fullness of Truth or Just Another Religion? Apologetics 101*. 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.

**St. Ann's Guild** will meet Wednesday April 3, in the Assembly Hall of the Family Life Center. Doors open at 10 a.m. Rosary will begin at 10:10 a.m., followed by our Devotional, Prayer intentions and a light meal. Our program for this meeting is the **Shower of Blessings** for Her Choice Women's Center. All participants are asked to bring a baby care item or financial donation. Please reply for meal to co-chair Mary Jo Huffstutler at 205 835-7401 or email beach4emma@icloud. We plan to finish meeting in time for Noon Mass. We will also present the Outdoor Stations of the Cross and vote on the Slate of Officers for St. Ann's Guild for 2019-2020.

## What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

**Sunday, March 31:** No meetings today!

**OLS Youth Ministry invites the entire parish** for a night of worship in the Family Life Center on Sunday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. The Vigil Project is a group of talented Catholic musicians and speakers with a Lenten theme who will be inspiring your family to dive deeper into this Lenten season. Come enjoy a free concert and leave feeling renewed in your faith!

### Life Teen High School

**Wednesday, April 3:** Summit Scripture Study for all current high schoolers. Dinner, scripture, games, and fun!

**Sunday, April 7:** Faith Formation @ 10 a.m.

**How Much Do You Really Know about Our Digital World, Our Children, and Our Families?** Please join us on Tuesday, April 9, for an eye-opening presentation given by well-known, local psychologist, Dr. Dale Wisely, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in the OLS Parish Hall. Dr. Wisely will speak about how social media has revolutionized society and, for many of us, how we live our daily lives. He will share his insight with recommendations about how parents can find a balance in their families based on both the benefits and risks of social media.

As we know, parents are often bewildered and worried about how their children's movement through the digital world is affecting their health and behavior. Dr. Wisely has followed many of the issues related to the use of social media and other new technologies since they emerged and as they have developed. Be sure to join us for an informative evening sponsored by the OLS School PTO.



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**OLS Vacation**  
**Bible School!**

June 10-14,  
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION at:  
[psr@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:psr@ourladyofsorrows.com).

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**  
OLS TOP DECK 6:30 PM \$25