



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

April 14, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

To get where we want to go, to be what we want to be, and to gain what we would like to have, we must PLAN ahead. This is especially true of our journey on this earth to heaven. Unless we plan ahead of time we may never get to heaven but, instead, end up in the disaster of all disasters, the eternal punishment of God.

Time moves so fast that sometimes we are shocked at our own age. Even worse, many of the things we would like to do are never done because we did not plan ahead of time. During the season of Lent we work toward a better relationship with God and heaven, His ultimate gift to us. The greatest work of Lent is found during Holy Week. Plan now on how you will spend Holy Week.

Unless we make plans now for Holy Week, it will be just another week. So, we remind ourselves now of the spiritual opportunities of Holy Week. On Holy Thursday evening (with no Masses in the morning) there will be only one Mass according to the rubrics for the parish at 7 p.m. celebrating the Lord's Supper. We did get permission again this year for a 5 p.m. Mass since so many people would like to attend Mass on this day. Adoration will be from 9 p.m. until midnight.

You can visit the church anytime on Good Friday for the devotions from 12 noon until 3 p.m. From Noon until 2:20 p.m. we will have sermons, prayers, and singing on the 7 Last Words of Jesus from the Cross. Stations will start at 2:30 p.m.

Good Friday evening will be the celebration of the Lord's sacrificial death, whereby we venerate the cross (really, the image of the crucified). We will have the Scripture reading of the Passion, prayers and Communion without the consecration.

Having been traced with the sign of the cross four times at baptism and again at confirmation, we must recognize that we have been claimed for Christ, and as His follower we know that the difficulties in life (and they exist in everyone's lives) are our crosses. His is the huge cross and ours those very little ones by comparison. Pray that at the end of this life the priest will trace the cross on our foreheads with the efficacious sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and if we are dying, the priest, with words and gestures, will administer the Apostolic Blessing. This is the pope's blessing every Catholic priest can administer to a dying Catholic.

With the Apostolic Blessing made with the sign of the cross, the appropriate words by the priest, and our complete sorrow, with no attachment to any sin, all of sin and the remains of sin is forgiven. We go from our death bed to a throne of eternal glory. So that where Jesus is, we also may be, for **"We belong to Jesus!" He bought us and we have been sealed repeatedly by the sign of His cross.**

On Holy Saturday, there will not be Mass in the morning, nor confessions in the afternoon. The Mass of the Easter Vigil will begin at 7 p.m. We will bring 17 converts into the Catholic Church.

Masses on Easter will be the same as Sunday, with two Masses at 10 a.m. (Church and Parish Hall).

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

Please take your palms with you when you leave today. Remember, they have been blessed.

There will be no Noon Mass on Tuesday, April 16. The priests will concelebrate the Chrism Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



Mass Intentions

Monday, April 15	Special Intention Mona Smallwood Mickey Lorino
Tuesday, April 16	Patrick O'Donnell Bridget McCaffrey Freddie Bostany
Wednesday, April 17	Special Intention Benjamin & Frances David Mickey Lorino
Thursday, April 18	Sp. Int. Charles Vizzina Mary Chatta Lena Lucia
Friday, April 19	GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday, April 20	Donors to OLS School Foundation Benjamin & Frances David Sp. Int. Jerry & Mary Jean Romano & family
Sunday, April 21	Betty Harrington/People of the Parish Derek Carlington Elizabeth Saia/Joe Naro



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)**
- Saturday at 11 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.

The Chapel of Our Savior will close on Holy Thursday for the Holy Triduum at 3 p.m. It will re-open on Easter Sunday at 1 p.m.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place on Holy Thursday beginning at 9 p.m. in the Church (after the Mass of the Last Supper) until midnight. Please sign-up for a Holy Hour. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule.

A Lenten Rosary will be prayed before the noon Mass on **Wednesday, April 17, at 11:00 a.m. Benediction** will follow the Rosary. All members of the parish are invited and encouraged to participate. Please bring your family members and friends. The Altar Sodality will lead the Rosary.

OLS Pope Francis Habitat Day was a Huge Success! Thank you to all of our OLS volunteers who participated in last week's **Habitat's "Pope Francis Build"** program. During Lent, OLS and other Catholic churches & organizations are coming together to build a house in East Lake for Sherwanda Jones and her 1-year-old daughter. Our parish donated \$15,000 total for the next 3 years and committed at least 25 volunteers to the program. Joyfully, we had over **35 volunteers participate on Saturday.**

The Altar Sodality is collecting these much needed household items for needy families at Resurrection Church in Clanton. If you would like to donate, please call Fran Robertson at 529-3336 or Tammy Priola at 253-8754.

- Rice
- Beans (Pinto or Black)
- Flour
- Oil
- Salt
- Sugar
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Pop Tarts
- Cloth Diapers
- Bedding
- Bed Frames
- Mattresses
- Air Mattresses
- Bed Rolls

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Life Teen High School

Sunday, April 14: Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: Studying the Church teaching on Marriage. Life Night at 7 p.m.: Dinner, small groups and discussion on Part 3 of our "Who Am I?" series.

Wednesday, April 17: Summit Scripture Study at 7 p.m. for all current high schoolers. Dinner, scripture, games, and fun!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, April 14: "Protect Life!" Join us for an Edge Night on the Fifth Commandment. We will grow in understanding that every single human life deserves dignity and respect from natural birth until natural death. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. in the FLC Assembly Hall.

Elementary Children's Ministry

Monday, April 29: Join us for Easter Bingo Night from 6-7:30 p.m. in the FLC Assembly Hall. Dinner will be served and we will have prizes for Bingo winners! Open to all 1st - 5th graders and their families.

Save the Date! Thursday, May 30: RSVP to ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com for tickets to the Birmingham Barons game! Open to all 1st - 5th graders and their families.

The Italian American Heritage Society will hold its monthly meeting this Sunday at Our Lady of Sorrows. All of Italian heritage are invited to attend. Meeting starts at 2 p.m.

From the Sacristy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I have had several very kind inquiries regarding the decoration of the Sanctuary and the Altar area since our Lenten season began. Father Muller granted my request to post a short explanation in the bulletin.

The Cross, the Crown of Thorns and the picture of Christ being offered to the Father will all still be part of our decorations. During Lent, and all the way through Easter, I am making an effort to have the Altar represent the Gospel reading for each Sunday. On the left side, the dead tree with the living plants underneath have remained, but on the right side a depiction of a part of the lesson of the Gospel has been shown.

Since the Gospels are read in an order leading up to the death of our Lord on the Cross, each week is an invitation for everyone to look, think, imagine and try to place yourself in that place and time illustrated by the items arranged on the right each week. As you ponder the meaning, please know that everyone will have their own personal understanding of what it must have been like for our Savior at the time. It is my hope that we may all experience this season in new and meaningful ways.

Talk to others about it, ask your children what they thought about it. If this fails to inspire, then we can always go back to our most honored traditional way, which is a beautiful thing about our Catholic faith. Thank you for your questions and your understanding.

Your Servant in Christ
Bo Lovell
Sacristan



The Feast of the Divine Mercy

is Sunday, April 28.

The Holy Hour will begin at 3:00 p.m. with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayers, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and Benediction.

Come join us in prayer!

The Novena leaflets can be found in the vestibule. The Novena begins on Good Friday and ends on Divine Mercy Sunday.

One may gain a Plenary Indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday under the usual conditions of Confession, the recitation of the 9-Day Novena, prayers and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

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Look for the family favorites award winners in the June 2019 issue of Birmingham Parent. You must vote in at least 20 categories for your vote to count, and if you wish to be entered in the random drawing, we must receive your complete contact info. Information may be shared with prize sponsors.



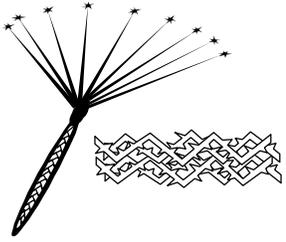
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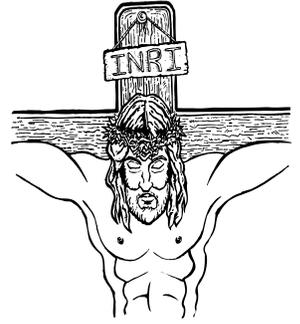
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The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday. The priests and office staff wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter!



Holy Week
Our Lady of Sorrows Church



Holy Thursday
April 18th

Mass of the Lord's Supper

5:00 P.M. &
7:00 P.M. In The Church (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Good Friday***
April 19th

Meditations on the Seven Last Words
12:00 –2:20 P.M.

Stations of the Cross –2:30-3:00 P.M.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 P.M. in the Church. (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Holy Saturday
April 20th

EASTER VIGIL
7:00 P.M. (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Easter Sunday
April 21st

7:00 A.M.
8:30 A.M. (Nursery Provided)
10:00 A.M. - 2 MASSES (CHURCH AND PARISH HALL) (Nursery Provided)
11:30 A.M.
6:00 P.M.

***** On Good Friday, Father Muller will begin the reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross at 12:00 p.m. and will conclude at 2:20 p.m. The Stations of the Cross will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m., the hour of our Lord's death, the Hour of Divine Mercy. You may come for any part of the services, but please, out of respect, remain in the vestibule until Father has completed his meditation and then enter the church.**