



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
April 28, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

### **EASTER**

Easter has a happiness and joy all of its own. The Scriptural readings this past week give us the apparitions of Jesus to individuals and groups of people. The victory was so much greater because of the apparent defeat on the cross.

Jesus did not hesitate to explain to His followers that the Messiah had to suffer first before entering into His glory. You see, the language of love is sacrifice and God had to show His love for us, as the Scriptures indicate. So we too must have our little sufferings before we enter the glory of the eternal life of perfect happiness with Him who loves us so much.

### **DIVINE MERCY**

Think about it for a moment! Is there anyone of us who can say he or she is ready to stand before Jesus and state he or she does not absolutely NEED His mercy? Without exception, all of us must plead for mercy. We pray for mercy frequently at Mass. Yet, we tend to overlook the reality of our absolute need for His mercy! It is like the way we overlook or ignore the great love Jesus has for each of us.

When Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary in the seventeenth century and told her to be an apostle of devotion to His love for us (devotion to the Sacred Heart), it meant we humans were woefully lacking here.

In the twentieth century, in the Lord's goodness, He found it necessary to appear to another nun, the recently canonized St. Faustina, to remind people of the need to beg for His mercy. He longs to give us this mercy if we ask. Part of this devotion to Divine Mercy is that we show mercy to other people. Also, in teaching us a devotion to Divine Mercy through St. Faustina, Jesus admonishes us to exercise more trust in His

goodness, His wisdom, mercy, and love for us. So, on the picture of Divine Mercy which He described to St. Faustina, He wanted the words:

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

**Mary Ann Culotta** went to the good Lord this past week. Her most memorable statement to me was that she was going "to win" taking heavy chemo OR she was going to win heaven with all her suffering in union with Christ. When I left her home that day, I could never forget that practice of the virtue of HOPE, that instruction by Jesus on Divine Mercy: Say and mean JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU! She said the Chaplet, lived the faith, in prayer, teaching and social work (she was part of First Light, which takes care of women and their children).

Father Culotta, Mary Ann's brother, celebrated the liturgy, with seven priests concelebrating. Mary Ann was an artist, and worked for the Jefferson County School System. The superintendent of the system gave the great eulogy, along with Mary Ann's niece and nephew.

Personally, I admire, so much, anyone with a committed Holy Hour in the Chapel. I also admire and appreciate everyone who is a catechist in the Parish School of Religion. Mary Ann was both. She started this year teaching the second graders in preparation for First Penance and First Communion. Shortly after she started her fourth year teaching them, the cancer hit her with a vengeance.

The great liturgist wanted to die during Holy Week, the week when our salvation was accomplished and the resurrection promised us by the example of Jesus' resurrection.

Father Culotta also lost a brother on Palm Sunday. It seems like the Lord did them that unique favor of taking them both during Holy Week, the passionate desire of the Liturgist of the Church.

**Mercy Sunday:** Today at 3 p.m. we will have that Mercy Holy Hour. It is the 14<sup>th</sup> year for

OLS. Pope John Paul II made this a universal feast for the whole church in 2000.

Why is this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday? The Gospel assigned for this Sunday has been the one in which Jesus leaves with His Church His power to forgive sins.

Divine Mercy devotion is not just another private devotion. Nothing so corresponds to the essence of our faith, the Mass, as does this devotion. How often during Mass we bow humbly before God asking for mercy! We start Mass with:

“Lord, have mercy...” (three times)

Before Communion,

“Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.”

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller



*The Feast of the  
Divine Mercy is  
today,  
Sunday, April 8 .*

*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!*



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



Monday, April 29	Special Intention Annie Diergo Jackie Franks
Tuesday, April 30	Becky McLane Laszlo F. Hary Reba & Howard Criswell
Wednesday, May 1	Special Intention Sp. Int. the Milazzo Family Marie Dirgo
Thursday, May 2	Becky McLane Bridget McCaffrey Rose Cefalu Maggio
Friday, May 3	Special Intention Bridget McCaffrey Rosemary Savage & family
Saturday, May 4	Donors to OLS School Foundation Bridget McCaffrey Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, May 5	People of the Parish Sam Salerno Chet Przybylek

### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**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.

**Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education** on Sunday, May 5. Dr. Jean-Francois Pittet will be the guest speaker. His topic will be *End-of-Life Decisions in the Intensive Care Unit: A Catholic Perspective..* 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.

**V.I.P.** will be held on Tuesday, May 7. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Please join us for our final meeting this school year.

## ***What's Going on in Youth Ministry?***

### **Life Teen High School**

**Sunday, April 28:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m.: Studying church teaching on Morality. Life Night at 7 p.m.: Part 4 of our series "Who Am I?" God has created you with big plans in mind! Are you ready to live them out?

Wednesday, May 1: Summit Scripture Study at 7 p.m. for all current high schoolers. Dinner, scripture, games and fun!

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, April 28:** "Pray for Your Enemies" Join us for an Edge Issue Night on Conversion of Heart Dinner starts at 7 p.m. in the FLC Assembly Hall.

**Sunday, May 5:** "Back to Basics." All rising 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join us for an Edge Night Social. We will foster teamwork through several fun Catholic "boot camp" challenges! Dinner starts at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall of the Family Life Center

### **Elementary Children's Ministry**

**Monday, April 29:** Join us for Easter Bingo Night from 6-7:30 pm in the FLC Assembly Hall - dinner and prizes for Bingo winners! Open to all 1st - 5th graders and their families.

**Save the Date!** Thursday, May 30. Birmingham Barons game! RSVP to [ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com). Open to all 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders and their families.

**Spring is here! Don't forget Trash and Treasure** when you are cleaning out! We will begin taking donations at the church Memorial Day weekend! We have a limited amount of storing for furniture items, only, for

people who are unable to hold the items until then. For more information about pickups contact Mike Montenegro at 205-335-9046 or Melanie Falconer at 205-281-9695.

We are in great need of more volunteers for Trash and Treasure this year! Please contact Melanie for more information about volunteering!

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**YOU'RE INVITED!** Trash and Treasure is having a potluck dinner on Monday, April 29, at 6 p.m. for current volunteers and potential new volunteers. Bring a favorite dish and join us for an evening of food and fellowship as we get ready to start our preparation for this year's sale! Volunteers are needed for all areas. For more information about the potluck or about volunteering, please contact Melanie Falconer at 205-281-9695.

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**Register Now for Vacation Bible School!** Go to [www.olspsr.com](http://www.olspsr.com). We also need volunteers - rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders to adult. Contact us at 871-1431 or [psr@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:psr@ourladyofsorrows.com).

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**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



## *May Crowning*

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Join us in the Procession  
preceding the  
8:30 a.m. Mass.**

All families are invited to participate  
in this devotion to Mary.

We will meet outside the front doors of the church between 8:15 and 8:30. All you need are flowers to carry (those from your garden are great). We will process into the church together. When you pass before Mary's altar, place your flowers in the vases and go to any pew with your family. Please remain standing for the Crowning and the beginning of Mass.

## 2019 PSR First Communicants



<i>Sophie Abouarraaj</i>	<i>Erik Martire</i>
<i>Alexander Agsalud</i>	<i>Daniella Michael</i>
<i>Thomas Alexander</i>	<i>Juliet Nesmith</i>
<i>Caroline Allen</i>	<i>Banks O'Brien</i>
<i>Ian Anderson</i>	<i>Nathaniel Pardo</i>
<i>Alyanna Baylon</i>	<i>Margaret Pipkin</i>
<i>Zach Bazeddi</i>	<i>Aidan Pudner</i>
<i>Marie Blackstone</i>	<i>Graham Raycraft</i>
<i>Anthony Bukelis</i>	<i>Jackson Rossomme</i>
<i>DeEtte Camp</i>	<i>Avery Spears</i>
<i>Emma Frances Como</i>	<i>Maggie Stewart</i>
<i>Jay Connelly</i>	<i>Colt Tortorici</i>
<i>Evan Dunn</i>	<i>Hagen Tortorici</i>
<i>Lee Foley</i>	<i>Madgie Vercher</i>
<i>Ruby Foley</i>	<i>Mia Walton</i>
<i>Tucker Hicks</i>	<i>Mary Allison Williams</i>
<i>Mary Carmen Johnson</i>	<i>Linden Willcox</i>
<i>Michael Kellen</i>	<i>Grant York</i>
<i>Thomas Kime</i>	<i>Ienn Zamarron-Ruiz</i>
<i>Kate Maple</i>	