



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

June 23, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The Body and Blood of Jesus – Today's

Feast: It is difficult to think of something to write about that, in reality, is actually beyond our imagination: That the God of all creation would contain Himself under the appearance of bread and wine.

The most famous meal in all of history is called the Last Supper. At this meal, Jesus pronounced, most solemnly, that the bread was now His Body, which was going to be offered in sacrifice. Then He announced that the wine would become His Precious Blood, which was to be poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Which is more difficult to believe, that Jesus would contain Himself under the appearance of bread and wine, or that He connected with this unique presence His sacrificial offering of His life for the forgiveness of our sins? But, if we believe in the New Testament, we believe in both.

Then the mandate from Jesus that His Church was to do this in His memory. St. Paul, that incredible witness to the resurrection 20 years later, wrote to the Corinthians: "As often as you eat this Bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the DEATH of the Lord until He comes."

Celebrating the Eucharist is primarily the re-offering of Christ to His Father for the forgiveness of sins. The Father offers us back that which we have offered to Him.

How I love that artistic painting of the crucified Christ being offered to the Father. How deeply the artist, Stephen Ardivino, delved into the most profound mystery of our faith. That great mystery that God loves us so much that He sent His only Son to offer His life on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins.

Today is the Feast of this Body and this Blood of Jesus, offered once in a bloody way and offered again at every Mass. Then, the Father offers Jesus back to us in our consumption of this Body and Blood of Jesus. This feast is one of the greatest feasts in the Church.

Mission Cooperative Sunday: We had a reading this past Tuesday from Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians, where he praised the example of the people of Macedonia for their generosity to the poor in Jerusalem, even though they, themselves, were giving out of their own poverty.

Today we are asked to support the Church in three different countries. Interestingly enough, two of the countries are the native lands of our two associates. Father Balta belongs to the Diocese of Warangal, India. His bishop will receive a fourth of the total collection from our diocese, and his Bishop is Bishop Bala, who has been assigned to speak at all the Masses at OLS. His is a large diocese in a predominantly Hindu country. They make converts in the hills, valleys and forest areas, where the people are ripe for conversions. They have 70 parishes, 300 missions, 165 priests and 335 catechists. They hope to baptize 505 this year.

Father Frankline's bishop is most challenged. The pope established this new diocese only three years ago, with Bishop Agapitus as the first bishop. There is the social-political crisis between the French speaking and the English speaking, which is so strong in physical strife that it led to the closing of six parishes. The other 16 parishes are functioning in a bit of fear. The military has burned down 29 villages. Their charity office is in desperate need to offer food, clothing and medicine to thousands in need.

The other two recipients are Archbishop Marino and Bishop Pauly in India. Archbishop Marino has the Diocese of Brunei in his jurisdiction and can use another school. Bishop Pauly's state had a severe flood in

2018. They are trying to rebuild 400 homes for those who lost everything in those floods. Vacation Bible School was, again this year, a great success. The Parish Hall was so decorated with papier mache figures, trees and animals of the forest, reflecting that the God of all Creation is glorified by God's creations. This event is so well attended that more apply than can be accommodated. It is the PSR administration and the wonderful, innumerable volunteers who organize the children moving from arts and crafts to physical challenges, and from the religious class session to recreation and snacks. This huge event is squeezed in between the end of school and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival. The service goal was to raise \$235 for a water pump kit and well digging training, which was donated through Catholic Relief Services.

Eucharistic Adoration: OLS is the only parish in the city that has adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist around the clock, 24/7. However, her grace, the chief, Mary Claire Brouillette, reminded me to find some heroic souls to help out at night, since three couples find that age has them giving up their committed hour at night.

We are looking forward to the celebration of 27 years of this prayer-powerful devotion with the Holy Sacrifice and the gratitude meal afterwards. The celebration will take place in the middle of August.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

**Because of the Eucharistic Congress, Confessions and the 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass will not be held on June 29. Please make plans to attend the Eucharistic Congress. This is mandated by the Bishop.**



Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai Wadsworth, Melanie Gilchrist, Kennie Skellie, Jude Tombrello

## CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Wednesday at 9 AM (Share with Partner)**

**Thursday 12 Midnight (New Vacancy)**

**Thursday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)**

**Friday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)**

**Saturday at 11 AM (Share with Partner)**

**Sunday at 2 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, June 24	Special Intention Sp. Int. Michelle Galloway Carrie Schifanella
Tuesday, June 25	Sp. Int. OLS Shut-ins Claude Dirgo Sp. Int. Angelo Family
Wednesday, June 26	Special Intention Nicolas Castro Julia Riepele Cabrera
Thursday, June 27	Deceased of OLS Sp. Int. Marilyn Lauber Rubye Sherman
Friday, June 28	Special Intention Sp. Int. the DeAtkine Family Dan Conboy
Saturday, June 29	Sp. Int. Charles Vizzina Raymond Lilly Leonora Fox and Joseph Fox, Jr.
Sunday, June 30	People of the Parish Rosemary Savage Catherine Taylor

## **Fourth of July Festival Volunteers—**

The Signup Genius website is still the preferred method to sign-up for each area of the festival. There are also convenient links to each sign-up located on the Church website:

[www.ourladyofsorrows.com](http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com). Once you sign-up, each volunteer will receive an immediate email reminder and a second reminder 2 days before your chosen volunteer slot. We ask that children get their parent's permission before signing up.

Signup sheets will also be in the vestibule beginning with the weekend of June 15-16. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer but don't have internet access, please contact Greg Pierre at 907-5605.

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

**Friday, June 28:** We will have a Day of Service in association with the Eucharistic Congress. Email [carol@olsyouth.com](mailto:carol@olsyouth.com) to sign up your teen or for more information. This event is open to Middle and High School.

**Saturday, June 29:** Join us for the Youth Track at Eucharistic Congress! Email [carol@olsyouth.com](mailto:carol@olsyouth.com) to sign up your teen or for more information. This event is open to Middle and High School.

Check out [olsyouth.com](http://olsyouth.com) for our summer schedules!

#### **Life Teen High School**

Plenty of volunteer opportunities this summer! Join our Diocese on June 28, for a full day of service. You can also sign up to help with Trash & Treasure and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival games. Find the registration link on the OLS website [www.ourladyofsorrows.com](http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com).

#### **Edge Middle School**

If you are attending Camp Hidden Lake, your final balances are past due!

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

**Saturday, June 29:** Register now for the Children's Track at Eucharistic Congress at <https://bhmcatholic.com/ec-childrens-track/>! For more information email [ecm@ourladyofsorrowsc.com](mailto:ecm@ourladyofsorrowsc.com)



**The OLS Altar Sodality** is distributing cake mixes for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cake Booth after all Masses on June 23. Please pick up

one or two in the vestibule as you exit. Bring your baked cake to the OLS School Cake Booth either July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. or July 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 -10 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Leigh Nabors at 908-5468. Thank you for your support!

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### **Come to the next ARISE Night of Healing on June 27th!**

All are welcome to join us in the OLS Family Life Center Gym from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, for music ministry, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction, confessions and intercessory prayer teams. Our speaker is Samantha Yee from San Francisco, CA. She has shared the testimony of her struggles with depression and reversion to her Catholic faith to youth groups, churches and media outlets around the country. This is a family-friendly event. Bring a friend!

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### **Maintenance/Janitorial Staff Opening at Our Lady of Sorrows School**

Works as a team participant along with the maintenance and janitorial staff performing various maintenance/janitorial duties necessary to maintain and enhance the value and operation of the school buildings and grounds. High School diploma or equivalent is preferred. One to five years verifiable hands-on general maintenance experience is preferred. Must have a valid Alabama driver license. If interested, please contact the School Office between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 879-3237 to schedule an appointment with the principal.



# Firecracker Gazette

OLS 70<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival  
Thursday, July 4th 2019  
Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
Grand Marshall – Msgr. Martin Muller

- Where:** OLS Parking Lot  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Entertainment:** Bobby “T” Tanory  
Karaoke – Music – Prizes  
**Games:** Basketball, Ball & Pan, Horse Racing, Putting Green,  
Darts, Fish Pond, Ring Toss, Doll Booth, Cake Booth,  
Hot Wheels Racing, Dunking Booth, Inflatable  
**Bingo:** 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center  
**Rummage Sale:** Trash n’ Treasure in Gym from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Pre-Sale: 8-9am ONLY. The first 400 people will be  
admitted with a \$5 ticket, which will be sold at the door.  
**Half-Price Sale:** Saturday, July 6th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
**Food Menu:** Served 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall  
Plates: \$10.00 (Choice of Pork, Ribs, or 1/2 Chicken)  
includes beans / slaw / bread / drink  
Hot Dogs: \$1.00  
Smoked Sausages/Brats: \$2.00  
Pork Sandwiches: \$3.00  
Snow Cones: \$2.00

**PRE-SALES – BULK ONLY – Wednesday, JULY 3rd, 8 AM – 4 PM IN THE  
SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

- Whole Pork Butts - \$35 each  
Pork - \$10.00 /lb  
Ribs - \$20.00 / slab  
Whole Chicken - \$10.00; 1/2 chicken - \$5.00  
Beans / slaw / sauce /bread /tea - \$3.00  
**BULK MEAT SALES (Available during the Festival in the School  
Cafeteria)**

If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of our captains listed below:

<b>John Baldwin</b>	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>223-1116</b>
<b>Melanie Falconer</b>	<b>Trash n' Treasure</b>	<b>281-9695</b>
<b>Greg Pierre</b>	<b>Games / Volunteers</b>	<b>907-5605</b>
<b>Danny Stephens</b>	<b>Tickets / Day of</b>	<b>396-5497</b>
<b>Jim &amp; Susie Ceyte</b>	<b>Bulk Sales</b>	<b>979-3216</b>
<b>John Tighe</b>	<b>Kitchen / Take Outs</b>	<b>527-4357</b>

**TRASH N' TREASURE – DROP OFF ITEMS EVERYDAY OR NIGHT AT THE GYM UNTIL Monday, JULY 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**FOR LARGE PICKUPS – (NO APPLIANCES OR PIANOS PLEASE) – CALL Mike Montenegro AT 205-335-9046.**

**RAFFLE TICKETS – PRIZES:**

**GRAND PRIZE**  
**\$5,000 CASH**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize- \$2,500 Cash**

**3<sup>RD</sup> Place Prize - \$1,000 Cash – donated by Joe Falconer of Realty South**

**Three 4<sup>th</sup> Place Prizes - \$500 Cash**

**Four 5<sup>th</sup> Place Prizes - \$250 Cash**

**Ten 6<sup>th</sup> Place Prizes - \$100 Cash**

**EXTRA RAFFLE TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE CHURCH OFFICE OR AT THE FESTIVAL.**