



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
September 15, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

If God has a plan for the smallest worm on the earth, why wouldn't He have a plan to support His Church? If we believe the Bible, the answer is that He does have a plan: All who earn wages are to give God the first tenth of what they earn. It is stated in the Bible, 44 times in the Old Testament and two times in the New Testament. He lets us use the other 90 percent.

Can't you just hear an angel asking God, "Why let them use 90 percent? Just let them use 60 percent and tell them they are to give 40 percent back to You." God's response is, "I just want the first tenth of what they earn."

Twice a year I speak on God's plan to support His Church, and I take the opportunity to say: Thank you for your most generous pledges to the parish and to Catholic Charities.

The American Bishops recommend 5 percent to the parish and 5 percent to be given to God in so many different ways, such as Catholic education, United Way, Red Cross, and special collections. We highly recommend a good part of that other 5 percent be given to Catholic Charities. This is money given to God, administered by the Bishop, with only 5 percent going to administration. Other organized charities use about 10 percent to 12 percent of the money for administration.

Everything we have is His and we owe Him that first tenth, as He requests in the Scriptures. Still, if we do this, He promises a great reward. Personally, I am so accustomed to God's blessings, I would be afraid not to tithe. I could not readjust my life to live without His blessings.

If God is number one in our lives, then, in planning our budget, He should be given the first part of what we earn.

Catholic Charities supports the Catholic Centers of Concern. The sisters distribute money for rent, utilities, and prescription drugs to the needy. The centers also administer the many food gifts and clothes to those in need. When we give to Catholic Charities, we support future priests who are in the seminary today. We support programs for the mentally challenged, the elderly, and the office of religious education, which helps each parish with its Parish School of Religion. We also support Campus Ministers for some sixteen colleges and universities. We support the Black Ministry, we support the Hispanic Ministry and we support Catholic Family Services (adoption services, foster care for children and assistance for unwed mothers).

Being a member of Catholic Charities means we love our neighbor in so many different ways. Our neighbor has been defined as the person in need!

You should have received a pledge card from the diocese. Pray over it. Everyone should sign a card. If you are not pledging, simply write on it your disposition. We put them all in a basket next Sunday and place this offering at the foot of the altar in gratitude to God for all He has done for us and as part of the tithe we owe Him.

On behalf of the good Lord, I thank you a million times for your extreme generosity to the **parish** and to other works of charity, especially **Catholic Charities**.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

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**SAVE THE DATE: R.C.I.A. begins Monday, October 7. Dinner is served at 5:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The class begins at 6:30.**



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| Monday, Sept. 16    | Special Intention<br>Diane Muscat<br>Dolly Barranco                          |
| Tuesday, Sept. 17   | Special Intention<br>Bernard "Ben" Romano<br>Sylvia Ivey                     |
| Wednesday, Sept. 18 | Special Intention<br>Ben Romano<br>Sp. Int. Robert Bischoff                  |
| Thursday, Sept. 19  | Special Intention<br>James Joseph, Jr. & Leonora Fox<br>Lena Lucia           |
| Friday, Sept. 20    | Special Intention<br>Tim Lovelady<br>Sp. Int. Robert Bischoff                |
| Saturday, Sept. 21  | Donors to OLS School Foundation<br>Anthony Bruno<br>Sp. Int. Robert Bischoff |
| Sunday, Sept. 22    | People of the Parish<br>Ben Romano<br>Ross Rumore                            |



Vita D'Amico, Mary Ann Huie,  
Charlie Kai Wadsworth,  
Melanie Gilchrist, Kennie  
Skellie, Buddy DiChiara

### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Wednesday at 6 AM (Share with Partner)**

**Thursday 12 Midnight (New Vacancy)**

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

**Friday at 1 PM (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.

**V.I.P. will meet on Tuesday, September 24. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. This is a modified schedule due to the Priest Retreat on September 30-October 3. We will resume the normal schedule on November 5.**

**Everyone is invited** to attend Adult Education on Sunday, September 22, for *Bible Basics III: Applying the Bible's Teachings to Our Lives* led by Kent Graeve. 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.

### **Madonna and Child Guild**

**Friday, September 20:** All mothers are invited to join us in the Church at 9 a.m. for our first meeting. We will begin with the Rosary, followed by social time in the Sodality Room. Nursery is available by emailing [ashleybpeters@gmail.com](mailto:ashleybpeters@gmail.com).

### **Family Tailgate**

**Wednesday, September 25:** All families are invited to a tailgate potluck in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite tailgating dish or dessert and the recipe to share. Wear your team colors! Children of all ages are welcome.

**The Knights of Columbus** will hold a blood drive this Sunday, September 15, in the Parish Hall. They will be cooking a hot breakfast for all donors and their families. The American Red Cross continues to face shortages of the most needed blood types. We hope to see you there.

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

**Saturday, October 26:** Mark your calendar for Eucharistic Youth Congress at the Shrine in Hanceville! Open to Grades 8-12. Email [carol@olsyouth.com](mailto:carol@olsyouth.com) to register.

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

### **Life Teen High School**

**Sunday, September 15:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Come learn more about how to share your faith! Life Night series "Question Everything" will begin at 7 p.m. with dinner, small groups, and an inspiring talk. Answering "What is the point of organized religion?"

**Wednesday, September 18:** UNLEASHED is a new Bible study by LifeTeen! Join us as we learn more about the men and women from Scripture who can inspire us in our own faith journey. Every Wednesday from 7-8:30p in the youth room!

**Save the Date:** Fall Retreat at Camp Tekawitha Nov 9-10!

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, September 15:** Join us for "Everlasting," an EDGE night on One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic where we will come to a basic understanding of the four marks of the Church. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

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

**Friday, September 20:** ECM is going to support the Legion FC as it takes on the Indy Eleven. Meet at BBVA Field at 7 p.m. RSVP for tickets to [ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com).

Ladies, are you new to the parish, or have you been here for years? Sometimes we can go to Mass Sunday after Sunday and never feel connected to the parish or feel like we have a friend. We have a wonderful ladies group that meets on Tuesday mornings from 9 -11. We have fun as we get to know and learn to support one another as we study the Bible and enjoy lunch. I'm sure the ladies in the group would tell you how great it is and how many good friends they have made. We start September 10. Come join us and get to know your best friend, Jesus. To sign up call Mary Ann Graeve at 205-908-2728. God bless you all.

**The OLS Bridge Group** will begin Wednesday, Sept 19, at 10 a.m. in Sodality Room. All are welcome for fun, fellowship and bridge. Call Ann Connell 871-1943 or Lil Bruzzese 942-4431 with any questions.

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**Let the spectacular colors of fall be reflected in your marriage.** The kids are back in school...now give some time to the two of you. Consider making a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend and bring the color and passion to your special love. The next weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman on October 18-20, at St. Bernard Abbey. You can get more information or register online at [www.ALFL-wwme.org](http://www.ALFL-wwme.org) or by calling Barney & Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.

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WE WILL BE SPEAKING ON  
SATURDAY THE 21<sup>ST</sup>, AT THE 5:00 PM  
MASS AND SUNDAY THE 22<sup>ND</sup>, AT THE  
7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM,  
AND 6:00 PM MASSES. WE LOOK  
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**All parishioners are invited** to attend the upcoming Holy Spirit 101 conference this October 4- 5, at OLS and sponsored by the Diocesan Office of Family Life. As Catholics, we received the Holy Spirit at our sacramental baptism and confirmation, but often we aren't taught how to practically put the gifts of the Holy Spirit into use in our daily lives. Tori Harris, nationally known author and speaker, has created a simple curriculum that combines 2000 years of Catholic teaching, scripture, and the catechism that has both the nihil obstat and imprimatur. She will be here at OLS leading this exciting course! Last year's conference sold out, so make sure you sign up today! There will be people in the vestibule after Mass handing out flyers and answering any questions you may have. To register, go to [www.ariseworshipministry.com/ols](http://www.ariseworshipministry.com/ols).

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**The Catholic Student Association of Samford University invites you to an historic celebration of their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Come hear Dr. Scott Hahn speak at Samford's Wright Center on Thursday, September 26, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is FREE!** Everyone seems to agree that Western Civilization is in trouble. The problem is that no one agrees on what has gone wrong or what to do about it. Government, capitalism, sexual freedom. Too much? Not enough? But what if the problem is much more fundamental? What if the problem goes to the very foundations of who we are as human beings in relationship with God? Come and hear the startling claim that Dr. Hahn makes as to what our society's ills are rooted in and how they can be cured. Join with the Catholic Student Association of Samford University and make this a celebration to remember!

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**The Confraternity of Christian Mothers** meet once a month (3rd Monday) at the Cathedral of St. Paul. We have a Holy Hour with Confessions at 6 p.m., Mass offered for members and their family at 7 p.m., and a meeting to follow. We have a ceremony to admit new members at least once a year. Our next meeting will be September 16, and this year on October 21, will be an opportunity to welcome new members. The purpose of the CCM is to help Catholic mothers, including Spiritual Mothers, to joyfully and hopefully undertake the important task of training and sanctifying the souls entrusted to their care. We have speakers at some of the meetings to help with this goal and we have time to share and build friendships. Members are not required to attend meetings, but try to come when possible.