



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
October 13, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The next seminarian to be ordained for our diocese in two years is Chuck Deering, Jr. He has written an article for the *One Voice* about Mary and her title of Our Lady of Sorrows, patron of his "beloved OLS." I loved the article and will attempt to summarize it as a study of how Mary suffered and what must have been her thoughts.

Chuck started with the verse from the Stations of the Cross:

Christ above in torment hangs/
She beneath beholds the pain/
of her dying glorious Son.

The article went on to depict Mary drowning in sorrow. Jesus was truly the love and centrality of her life. This is the infant that she cradled in her arms; the toddler she rescued from many falls; the boy she watched over as He played; the young man she witnessed turning water into wine, now nailed to a tree, condemned to die as a common criminal. Mary must have felt powerless, sick at heart. She probably questioned the validity of God's plan. Why was this happening? What good could come from this? Why Him? What did He do to deserve this?

Here is where we come in, because we all experience some suffering one time or another. Many experience great suffering. Why Lord? Why did I lose my job? Don't you know that I have a family to support? Why did my spouse leave me? Can't you see that my children are devastated? Why was I diagnosed with cancer? Why did it spread? What did I do wrong with my life?

We look at Mary at the foot of the cross wondering over and over WHY? She doesn't focus on her own pain, but on the suffering of her Son. She and we want to know WHY, and yet, she trusted. This is the heart of the matter. She trusted that God knew what He

was permitting. He had a reason, but has not revealed it to her completely. Thus, we find ourselves asking WHY, yet trusting that God has an answer He is not, at this time, revealing to us.

Her grief was monumental, but she did not forget the words of the angel:

The Lord God will give to Him the throne of His ancestor, David.
He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

There is every likelihood she knew of the message from the Book of Job. He was tested with every grief and personal suffering, losing every possession, including his 10 children. In Chapter 42 of this celebrated book of the Old Testament, we find at the end he did not rebel against God. He **PASSED THE TEST**. He was given back all 10 children and twice as many sheep, camel, oxen, and donkeys into the thousands. Mary kept asking Why, but she **TRUSTED** the end of Jesus was not the end.

When we suffer we need to keep one eye on heaven. We need to think about Job, who was tested and passed the test.

I like to put a crucifix right next to a suffering dying person. Now I am wondering if I should not put a picture of the resurrected Christ next to that person.

Mary must have asked over and over WHY, but **TRUSTED** that God know what He was doing. She is a Mother of Sorrows and the model of trust and faith.

Pray for this seminarian in his journey to ordination and that he continues beyond to a priestly life of absolute trust that God will take care of him.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Oct. 14	Special Intention Josephine Sicola Sam Culotta
Tuesday, Oct. 15	Karen Stephens Bernardo Prezioso Mary Ann Dennis
Wednesday, Oct. 16	Special Intention John Terry Orstadt Angelo Maggio
Thursday, Oct. 17	Carl Gagliano Bernardo Prezioso Morris Princiotta, Jr.
Friday, Oct. 18	Special Intention Bernardo Prezioso Josephine Russo
Saturday, Oct. 19	Donors to OLS School Foundation Parker Mote Anne Ahlander
Sunday, Oct. 20	People of the Parish Marie Calandrea Lena Lucia

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 3 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Wednesday at 6 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Friday at 9 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Friday at 1 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Saturday at 8 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Saturday at 11 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Sunday at 7 AM (New Vacancy, Adorer Needed)**

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.

R.C.I.A. meets every Monday night in the Parish Hall. **It's not too late to sign up!** Please join us at 5:45 p.m. for dinner. Class begins at 6:30. Childcare is available.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, October 20. Our speaker will be Jay Flynn. His topic is *Expression of Faith: Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris*. 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.

Our Lady of Grace will meet on Monday, October 14, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sodality room. Please bring your sandwich. Drinks and dessert will be provided. All are welcome.

Madonna and Child Guild

Friday, October 18: Pre-school age children and their families are invited to join us for our annual Moms & Tots Halloween Hunt. Wear your Halloween costume and join us at Patriot Park in West Homewood from **10-11:30 am** for lots of fun! Please RSVP to ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com.

PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE of any changes in your registration information: address change, marriage, children, etc. It is up to you to request the changes; the office will not change any information without first being asked by you, the parishioner. Thank you.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, October 26. Together we pray the Rosary, have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and Holy Mass. Our patron, Saint Padre Pio, spent his life in prayer, and once said, "What the world needs now is PRAYER!" Won't you join us? For more information, call Angela Kolar at 991-9554.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, October 13: No meetings! Edge and LifeTeen resume Sunday, October 20.

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

Check out olsyouth.com for our fall schedules!

Life Teen High School

Wednesday, October 16: Help us run games for the Elementary Children's Ministry "Trunk or Treat" event at 7 p.m. in the FLC gym! You're welcome to dress as your favorite Saint. We will head to the youth rooms for pizza and continue our Bible Study at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 20: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Come learn more about your faith as we discuss hot-button topics! Our Life Night series "Otherworldly" will begin at 7 p.m. with a focus on The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Our Fall Retreat will be Nov. 9-10 at Camp Tekakwitha. The kids will learn how to hear the voice of God in such a noisy world. Register today! www.olsyouth.com/retreat

Edge Middle School

Sunday, October 20: Join us for an issue night on Vocations! "Oxygen" will help us come to an understanding of different vocations and what it looks like to live out each vocation. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Elementary Children's Ministry

Wednesday, October 16: Come dressed as your favorite Saint for an All Saints Trunk or Treat from 6-7:30 pm in the FLC Gym (2nd Floor). Email ecm@ourladyofsorrows.com for more information or to RSVP!



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

You are invited to a rich feast. Don't ignore the invitation. Perhaps you are called to service through ordained ministry or the consecrated life. Trust that you will receive the grace you need. (Matthew 22:1-14) For our priests and all liturgical ministers, may they enrich our community's Eucharistic celebrations.

Toy Bowl Basketball Registration is now open for Kindergarten - 8th grade students. Please email smahabanks@gmail.com for the registration link or text of call Anne at 205-873-1235.

The Magnificat Prayer Breakfast will be held at St. Elias from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 2. Our speaker, Patty Tucker, is a member of Our Lady of the Valley Church in Ft. Payne. Tickets are \$15 and are available by contacting Donna Chmielarski at (205) 408-0308, and from Alpha Church Supply. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Come and See! If you are a single, Catholic woman who is curious about Religious life, we invite you to respond to Jesus' invitation to "Come and See" on Saturday, October 19, at Sacred Heart Monastery in Cullman. The day will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 6 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Sister Magdalena Craig, OSB, at 256-615-6114 or vocations@shmon.org.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in the diocese is scheduled in Cullman on October 18-20, at St. Bernard Abbey. You can find more information or register online at www.ALFL-wwme.org or by calling Barney & Kathy Bellard at 205-530-3607.