



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
October 27, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

We will start the month of November this Friday with the Feast of All Saints, celebrating those canonized and the tens of thousands not on the official lists, but definitely with God in heaven. On November 2, we are reminded to pray for all the departed, either *for them* or *in their honor*. In the ritual for Christian burial, there is a powerful introductory statement with great imagery:

“All the ties of friendship and affection that knit us as one on this earth do not unravel with death...”

Throughout our lives we have many ties of friendships and affection that knit us together. These ties do not unravel with death. In the Apostle's Creed we profess our belief in the COMMUNION OF SAINTS, the union between ourselves and those with God in the next life, either in heaven or the ante-chamber to heaven, that place of purgation we call purgatory.

The prayer that follows the reference to the Communion of Saints speaks about the brevity of our lives on this earth. We get so attached to the things of earth that we tend to forget that we are really made, not for this life, but for the life of heaven. God invested so much in our life of heaven. He sent His own Son to die for our sins to insure that our sins could be forgiven.

Heaven is that **DYNAMIC RETIREMENT**. It is that **NEW ADVENTURE**. We are people of HOPE, which means we look forward to good things in the future. When I view the people at daily Mass and those visiting the Chapel of our Savior and also those who see Sunday Mass as the highlight of the week, I see people of faith and hope who are investing in the treasures of heaven.

The greatest tragedy on earth is not to be a saint. We are all called to be a saint. So, here are five characteristics of a saint:

- 1) Saints were filled with the **LOVE OF GOD**. They have chosen God above all others and made a commitment to Him. They frequently pray: “Here I am Lord, I have come to do your will. Speak, Lord, your servant is listening!” If you love someone, you want to do what they want you to do. So it is with our love of God. It is a constant “call and response.”
- 2) Saints **love other humans**, even one's enemies, and one can never find a stingy saint.
- 3) Saints are **humble**, attributing to God all that they have and all that they are able to do.
- 4) Saints are **people of prayer**. Some spend hours in prayer. Others do not pray for hours, but when they do it is with devotion and commitment, and they make helping others a prayer.
- 5) Saints are **not perfect**. Jerome had a fearful temper. Even at the end of their lives, saints found themselves in need of contrition, pardon and reconciliation. There is a picture of St. Jerome with a rock in his hand, beating his breast, asking for mercy. The pope of the time saw the picture and said, “Jerome, if it had not been for that rock and your repentance, we would never have canonized you.” St. Joan of Arc signed a retraction of her visions. Later she signed a retraction of her retraction.

There are so many non-canonized saints; people who live ordinary lives with extraordinary love of God and neighbor. Sainthood is not made of Carrera marble, but out of the pebbles and stones of everyday life. Pope John Paul II loved to canonize married people. I think his purpose was to help us realize that everyone is called to

sainthood. St. Paul, in his 1st Letter to the Corinthians, told them they were all called to be saints. Besides celebrating the saints in heaven this Friday and Saturday, the Church reminds us that we are all called to be saints, in the midst of so many different circumstances of life. Remember that the greatest tragedy on earth is not to be a saint.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

All Saints Day Mass Schedule:

Thursday, Oct. 31 **6:00 p.m. (Vigil)**

Friday, Nov. 1 **6:30 a.m.**
 7:30 a.m.
 9:00 a.m. (school)
 12:00 noon
 6:00 p.m.



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Oct. 28	Special Intention Art Klopack Parker Mote
Tuesday, Oct. 29	Morris Princiotta, Jr. Art Klopack Art Klopack
Wednesday, Oct. 30	Special Intention Mary Ann Dennis Nancy Jane Madison
Thursday, Oct. 31	Special Intention Roxanne Mattingly Marie Dirgo
Friday, Nov. 1	Special Intention Sp. Int. Ellie Rembert & Dean Romano, Sr. Mary Ann Dennis
Saturday, Nov. 2	Brian Criswell Cefalu & Maggio Families Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, Nov. 3	People of the Parish Josephine Russo Souls in Purgatory

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 3 PM (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)

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.

Today is Priesthood Appreciation Sunday. Please take a moment to thank the priests for all they do for your community, your Parish and your family.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, November 3. Our speaker is Dr. Jacqueline Dillon DeMarco. Her topic is *Managing Grief & Other Life Stressors During the Holidays*. 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.

V.I.P. will be held on Tuesday, November 5. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo. Please join us for faith, fellowship and fun!

St Ann's Guild will meet on Wednesday, November 6, in the Assembly Hall of the Family Life Center ([3295 Parkridge Dr. 35209](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3295+Parkridge+Dr,+35209) for GPS directions). Doors open at 10 a.m., Rosary at 10:12, Devotional at 10:30, followed by business, invited speaker and buffet lunch. Our Speaker at 11:15 am will be Reverend Thomas Kelly from St. Peter's Church, who will be speaking on Purgatory. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us. Please contact co-chairs Jen Dent at jendavident@bellsouth.net, 205 903-7353 or Anne McMahon at afhmcmahon@gmail.com,

205 936-9183 for questions. No reply is required.

A Rosary Service for All Souls will be held on Sunday, November 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. All are invited to remember the souls of deceased family members, friends and all the forgotten souls.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Check out olsyouth.com for our fall schedules!

Life Teen High School

Sunday, Oct. 27: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Come learn more about your faith as we study "Hot Topics" on formed.org! Our Life Night series "Otherworldly" will begin at 7 p.m. with a focus on the Mass.

Wednesday, October 30: Join us as we learn more about the men and women from Scripture who can inspire us in our own faith journey. Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.!

Our Fall Retreat will be Nov. 9-10 at Camp Tekakwitha. Learn more at www.olsyouth.com/retreat

Edge Middle School

Sunday, October 27: Join us for a Mario Kart Edge Night Social! Come in costume and race against other characters in a live version of the popular video game. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.



How do you en flesh the great commandment of love? Be aware of how others show this vital commandment. Encourage those who you respect to dedicate their lives to ministry in the Church. (Matthew 22:34-40)
For catechists and parents, may they instill the commandment of love as they help our youth grow in Christian faith.

The Catholic Diocese of Birmingham
The Office of Black Catholic Ministries

Invites you to a

"Blue Mass"

Honoring All Law Enforcement Personnel

Wednesday, November 6

6:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

301 Shamrock Trail

Adamsville, Alabama

Diocesan Gospel Choir – Guest Choir

Reception to follow after Mass

All are welcome! Please join us!