



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
November 3, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

A lady stopped me coming out of the Chapel and asked about her mother, who has been close to death and who is more concerned about seeing her dear husband than seeing God. The lady told her mother not to worry about seeing her husband, etc. Was the lady right?

First, we have never seen God face to face, and when we do it will be the most astounding experience. He is all powerful, all knowing, and all beautiful in every way. The Scriptures tell us that heaven is beyond any human experience, as far as happiness is concerned. This is the God of all creation who is waiting for us. Certainly, it must be unimaginable to see this God, who is all powerful and who wants to make us happy.

If seeing our dear relatives will make us happy, God will use all his might to ensure we will see and recognize and be with our loved ones.

Secondly, the Liturgy and the Creed teach us about the Communion of Saints: There is a union between those who have gone before us and our lives today on this earth.

The Liturgy in the introduction to the wake service uses an imagery that is most striking:

“We believe that all the ties of friendship and affection that knit one will not unravel with death.”

These ties of affection and friendships continue into the next life. There will not be a choice between our loved ones and our loving God in heaven. He created these loves ones and He will use His all-powerful self to make

us happy, and part of that is to see and be with our loved ones.

The Gospel from this past Wednesday, where Jesus was asked, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” reminds us that working for heaven is the most serious business we have on this earth. Jesus gives a strange, neither yes nor no, answer. He says that we are to enter through the narrow gate; many who will attempt to enter through the narrow gate but will not be strong enough.

The reality of the next world we tend to forget. Yet, the Church knows we need reminders and gives us the month of November to remind us that people leave this earth and continue living “on the other side of the curtain” that separates us from this life and the next.

The word “revelation” actually means “lifting up the curtain.” The great lifting up was when the Son of God walked this earth with His claim to be God and the miracles to back it up. Other revelations come from private apparitions approved by the Church. Also, in a sense, seeing an exorcism, with the physical signs of Satan, is seeing something of the other side of the curtain.

The two feasts on November 1 and 2 remind us that salvation is a serious business and should remind us to try to keep improving our lives (narrow gate, as mentioned above).

Thanks to the four teams who helped Gayle Busby prepare the meals for the RCIA class. **THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN THE CLASS.** Someone new came in last Monday and said he was baptized but never made his First Communion. So, he joined up. There are all kinds of reasons for coming. Everyone is welcome to come to the RCIA class every Monday night. A great meal is served at 5:45, followed by small groups at 6:30 and then the half hour presentation by yours truly.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

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



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, Nov. 4	Special Intention Souls in Purgatory Parker Mote
Tuesday, Nov. 5	Souls in Purgatory Sam Raine, Jr. Sp. Int. Anita Pilato
Wednesday, Nov. 6	Sp. Int. Fr. Kelly Sp. Int. Margaret Hampton Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, Nov. 7	Nancy Jane Madison Vincent Cusimano Sam Salerno
Friday, Nov. 8	Special Intention Thomas & Helen Jeffers Art Klopach
Saturday, Nov. 9	Sp. Int. Benjamin Marino Souls in Purgatory Henry Hanna, Sr.
Sunday, Nov. 10	People of the Parish Joseph Nelson Brouillette Caroline Alphonse

**CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Monday at 3 PM (Share with Partner)**

**Friday at 8 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)**

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, November 17. 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.

**We will not meet on November 10.**

**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!

**The Knights of Columbus** will be holding a blood drive next Sunday, November 10, 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.

**Our Lady of Peace Guild** will meet in the Sodality Room at 12 noon on Monday, November 4. We will be preparing tickets for the Teacup Auction. Please bring your scissors. Remember to bring a sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

**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](mailto:jendavident@bellsouth.net), 205 903-7353 or

Anne McMahon at [afhmcMahon@gmail.com](mailto:afhmcMahon@gmail.com), 205 936-9183 for questions. No reply is required.

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**Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild** will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sodality Room. Holly Hyché, Development Director at the Well House, will be our speaker. The Well House exists to honor God by rescuing female victims of human trafficking and providing opportunities for their restoration. We will also be collecting after school snacks for First Light Shelter. All ladies of the Parish are welcome. Contact Judy Trant at 451-3134 or Brenda Matherne at 999-2804 with any questions.

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### **Altar Sodality News**

Last Thursday, the ladies of the OLS Altar Sodality cooked, packed, and delivered 78 "Hospitality Baskets" and 12 "Hospitality Boxes" to feed 140 of our OLS family members who are homebound. Each basket/box contained 2 home cooked meals - chicken and dressing and shepherd's pie, plus snacks, such as pimento cheese and crackers and meatball sub sandwiches. They were topped off with homemade brownies and a pound cake! In addition, the ladies delivered 50 goody bags to retirement communities in the Birmingham area. Many thanks to Stephanie Hunt, Fran Robertson, Frances Patton, Mary Catherine Kew, and Lee Ann Bruno for heading up the effort, and to all the ladies of the Altar Sodality who contributed to this wonderful mission!



Are you a person of integrity? Do your words match your deeds? Remember, those who are great are those who serve. How do you serve others? (Matthew 23:1-12)  
For those who serve the Church through ordained ministry and religious life, may they be humble and sincere of heart.

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

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

### **Life Teen High School**

**Sunday, Nov. 3:** 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, Nov. 6:** Dive into Scripture as we learn more about the men and women from the Bible who can inspire us in our own faith journey. Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.!

**Fall Retreat registration is open!** For \$25, send your teens with us to Camp Tekakwitha to learn more about prayer, have fellowship, and strengthen their own faith journey. They don't want to miss this! Nov. 9-10. Register here: [www.olsyouth.com/retreat](http://www.olsyouth.com/retreat)

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, Nov. 3:** Join us for a better understanding and deeper connection to the whole communion of the members of the Church, including those on earth, those in purgatory, and the saints in heaven. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 20:** Join us at Urban Air for dinner and fellowship! This is a FREE event open to all families with school-age children (grades 1-12).

**The LADIES of John Carroll High School, Class of 1966,** will have their monthly Lunch Bunch Luncheon on Thursday, November 7, at Dale's Southern Grill in Hoover beginning at 11:15 a.m. Please join your classmates for fellowship and lunch. Hope to see you there.