



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
November 10, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

We live by reminders. We keep calendars, jot things on note paper, or put notes into the cell phones. The Church has a calendar and REMINDS us of those issues we might forget.

Praying for our relatives, friends, and benefactors in purgatory is one of those issues for which we need reminders. The Church calendar tells us, starting with November 2, that November is the month we put a special emphasis on those in purgatory who would love to have our prayers and good works offered for them.

In the Eucharistic prayers at every Mass, after the consecration and offering of Jesus to the Father, we pray for the universal Church, and then AT EVERY MASS, we pray for those:

“...who have fallen asleep in the Hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy. Welcome them into the light of your face.”
(Eucharistic prayer #2)

Those whose names are on the altar are remembered at every Mass during November, with twelve extra Masses just for those names on the altar.

What is also important is that in our private prayers we do not forget relatives, friends, and benefactors who have died and might be in purgatory. Often, I am asked to celebrate Mass for a saintly person, and I tell God this offering is in their honor and just in case they are in purgatory. God just doesn't tell us who is in purgatory and who isn't.

Purgatory is a firm teaching of the Church. There is a great reading in the Book of Wisdom which indicates many do not go to purgatory, while we know many do.

I personally think to myself: **THE MORE ONE BELIEVES IN HELL, THE MORE ONE BELIEVES IN PURGATORY AND GOD'S**

MERCY. Also, the Church teaches firmly that our prayers, especially the Mass, can help the souls in purgatory. How much help is up to God.

Spiritual writers say that rather than a horrible torture chamber, purgatory is probably a time of making up for those missed opportunities to give ourselves to God with all our hearts, minds and strength. There is a clear reference to purgatory in the Old Testament:

“It is a good and wholesome thought to pray for the dead.” (11 Maccabees 12:43-46)

...and in the New Testament:

“Nothing defiled will enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Rev. 21:27)

Yet the Scriptures tell us “charity covers a multitude of sins.”

Only God knows the numbers of those in purgatory. He and He alone is the Judge. I have coined a phrase for my convert class:

“The more you believe in hell, the more you believe in purgatory.”

Food Drive: Every year we collect groceries for the Catholic Center of Concern on the occasion of Thanksgiving. Last year we collected 700 bags to help feed those who will not eat as well as we will on Thanksgiving. Please pick up an empty bag in the vestibule and fill it for those less fortunate.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH (R.C.I.A.)! If God is calling you to come, please come. Meal at 5:45 p.m., small groups at 6:30, and lecture at 7 every Monday in the Parish Hall.



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Nov. 11	Special Intention Lena Carruba Jessie D'Agro
Tuesday, Nov. 12	Joe Anthony Sam Salerno Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, Nov. 13	Anthony Smeraglia Josephine Sicola Sam Latham
Thursday, Nov. 14	Souls in Purgatory Souls in Purgatory Sam Salerno
Friday, Nov. 15	Special Intention Daniel Conboy Frances Latham
Saturday, Nov. 16	Donors to OLS School Foundation Marion Smigelow Donald Taccone
Sunday, Nov. 17	People of the Parish Peggy Crawford Sarah Schifano

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.

SCAM ALERT! Once again, someone is impersonating Fr. Muller through emails, asking for gift card purchases. **THIS IS A SCAM!!!** Fr. Muller does not email, and he certainly does not ask for anyone to purchase gift cards. If you receive a request through your email from Fr. Muller, please do not respond, but report it as Spam.

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.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a blood drive this 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.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild has placed grocery bags in the vestibule for those who would like to contribute to the Catholic Center of Concern. You will find a list of suggested items on the front. Please place your filled bag on the altar. We will begin delivering the bags on November 18. Thank you in advance for your most generous contribution.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Sodality Room. Holly Hyche, Development Director at the Well House, will be our speaker. 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.

Our Lady of Grace will meet on Monday, November 11, at 10:30 a.m. in the Sodality Room. Please bring your sandwich; drinks and dessert will be provided. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us.

Our Lady of Fatima Guild will meet on Thursday, November 14. This will be a working meeting to set up for the Fall Luncheon and a small business meeting.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, November 10: No meetings! Thank you to all veterans for your service to our country!

Wednesday, November 20: Join us at Urban Air for dinner and fellowship from 6-8 pm!
This is a FREE event open to all families with school-aged children (grades 1-12).

Check out olsyouth.com for our complete Fall schedules!

Life Teen High School

Wednesday, November 6: 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 7-8:30 pm!

Sunday, November 17: 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.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, November 17: Join us to learn more about Mary and to grow in devotion to the Blessed Mother. "Fire Inside" begins with dinner at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Elementary Children's Ministry

Wednesday, November 20: Join us at Urban Air for dinner and fellowship from 6-8 pm!

Come to the next ARISE Night of Healing on Thursday November 21! Come be refreshed and encounter God's mercy in a beautiful evening of prayer at this month's ARISE night! All are welcome to join us in the OLS Family Life Center Gym from 6:30-8:30 p.m. for music ministry, Eucharistic adoration, confessions and intercessory prayer. Our speaker this month is Jhonneta Benkovic Williams, popular host of EWTN's "Women of Grace," who will speak on "Mary, the Holy Spirit and You."



The Knights of Columbus will be smoking turkey breasts at the OLS pit to help kick off the Thanksgiving weekend. Each breast is \$35 and can be ordered by calling or texting

(205)202-9358 or order online at olskoc.org. Please leave a message with your name, phone number and how many you need. The turkeys will be wrapped and ready for pickup at the pit between 4-6 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27th – the day before Thanksgiving.



The Great Feast of Christ the King is November 24.

The Novena begins November 15th and ends November 23rd.

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice, and all good things.

Protect, O Lord our King, our families and the land of our birth. Guard us, we pray, Most Faithful One! Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment.

Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against You. Jesus, you are a King of Mercy.

We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have Mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in your great Mercy.

O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray; may Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth! Amen.

Say one Our Father, one Hail Mary and one Glory Be