



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
November 24, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

The Feast of Christ the King is today. Think about this for a moment. How long does a king live? King Louis XVI died at the age of 34. Julius Caesar died at the age of 56. Napoleon Bonaparte died at the age of 52. When a king dies, who cheers him centuries later? Caesar is a blurred image on an ancient Roman coin. Napoleon has a tomb somewhere in Paris. But who would do anything for these kings of the past? There is only one King who has been seen alive by hundreds of people after His death. Today a billion people hang on His every word and would do anything for Him. He is the King of Kings!!!

When I was attending McGill High School in Mobile, we had a parade downtown in honor of Christ the King. It was led by the local bishop carrying the monstrance containing Christ our King. All the Catholic school children were in that parade! We acknowledged Christ as our personal King.

How did we get incorporated into His kingdom whereby He is our personal King? It happened at baptism when God took us from darkness into light and into the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Every baptized person belongs to His kingdom and should celebrate Jesus as King. When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you King?" Jesus did not deny it, but admitted it, and said His kingdom was not of this world. He would not be a material King even though the whole material world is His. He wants to be King of our hearts and souls.

We see Christ our King as an example of reaching out to all people, even the marginalized. He promised the "good thief" a place in His kingdom. That good thief always makes me wonder. He must have been seeking the "true," the "good," and the

"beautiful," and he found it in the most superior and God-like way in Jesus of Nazareth. He had the grace to see Jesus as a King whose reign is mainly in the next world. As the good thief said to Jesus:

"Remember me when you enter into your kingdom."

Jesus answered:

"This day you will be with me in paradise (my kingdom)."

Congratulate Jesus this Sunday on His kingship. Every day, but especially today, we see Jesus as our King and pray:

"Lord, remember me and help me enter into your kingdom."

THANKSGIVING is this Thursday. This is a national and a RELIGIOUS holiday. How can we have Thanksgiving without God? Thankful to Whom, if we don't direct these thoughts to God? The Pilgrims invited the Indians for a grand meal to thank the Almighty for this great and fertile land, which was so vast, and for the freedom from any religious persecution, which existed for them in Europe.

There is such a tendency today to center Thanksgiving around the food, family and football, and to de-emphasize thanking God for this great country.

I never tire of reading the passage where Jesus cures ten lepers, but only one comes back to say thanks. It simply says to us, emphatically, that Jesus deserves and wants to be thanked! He asked, bluntly, where were the other nine lepers that He cured? Only one came back to say THANKS!

Someone once told me that when she wakes up in the morning, she utters forth a litany of all the things for which she is grateful. One day of Thanksgiving is not enough; we should spend a lifetime giving thanks.

Thank you, God, for the feast of Thanksgiving, which reminds us of our lifelong obligation to be grateful. Help us be constantly grateful for the many blessings of life and the promise of eternal life.

So many thanks to all who remembered my birthday last week. The cards, gifts and, especially, the prayers are greatly appreciated.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

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### The Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule:

**6:30, 7:30, and 10:00 a.m.**

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#### *Mass Intentions*

Monday, Nov. 25	Special Intention Kitt LaSusa John A. Holt
Tuesday, Nov. 26	Benjamin Maenza Candace Flynt Sp. Int. Ray Hiller
Wednesday, Nov. 27	Souls in Purgatory Louis DiChiara Mildred Stephens
Thursday, Nov. 28	Special Intention Sp. Int. Anita Pilato Joe Naro & Elizabeth Saia
Friday, Nov. 29	Jeremy Noblitt James Joseph & Leonora Fox Sp. Int. Fr. Frankline
Saturday, Nov. 30	Donors to OLS School Foundation James Lopez, Sr. Louis DiChiara
Sunday, Dec. 1	People of the Parish Don Morris Penny Vaughn

### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

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

**Thursday at 4 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.

### **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. Childcare is available.

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**V.I.P.** will be held on Tuesday, December 3. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo.

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**The Adult Choir** is gearing up for Christmas Eve Mass and would like to invite you to join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ. The Adult Choir will sing at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, alongside the Children's Choir. If you would like to sing some traditional Christmas Carols with us, you are always welcome. Rehearsals are every Wednesday night from 6:30-8 p.m. in the music room. For more information, contact Caroline Spears at [cspears@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:cspears@ourladyofsorrows.com).

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**Position Available** - OLS is seeking a dynamic, faith-filled, energetic individual to grow our children's program and implement spiritual and social activities for families in the OLS community. To apply for the part-time position as Elementary Children's Minister, email Suzanne Corso [dre@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:dre@ourladyofsorrows.com).



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

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

**Wednesday, December 4:** Join us as we spread Christmas cheer to the OLS parishioners in senior living centers and hospice care. Join us for Christmas Caroling at 5 pm. Meet in the FLC Youth Room (3rd Floor). This event is open to **ALL FAMILIES** at OLS and especially teens (grades 6-12).

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

### **Life Teen High School**

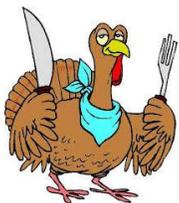
**Sunday, November 24:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Come learn more about the hot topics of our faith.

**7 p.m. "Night of Thanksgiving":** Join us at 7 p.m. for a Thanksgiving meal, followed by Adoration to thank God for our many blessings.

**December 1:** No meetings.

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, November 24:** Join us for our annual Thanksgiving dinner and Eucharistic Adoration at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.



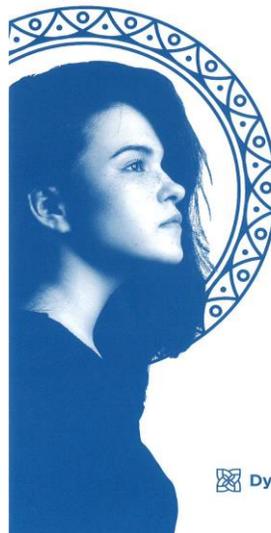
**There is still time to order your Smoked Turkey Beast from the Knights of Columbus for Thanksgiving!**

The Knights will be firing up the OLS pit to smoke 4 to 5-pound turkey breasts next Wednesday, November 27. They are \$35 each and can be ordered up until Monday at 6 p.m. To place an order fill out the form on [olskoc.org](http://olskoc.org) or call (205) 202-9358 and leave your name, cell number and quantity. Payments can be made via Paypal to [olskoc4304@gmail.com](mailto:olskoc4304@gmail.com) or Venmo @OLSKoC or onsite via cash, check or credit card. Pickups will be on Wednesday at the pit from 2 – 6 p.m.

**The Italian American Heritage Society** is planning a trip to New Orleans on Monday February 10 through Thursday, February 13, 2020. Depending on the number of people, the price will range from \$300-\$400 per person. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due by December 8, the day of the society's Christmas party and the full amount is due January 30. To reserve a place, contact Joe Lovoy at 205-230-1127 or Marie Swift at 205-960-2029. More details can be found on the society website [www.iahshbam.com](http://www.iahshbam.com).

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**The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, November 28, and Friday, November 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday. The priests and office staff wish everyone a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.**