



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*  
December 8, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

We ought to spend our whole lives thanking God for all that He has given us and done for us. We need to thank Him for our income, our homes, this country, cars, streets, beds, clothing, food and medicine. We need to thank Him especially for His grace, His life within us, and His constant inspiration to live as we should. So, we continue to give Him the first part of what we earn, because it is only through Him that we have earned it, and because He has stated that He wants the first tenth so that we prove that it all comes from Him.

We believe that Jesus founded the Church, and He would have failed if He had not planned for the support of His Church. He simply did not fail. His plan is tithing. When we tithe we pay for the upkeep of the House of God, for His fulltime workers and the education of our young. We help the poor and the needy. Bingo, raffles and "left-overs" were never His plan for the support of His Church. God's plan is stated 46 times in the scriptures, and those who question the New Testament application should read Matthew Chapter 23, verse 23, and see how Jesus says we ought to tithe.

If we lack faith and trust in God, we are going to come up with excuses and say, "I earn too much," or, "I earn too little." Again, those excuses are just a lack of faith and trust in God. This reminds me of the minister that visited the farmer and told him he was not giving God ten percent. That farmer said that his crops were too good and he was earning too much. So, the minister told him to kneel down and pray with him. The minister prayed that farmer Jones would earn less so that what he was giving would be ten percent of what he was earning.

The American bishops tell us we should give five percent to the parish and the other five

percent to other charities such as United Way, Red Cross, Catholic Charities and other appeals.

The expenses of a parish this size are a little over \$2 million a year. The average number of checks written per month is 200.

God needs our money, but our need to give to God is even greater. Tithing stops greed. It proves that God is number one in our lives, and if we tithe, God will not be outdone in generosity. He will always give us more than we give Him.

Thank you on behalf of God for your generosity this past year. What we gave to God last year and every year is the safest investment of our money. It keeps multiplying in value!

I can honestly say that I take better care of God's money than my own. I better, as it is not mine. It is God's!

Bring your pledge card to Mass with you next Sunday and we will place them on the altar. That's our commitment to God. He has never been outdone in generosity. He will always give us more than we give Him.

Funerals: Mrs. Anne Tighe, the mother of John and Don Tighe has gone to her eternal reward. This news came out Thursday just before running the bulletin. Arrangements will be announced on Sunday. The Lord also took Francis Andrew "Drew" Colpack to himself as we write this bulletin.

The front page of last Wednesday's Birmingham News reported the death of two others. Both were graduates of John Carroll. Pat Sullivan went to God last week. He won the Heisman Trophy and was well known in the sports world and also known for his kind and humble personality.

Megan Montgomery also graduated from John Carroll. She was also well known as a cheerleader for John Carroll and for her kind and generous ways. As one of her

friends said: "I don't think she had it in her to be unkind."

This time of the year we hear Scripture readings about the newly coined word "The End Time." It has a twofold meaning. First, the end of the world as we know it; and secondly for each of us as regard to our own leaving this world.

Megan Montgomery was called by the Almighty at the early age of 31, an age when we least expect to leave this earth. The lesson is: "We don't know the day nor the hour."

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

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### **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Friday at 10:00 PM (With Partner)**

**Saturday at 3:00 PM (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.

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### **Advent Mission**

Fr. Daniel Gagnon will be at OLS on Monday, December 16 through Wednesday, December 18. Fr. Gagnon is a missionary priest with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He is in great demand around the world and has given retreats in 50 countries, bringing the love of Christ wherever he goes. Fr. Gagnon will lead us in reflections on "Preparing our hearts to receive the fullness of Jesus." The Advent Mission will begin on Monday, December 18, at 6 p.m. and conclude on Wednesday, December 18, with the **Penance Service** at 7 p.m. Childcare is available. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

**The Advent Penance Service is scheduled for Wednesday, December 18, at 7 p.m. in the Church. We will have 8 priests hearing confessions. Please join us.**

**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.



Monday, Dec. 9	Special Intention Dolly Barranco Sp. Int. Jennifer Rodriguez
Tuesday, Dec. 10	Jean Sertell S. Int. Jude & Cladia Tombrello Mary & Jim Meehan
Wednesday, Dec. 11	Angelo & Lee Bruno Lena Carruba Sp. Int. Jennifer Rodriguez
Thursday, Dec. 12	Special Intention Catherine Lopez Sp. Int. the LaSusa Family
Friday, Dec. 13	Special Intention Josephine Sicola Anthony Scozzaro
Saturday, Dec. 14	Donors to OLS School Foundation Anthony Timpa Donald Resha
Sunday, Dec. 15	Alan Bruno/People of the Parish Charles Leo, Jr. Brian Kinder



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

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**Everyone is invited** to attend Adult Education on Sunday, December 15. Our speaker is Frances Patton. Her topic is *Ancient Symbols of Our Faith: The Chrismon Tree*. 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.

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**Please join the Madonna and Child Guild for a Birthday Party for Jesus** on Sunday, December 15, following the 8:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. Bring unwrapped gifts in honor of Jesus to be donated to Her Choice. Suggested items are: diapers, wipes, pacifiers, burp cloths, bibs, (financial donations also accepted). EVERYONE is welcome!

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**Our Lady of Grace Guild** will meet on Monday, December 9, at 10:30 a.m. for our Christmas party. Please don't forget your blanket donation for the Catholic Center of Concern. All are welcome.

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**Immaculate Heart of Mary** will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. at Sabor Latino on Green Springs Highway for a Christmas Party. An offering will be taken for Well House. Please bring a \$5 Christmas item to exchange.

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**Bible Study.** The Bible is the heart of our Catholic faith and our relationship with God. It is the living Word of God, where our Father meets us and lovingly speaks to us. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding the Bible is not always easy. Many people have tried time and again to prayerfully read the Scriptures but are frustrated because they just don't get it. If you can identify, please consider joining a Bible study. We will begin an 11-week study of the Letter of St. James on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. Study material must be ordered so please register by sending an email to kentgraeve@gmail.com. For additional information please call 205-999-3474

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

**Sunday, December 8:** Edge and LifeTeen will gather to hear guest speaker Maggie Craig. Dinner starts at 7 pm in the Assembly Hall.

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

### **Life Teen High School**

**Sunday, December 8:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Come learn more about the hot topics of our faith! Maggie Craig speaking at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 11:** 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 p.m.! This will be our final Bible study of the semester.

**Sunday, Dec. 15:** Faith Formation at 10 a.m. for trivia review! Tacky Advent party at 7 p.m. Dress in your festive attire! Consider helping EDGE with their night of service by bringing coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, or scarves to donate to those in need.

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sunday, December 15:** In lieu of a Christmas party, Edge will be participating in a special night of service for the Birmingham community. Please bring gently used or new coats, sweaters, winter hats, gloves, and scarves to donate.

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet on Saturday, December 21, at 10 a.m. Together we pray the Rosary, have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and celebrate 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, contact Angela Kolar at 205-991-9554.