



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
December 29, 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

A million thanks for all the cards, prayers, and Christmas gifts.

Important Calendar note:

1. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family.
2. This Wednesday, January 1, is the Feast of the Motherhood of Mary, the Octave of Christmas. It is also the start of another year, 2020.
3. January 12, is the feast of the public life of Jesus, His baptism in the river Jordan, and we need to keep the Nativity Scene up until this feast.

New Year's: It is of great spiritual value to partake of the world-wide tradition to make resolutions to improve our lives at the beginning of each calendar year. The following is a list of suggestions. Some or at least one will fit each one of us:

1. More preparation and devotion at Sunday Masses;
2. Renewed dedication to reciting the morning offering;
3. Less selfishness in family life. Not always being concerned about our own problems but willing to listen to others;
4. Thinking more about our eternal destiny and heaven so that other things will fall into better perspective;
5. Realizing more that our bodies are temples of God and need to be respected and kept in good shape with:
 - a. Daily exercise;
 - b. Fewer sweets and less fattening food, less junk food;

6. Less television;
7. Doing our duty according to our state in life, as best we can;
8. Going to daily Mass when possible.

Certainly one or more suggestions can hit home. Maybe you can think of others more specific to your personal life! The only way to keep a New Year's resolution is:

1. Don't make more than one or two;
2. Ask God's help;
3. Ask ourselves at the end of EACH DAY if we have kept the resolutions.

Every New Year is another year of blessing whereby we have more opportunities to worship Him and to sanctify ourselves preparing for the great day when we meet Him face to face.

I wish you much happiness, health, and spiritual growth in the coming New Year.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. **Many thanks** to all those who helped decorate the Church for Christmas, headed by John Tombrello. Again, it was gorgeous and the best for the birthday of the Savior.

P.S.S. The Tithing Drive is ongoing. We are still short more than 800 cards, if our parish census is correct. Please, turn in your pledge card. If you consider yourself part of this parish, it is your obligation to help support it.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 3:00 PM (With Partner)

Thursday at 4:00 PM (With Partner)

Thursday at 7:00 PM (With Partner)

Friday at 8:00 AM (With Partner)

Friday at 1:00 PM (With Partner)

Saturday at 8:00 AM (With Partner)

Saturday at 11:00 AM (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.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Dec. 30	Special Intention Sp. Int. Joseph A. Grelier & family Sp. Int. Joseph Rumore
Tuesday, Dec. 31	Sp. Int. Joseph Rumore Bill James Peggy & Frank Beuerlein
Wednesday, Jan. 1	Special Intention Sp. Int. Nap & Sandra Barranco & family Peggy Beuerlein
Thursday, Jan. 2	Special Intention Sp. Int. Carl & Bonnie Barranco & family Nancy Jane Madison
Friday, Jan. 3	Special Intention Sp. Int. Bill & Debbie Barranco & family Carl Gagliano, Sr.
Saturday, Jan. 4	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. David & Jeanne Barranco & family Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, Jan. 5	People of the Parish Sp. Int. Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore & family Frankl & Peggy Beuerlein

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Check out olsyouth.com for our complete Spring schedules!

Saturday, Jan. 18: Catholic Youth on Mission! We will participate in the Birmingham March for Life and a day of social justice teaching led by our Diocese. (8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.)

No meetings until **January 5, 2020!** Have a blessed Christmas!

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, January 5. Our speaker is Jay Flynn. His topic is *Expression of Faith: St. Mary's Basilica, Krakow*. 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.

St. Ann's Guild will meet on Wednesday, January 8, in the Assembly Hall. Doors open at 10 a.m. The Rosary will be prayed at 10:12, followed by Devotional, Sodality business, speaker and lunch. Our speaker will be Dr. Jean-Francois Pittet, who will be addressing end of life decision making in the ICU. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join us. Please contact Jen Dent (903-7353) at jendavident@bellsouth.net or Anne McMahon (936-9183) at afhmcmahon@gmail.com with any questions.

Annual Respect Life Mass and March

Saturday, January 18, 2020

Respect Life Mass with Bishop Baker

9:00 AM – Cathedral of St. Paul

Birmingham Rally and March for Life - 10:45 AM

Brother Bryan Park · 22nd Street South at 10th Avenue, Birmingham, AL

www.BirminghamMarchforLife.org

- 205-447-8796

Bible Study

Jeff Cavins, from Ascension Press writes, "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 Scripture, but they get frustrated because they just don't get it." If you can identify with this situation, consider joining a Bible study. We will begin an 11-week study of the Letter of James on Thursday, January 16, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Subsequence meetings will also be at 7 p.m. on Thursday's in the parish hall. The Letter of James presents practical wisdom for living a life of wholehearted devotion to God in the midst of our daily trails and struggles. Since study material must be order registration is required. Please register by sending an email to kentgraeve@gmail.com. For additional information or questions call 205-999-3474.

If you turned in a pledge card without a printed name, please contact the Church Office. We cannot give credit for pledges without a name attached. Also, if you have never registered, but have turned in a pledge card, please send in your census card. You can fill it out on our website and email directly to the Church Office. Thank you.

New Year Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve (Tuesday)

6:00 p.m.

New Year's Day (Wednesday)

7:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

MARK YOU CALENDAR:

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DAY

Saturday February 22, 2020

**Cathedral of St. Paul
Birmingham, Alabama**

9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The Marriage Enrichment day is a gathering of married couples and is being designed in cooperation with Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

The apostolate has been helping married couples deepen their life together for more than a decade.

The Enrichment Day is being organized by the local leadership teams committed to Marriage and family ministry. More information to follow.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Honor your father and mother, your wife, your husband, your children, your brother, your sister. Family ties bind us in love and root us in faith. What will you do to strengthen your family ties? (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)
For families, may they nurture the gift of faith and encourage one another to follow Jesus.

The Church Office will be closed on Tuesday, January 1. We will re-open on January 2.
