



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
January 5, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Today is the feast of the Epiphany, the coming of the Wise Men from the East to visit and pay homage to the newborn King, Jesus. The Epiphany was formerly celebrated on January 6, but because it is such a great feast and not everyone gets to Mass on a feast during the week, it is transferred now to the Sunday closest to January 6.

When the Wise Men came from gentile territory, it was a sign that this was an invitation from God, through the star, to visit the newborn Savior. That Savior was manifested to the gentile world and, indeed, the Gentiles were also in God's plan for all to be co-heirs, co-partners with the Jews to share heaven.

As we celebrate this great feast, **FIRST** we emphasize God's great GIFT to us, gentiles, to be invited to the happiness of heaven. **SECOND**, we take the example of the Wise Men with their struggle, travelling in dangerous territories and in hardships **TO SEE JESUS**. What a lesson from the Wise Men, as we know that **TO SEE JESUS IS A STRUGGLE AND WE SHOULD BE WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO SEE THE SAVIOR EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES**.

We are only five days into the 365 days of 2020, and it is not too late to thank God for the blessings of 2019. We have had the grace to offer sickness and all problems to Him. Most especially, we have had innumerable opportunities to receive Jesus in the Eucharist and have received endless graces in addition to graces given by our loving Savior.

It is not too late to make resolutions to live better in our relationship with God and others. Life is a series of resolutions, and without them we are on the SLIPPERY SLOPE. We need to make specific resolutions. Should it be more prayer? When? What prayers? How about realizing our bodies are temples of God? Could we take better care of them and stop excessive smoking, drinking, and eating? How do we treat others, especially members of our own families?

I once heard someone say the only way to keep a New Year's resolution is to:

1. Ask God for help;
2. Only make one or two, and;
3. Ask ourselves at the end of each day if we have kept the resolutions.

Many thanks for your cards and gifts. It grieves me that some of the cards (about 25) that were sent before Christmas were put in my office on a pile to be answered. They disappeared and I have given up the investigation of how this happened. I ask your forgiveness if I was not able to identify from memory the 25 people who remembered me so well. I have answered the others received after Christmas.

Much health and happiness this coming year.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Jan. 6	Rev. Frank Milienewicz Sp. Int. A.J. & Charlotte Rumore & family Matteo D'Agro
Tuesday, Jan. 7	Special Intention Sp. Int. Vincent & Mary Ann Bruno & family Carl Gagliano, Sr.
Wednesday, Jan. 8	Rev. Frank Milienewicz Ross Rumore Sp. Int. Jean-Francois Pittet
Thursday, Jan. 9	Special Intention Victor H. Rumore Carl Gagliano, Sr.
Friday, Jan. 10	James Joseph & Leonora Fox Mildred Stephens Mary Dirgo
Saturday, Jan. 11	Donors to OLS School Foundation Lena Carruba Jean Sertell
Sunday, Jan. 12	People of the Parish Frank Beuerlein Donald & Marcelle Taccone

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 3:00 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.

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, January 12. Our speaker is Fran Henderson. His topic is *Christology, Part 1: Jesus Announced in the Old Testament*. 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.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Edge and LifeTeen meet most Sundays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All 6-12th graders are invited to grow in community with their Church family!

Saturday, January 18: Join us for the Birmingham March for Life and Day of Reflection. Meet in front of the FLC at 7:30 a.m. for a ride. We will return around 1:30 pm.

Check out olsyouth.com for our complete Spring schedules!

Life Teen High School

Sunday, January 5: Faith Formation at 10a.m.: Come dive deeper into our Catholic faith! Our Spring calendar kicks off at 7 p.m.!

Wednesday, January 8: Join us for a small group Bible study from 7-8:30 p.m. in the youth rooms.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, January 5: Spring Kick-Off introduces our new theme "The Finish Line," where we will recognize heaven as our goal and learn how the sacraments help us get there. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the FLC.

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.

Our Lady of Fatima Guild will have its monthly meeting on Thursday January 10. The meeting will start at 10:45 a.m. with the Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Family Life Center.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a blood drive next Sunday, January 12, 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.

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.

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

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

Look about you! Can you see the glory of God? Open your heart to receive the gifts God is offering you. (Isaiah 30:1-6) For our Church leaders, may they be guided by the light of Christ.
