



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
February 16, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Someone called me and asked if I were sick, since there was no *From the Pastor's Desk* in the last bulletin. Right! I have a stranger version of the Flu, and I am still recovering as I write this.

So much thanks: With so much gratitude I thank everyone for their prayers for my sister, Louise Robinson, and most especially for the Masses being offered on her behalf.

Bishop Baker called me last night to explain the issues with St. Leo's in Demopolis and thank me for allowing Fr. Balta to take care of the two missions attached to St. Leo's in Demopolis for two weeks. In his goodness, Bishop Baker inquired as to the status of my other sister and promised two Masses for my older sister, Louise.

Louise Robinson was indeed a music talent with the piano, acting and singing. She was elected as the senior of her class to most likely succeed in life. Related to musical talent often comes painting and sculpting. Her paintings in oil and water came as a gift from God, as did her music. Her acting and singing of lead roles in musicals, with Band Director Holcombe Pryor, brought Louise and her husband, Don, close to a couple who wanted her to be the Godmother of their expected child, Bill Pryor (now a Federal judge).

At the age of ninety, Louise, in her wisdom, knew she should concentrate more on the eternal dimension of life. Her deceased husband and she were married for 60 years, and she nursed him faithfully to the time God took him. Don was not a Catholic, but after some 40 years he read himself into the Catholic faith. Louise graduated from Bishop Toolen High School at the age of 16 and finished at the American Conservatory of

Music in Chicago with honors. Her middle life was not exactly faith-filled, but when she came back, she had her great Catholic faith in which to return. When we talked of death, she used to say, "Martin, you go first!" Her last words to me were, "I will see you in heaven."

I drove to Mobile on the 31st to see my younger sister, who needs prayers as she tries to recover from a general stroke. I visited Archbishop Lipscomb at the Little Sisters, where I spent the night, drove to Pensacola for the Funeral Mass at 10 a.m., and back to Birmingham in 28 hours.

Head Sacristan resigns his job. Part of the reason for resigning is that he was doing so much in so many areas: the Eucharist to the homebound, working with Arise, helping out with the youth ministry, and even hoping for a cancellation on the March for Life bus (imagine a waiting list for those kind of sacrifices). Setting up for Masses away from OLS will be all under his new general title: Minister for Parish Support.

Sacristan party. It takes a large group to run and clean the sacristy, and yearly we have a party for these great volunteers. They work under the leadership of their own president. Sharon Pitts did a great job for a successful party and she turned her job over to Paula Gasser.

This group worked under Bo Lovell, and the question is who is taking this multifaceted job to relieve Bo? For purchasing supplies and organizing there are four super volunteers, each with his/her own specialty. These four are: John Tombrello, Dr. Frances Andrews, Kent Graeve, and John Carney. The contact person is John Tombrello. These volunteers deserve endless credit for offering to do this with dedication and commitment. It is a reminder to pray for all the wonderful volunteers who work for the Church.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 17	Special Intention Angelo Maggio Mary & Jim Meehan
Tuesday, Feb. 18	Drew Colpack Maddalena Mastropasqua Jean Sertell
Wednesday, Feb. 19	Special Intention Sp. Int. Marilyn Lauber Lena Lucia
Thursday, Feb. 20	Bill Sullivan Maddalena Mastropasqua Tommy Priola
Friday, Feb. 21	Special Intention Joseph Alfano Priscilla Kew
Saturday, Feb. 22	Donors to OLS School Foundation Drew Colpack Maddalena Mastropasqua
Sunday, Feb. 23	Josephine Sicola/People of the Parish Pat McNamee Michael Zarichnak

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Monday at 10 AM (Share with Partner)**
- Thursday at 11 PM (Share with Partner)**
- Friday at 8:00 AM (With Partner)**
- Friday at 1:00 PM (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, February 23. Our speaker will be Maris Wimberly, Director of Catechesis for OLS School and Church. Her topic is *“Religious Potential of the Child: Growing with Children in Faith.”* 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.

Join the movement to end hunger in our lifetime! Help us reach our goal to package 50,000+ meals on February 29. Working together we can create a world without hunger. This is OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS of the church. Shifts are 9:30-11:30 a.m., 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. To register, go to our church website <http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com>, or call the PSR office at 871-1431.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Joseph’s Altar will be held on Saturday, March 14, after the 5 p.m. Mass. More Information to Follow.

The Monsignor Frank J. Wade Assembly #1288 of the Knights of Columbus extends an invitation to attend a Memorial Mass on Saturday, February 22, at 5 p.m. to honor the memory and service of worthy Sir Brother Knights: Alvin Dupont, Carl Gagliano, and Tony Timpa. These men were members of the Fourth-Degree Assembly of the Knights of Columbus in Homewood, Alabama. A Chalice Memorial will be presented in their names to Fr. Balta Pentareddy at the Memorial Mass.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

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

Check out olsyouth.com for our complete Spring schedules!

Life Teen High School

Sunday, February 16: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. focusing on the importance of Catholic community. Life Teen will be continuing our new series on scripture at 7 p.m.! We want your children to take time out of their busy schedules and grow in faith by reading their Bible. This series will encourage them to prioritize and reflect with Sacred Scripture.

Wednesday, February 19: Join us for dinner and Bible study from 7- 8:30 p.m. Our 6-week study is on discernment!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, February 16: "Running Backwards" is an Edge Night on the conversion and the grace given through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.

Elementary School

Monday, February 24: Join the Elementary Children's Ministry for a Mardi Gras Party! All children in grades 1-5 and their families are invited for a night of dinner, prayer and fellowship. The night begins at 6 p.m. in the Family Life Center Assembly Hall. Please RSVP to Virginia Beale at ECM@ourladyofsorrows.com or call/text 251-510-9044.

The Catholic Business and Professional Network invites you to a pre-Mardi Gras Networking and Trivia Night on Monday, February 24. Please join us at Sol Azteca Mexican Restaurant (1360 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia) from 5-7:30 p.m. Members will be given two free drink tickets and there will be free appetizers for everyone, as well as door prizes and Catholic trivia.

The Magnificat Prayer Luncheon will be held in the Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall on Saturday, February 22, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Stephanie Burke, Director of the Avila Institute, will be our speaker. Tickets are \$15 and are available by contacting Donna Chmielarski at 408-0308, or at Alpha Church Supply. No tickets will be sold at the door.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Let your light shine and give God praise!
Hiding your light doesn't serve anyone.
Where will you choose to "glow?"
(Matthew 5:13-16)

For Church and world leaders, may they be lights to shine forth the goodness of God.

"Your Time-Starved Marriage" A Marriage Enrichment Day

*Saturday, February 22,
Cathedral Life Center
Cathedral of St. Paul
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

Snacks and Lunch will be provided.

The Day will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Please RSVP:

*Send your name, address and phone number to
enrichday@gmail.com or leave a voicemail at
205-338-6791.*