



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
March 1, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Lent means "Penance" and penance means "Getting closer to God". With the large crowds at the six Masses on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that we primarily came, not for ashes, but to start off this holy season with a special emphasis on the greatest prayer, the re-enactment of the Lord's Supper and the reoffering of Jesus to the Father for the forgiveness of our sins. The ashes remind us of penance.

What will we do for the rest of Lent? Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount speaks about PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING.

So, prayer is first. It means building up that relationship between our self and God. How about some extra Masses during the week? Stations of the Cross in public on Fridays, with benediction? Trying to live more in the presence of God? Developing an attitude of a need for God's mercy and a sense of gratefulness for God's gifts to us?

Fasting is second. Since the language of love is SACRIFICE, Lent tells us to "fast from" some T.V., from gossip, from extra food and drink that we don't need.

Almsgiving. This means "giving to people in need". We certainly do this when we earmark any parish donation to the "Charity Fund" and when we bring groceries to the church for the Catholic Center of Concern. Let us not forget "giving to people in need" includes paying people compliments and giving them the encouragement for which many are starved (this starts with one's own family).

Lent is a time to think of our eternal destiny. Jesus put it this way:

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?"

We pray during Lent that, when we face Jesus after our lives on this earth, we will see Him more as a Savior than as a Judge. Jesus offers us the "bargain of a lifetime" when He says:

"Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned."

All of the above thoughts might help us make a God-centered Lent.

There is a great saying: FREEDOM ISN'T FREE. Just ask all members of the military, especially in the dangerous times in which we live. So, too, freedom to get to heaven isn't FREE. Jesus paid the great price, so when we talk about "grace" we mean "gift". There is the one challenge for us: We need to love, trust, praise, and keep His commandment so that we are "worthy" to receive that gift of heaven.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

Noon Mass is celebrated each weekday during Lent.



Stations
of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent at **6:00 p.m.**



The Knights of Columbus invite all parishioners to a Parish Fish Fry on Friday, March 6, following Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.

The Lenten Penance Service is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, at 7 p.m. in the Church.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 10 AM (Share with Partner)

Friday at 8:00 AM (With Partner)

Friday at 1:00 PM (With Partner)

Friday at 11 PM (Share with Partner)

Saturday at 11:00 AM (With Partner)

Saturday at 11 PM (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.



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

Everyone is invited to attend Adult Education on Sunday, March 8. Our speaker will be Friar Rafael of Jesus of Nazareth of the Fraternity Poor of Jesus Christ. 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.

The date for V.I.P. has been moved to Tuesday, March 10, due to the Primary Election on March 3. Mass begins at 11 a.m. in the Parish Hall, followed by lunch and bingo.

Dear Parishioners,

You are all cordially invited to participate in Fr. Balta's Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass on March 15, 2020. The procession will start from the Family Life Center at 2:45 p.m. and the Holy Mass will begin at 3 p.m. in the Church. A reception will follow in the Family Life Center. All are invited and your presence adds and doubles our Joy.

OLS Mother's Day Out will hold registration on Friday, March 13, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. This registration is for our summer session and for the 2020-21 school year. Registration is first come first served, with members of OLS Parish having priority. Please call Angie at 205-871-3253 for more information.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Mar. 2	Special Intention Rose Marie Ellis Jean Sertell
Tuesday, Mar. 3	Special Intention Joe Tanory, Jr. Jean Sertell
Wednesday, Mar. 4	Special Intention Peggy Crawford Angelo Family
Thursday, Mar. 5	Special Intention Catherine Taylor Sr. Irene Morissette
Friday, Mar. 6	Special Intention Janice Bostany Haddad Sr. Irene Morissette
Saturday, Mar. 7	Donors to OLS School Foundation Donnie Morris Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, Mar. 8	People of the Parish Peggy & Frank Beuerlein James T. Holt

Our Lady of Peace will meet in the Sodality Room after the 12 noon Mass on Monday, March 2. Our spiritual reflection will be on the Seven Sorrows of Mary. All women of the parish are invited to attend.



The Knights of Columbus will be holding a blood drive on Sunday, March 8, 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.

“Am I not your Mother? Is there anything else you need?” Nurturing Our Families in Faith with Mary. The OLS Altar Sodality invites all ladies of the parish to join us for a Day of Recollection on Friday, March 13. The day will begin at 8:30 a.m. with Adoration, Confessions at 8:45-9:45, Rosary at 9 a.m., and Mass at 10. Lunch will follow in the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be Sr. Mary Anthony from Casa Maria. She will reflect on Our Lady’s words to Juan Diego in 1531. Nursery will be available. Please sign up through your guilds to attend and to reserve childcare. If you do not belong to a guild, please email Patti Kyle at plkylestudio@gmail.com.

St. Joseph Altar 2020

This year the Italian American Society will join Our Lady of Sorrows in celebrating the feast day of St. Joseph. The St. Joseph Altar will be held in the Parish Hall after the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturday, March 14. All are invited. We will need donations of meatless dishes, vegetables, desserts, etc. In addition to the preparation of food, we will need volunteers for setting up tables, kitchen duty and clean up. Sign-up sheets will be available in the vestibule beginning March 1. Monetary donations are also welcome. For additional

information, please contact Marie Swift at 956-6323 or Fran Robertson at 529-3336. Please leave a message if no answer.

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, March 1: Faith Formation at 10 a.m. Utilizing formed.org and YDisciple program to learn more about the importance of community in your faith journey. We are not meant to be alone! Life Night at 7 p.m.: Part 3 of our Scripture Series! Why is it important to read the Bible?

Wednesday, March 4: Join us for dinner and Bible study from 7- 8:30 p.m. Our 6-week study is on discernment!

Edge Middle School

Sunday, March 1: Join us for "The Final Mile," an Edge Night where we will come to understand that Jesus desires to bring us healing through the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Dinner begins at 7 p.m. in the Assembly Hall.



DON'T FORGET: March 8, is Daylight Savings. Set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour!