



Our Lady of Sorrows Church
April 5, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

“We blinked and the world changed.” I borrowed that statement from an article in the *National Catholic Register*. It is so true that we thought the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass would be denied us only by an oppressive Communist regime. Who would have ever dreamed that the Church, herself, would forbid public gatherings for the worship, where Jesus offers Himself to the Father in the Eucharistic celebration?

The Catholic Church all over the world is face to face with the spreading of a virus that has the greatest scientists in the world looking for answers, as this creates a painful sickness that can cause death. It is like a huge octopus that reaches everywhere and keeps covering the places it hasn't seriously touched before. As I write this on Tuesday, the latest news is that the state of Michigan, from whence comes our new bishop Raica, has become another “hot spot.” Bishop Raica looks forward to a new flock in Birmingham, but regrets leaving his flock in Michigan when they need him there during these critical times. How do we schedule Confirmations, First Communions, weddings and funerals?

How does the business world continue with the “shelter in place” mandate from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control) that people, even school children, must stay at home?

The world of job security in this enviable country of ours has changed. The Fed in St. Louis says there will be 47 million lost jobs in the future, and that unemployment will rise from a record low of 3% to 32%.

Education at all levels has turned to “distance teaching” via the internet. Places like New York are building portable hospitals. Medical schools are offering early graduation so that more dedicated people in the field of medicine can join the heroic early responders. The greatest research scientists in the

medical world say we will not have a vaccine against this virus for up to 1.5 years. In the meantime, therapies for those who contracted this virus are being discovered and most with the horrible sickness do recover. Since it is highly contagious, businesses are closing and unemployment is increasing in geometric proportions. Our country is borrowing trillions to keep this great country from falling apart economically. Yes, it was two trillion last week, with talk of another two trillion, eventually, and possibly another two trillion after that.

Everyone in this country is affected by this virus and everyone must be involved in SACRIFICES. The Centers for Disease Control tells us soon, everyone who goes outside, even with “social distancing,” will have to wear a mask. This is not to protect oneself, but to protect others from ourselves, who might be a carrier of this virus.

Where is God? Where is our faith in a God who said if you will be my follower, take up your cross and come follow me? Not “pillow,” but “cross.” We want to follow Him from the grave to the eternal life, which path He has paved for us with His own resurrection. Easter Sunday I will offer the 10 a.m. Mass, which will be live streamed. The link will be on our website. Today I saw a man with a sign, which he raised every time a car passed. The sign said HAVE FAITH, NOT FEAR.

God's help is there for the asking, but ask with our strong prayers, we must. He will give us grace (help) each day for that day, not for weeks from now, but those graces come each day as we ask, and He is so willing to help us one day at a time.

OLS will be there when things return to normal, but it does depend on the financial support of our people. Before I started writing this I signed the usual seven checks a day. One was \$7000.00 for resurfacing the gym floor. Another was \$2000.00 for the drainpipes by the church and school, and another was \$3000.00 for updating us for the Fire Code. Yet another was for \$800.00 for

one of the youth ministry's credit cards. We have a \$2 million budget, and the last two Sundays there were not six collections, since we could not have Masses. The last four Sundays the collections did not average half of the usual amount.

We thank those who sent in their offerings. Tomorrow there will be the average of seven bills a day that we must face, including the "big ones," salaries and medical insurance. We have started to "cut back," but the last thing to cut is salaries for those who have worked for the Church a long time.

We need to pray and invest in God, and trust in His protective care.

"We blinked and the world changed," and we need to change and uptick our relationship with God.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. Helping others is part of our prayers. The refrigerated food truck will be in the OLS parking lot from 9 -10:30 a.m. this Wednesday to collect food donations for delivery to those in need. You will find details on our website and Facebook page.

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY

If you would like to pick up your blessed palms, you can drive through the OLS back parking lot between 9 a.m. and 12 noon. They will be located by the elevator.



Casey O'Brien, Vita D'Amico,
Mary Ann Huie, Charlie Kai
Wadsworth, Melanie Gilchrist,
Kennie Skellie, Buddy DiChiara,
Mary Laurie Bracken, Ann

LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Lillie Higgins, Norma Purdy, Harriet Dupree, Pat Salamone, Alan Pizzitola, Jude Tombrello, Claudia Tombrello, Robbie Baldwin, and Sister Joan Harrington

In Memoriam:

Norma Adamson
Mike Flemming
Jacob Hayes

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

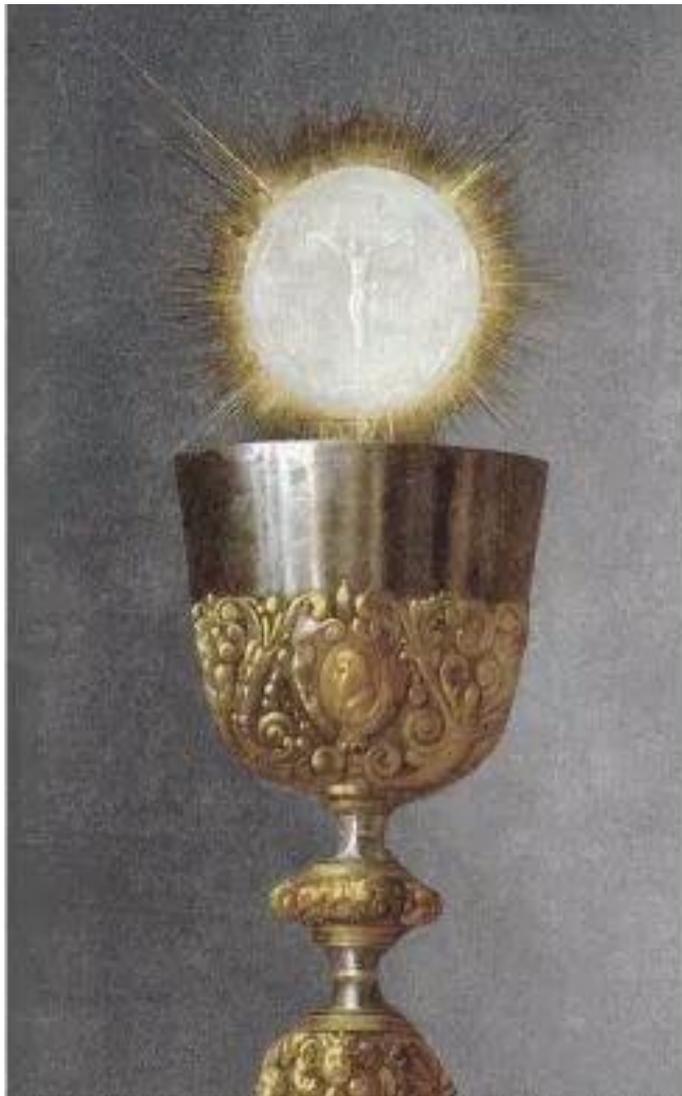
The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 10 AM (Share with Partner)
Monday at 12 Midnight (Adorer Needed)
Tuesday at 11 AM (Adorer Needed)
Friday at 8:00 AM (Share with Partner)
Friday at 11 PM (Adorer Needed)
Saturday at 11 AM (Share 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.



Monday, April 6	Special Intention Reba & Howard Criswell James Kenneth Shaffer
Tuesday, April 7	Special Intention Brian Criswell Jim & Mary Meehan
Wednesday, April 8	Special Intention John Milan Jean Sertell
Thursday, April 9	Special Intention Tommy Priola Christopher Kitterman
Friday, April 10	GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday, April 11	Donors to OLS School Foundation Lena Carruba Peggy & Frank Beuerlein
Sunday, April 12	People of the Parish Fr. Robert O'Sullivan Angelo & Rose Maggio



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.