



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

April 19, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

God's Great Mercy: Is there any one of us who is ready to stand before Jesus and state he or she does not NEED His mercy? Without exception, all of us need His mercy. We pray for mercy frequently at Mass. Yet, we tend to overlook the reality of our absolute need for His mercy! It is similar to the way we overlook the great love Jesus has for each of us.

When Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary in the 17th century and told her to spread devotion of His love for us (devotion to the Sacred Heart), He pointed to His heart and said, "Behold this heart that has so loved men and is so little loved in return." In the 20th century, in the Lord's goodness, He found it necessary to appear to another nun, the recently canonized St. Faustina, to remind people of the need to ask for His mercy. He longs to give us this mercy **if we ask**.

Part of this devotion to Divine Mercy is that we show mercy to other people. Also, in teaching us a devotion to Divine Mercy through St. Faustina, Jesus admonishes us to exercise more trust in His goodness, His wisdom, mercy, and love for us. So, on the picture of Divine Mercy, which He described to St. Faustina, there are the words, JESUS I TRUST IN YOU. We are privileged to have a most beautifully painted image in our church. Look at the face of Jesus in this image and see Him in the Tabernacle.

The pope has declared the first Sunday after Easter DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY for the UNIVERSAL CHURCH. The hour Christ died, 3:00 p.m., is a sacred hour. According to St. Faustina, a short prayer to heaven is recommended daily at this 3 o'clock hour, professing trust and asking for mercy.

Many parishes all over the world are sponsoring an hour's devotion to Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday. We at OUR LADY OF SORROWS, FOR THE 23rd YEAR,

will have the holy hour celebrating Divine Mercy from 3:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Why is this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday? The answer is that the Gospel for this Sunday tells us that Jesus left with His Church His power to forgive sins.

Divine Mercy devotion is not just another private devotion. Nothing more closely corresponds to the Mass as does this devotion. How often during the Mass do we bow humbly before God asking for mercy! We start Mass with: "Lord, have mercy..." Before Communion we recite, "Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us."

In the Chaplet, on the large beads of the rosary, we say, "Eternal Father, I offer you the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world." That is about the same prayer we all say after the consecration at Mass:

"We offer you this life-giving bread, this saving cup."

Live-streaming the daily and Sunday Masses has brought some letters of appreciation and, so, we continue to do this for our people, as long as the shut-down lasts. We plan to live-stream the Divine Mercy hour this Sunday starting at 3 p.m.

SO MANY THANKS to the people who are mailing in their church contribution envelopes. Someone told me that the recent envelopes have stamped on them: "Please mail in since the churches are, temporarily, not open for assembly Masses." This past week the collection was all the way up from 30% of the regular collection to 80%.

Helping the needy: Besides leading the diocese in Catholic Charities pledges (see the *One Voice*), we decided to double our special \$3000 a month to the Catholic Center of Concern, as we are always concerned about those in great need. I received a fantastic letter from Sister Zelia of the Center expressing the need, as people are lined up

trying to get help after giving the credentials for their needs. It is the pandemic that has created this extra need, and Sister begged me to express her gratitude to the parish for the extra generosity. There are already plans for a slow, back-to-work recovery under safe conditions. However, the slowness will keep the need for the Center of Concern to receive that extra help for at least another year.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Monday, April 20	Special Intention Sp. Int. Father Balta Morris Princiotta, Jr.
Tuesday, April 21	Special Intention Jean Sertell Dolores Busenlehner
Wednesday, April 22	Special Intention Parker Sims Bill Pickard
Thursday, April 23	Special Intention Jean Sertell Tommy Priola
Friday, April 24	Special Intention Jeff Dean Rev. Charles Cross
Saturday, April 25	Donors to OLS School Foundation Joe Hollis Little, Jr. Tommy Priola
Sunday, April 26	People of the Parish Lang Vo Sp. Int. Courtney Hamilton

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.

Pray for the Sick: Stephanie Murdock, Barbara Crowder, 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

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sundays: 7-8 p.m. Edge and LifeTeen are meeting virtually every week! Just go to projectym.com/watch to join in! We also have small groups available throughout the week. Email Ginny or Carol for more info on how to join!

Ginny: youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com
Carol: msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com

Camp Hidden Lake & Covecrest: As of right now, we are moving forward as planned. Registration links are available! Deposits can be made, but payment in full will not be expected until departure date!

Check out olsyouth.com for more details!

Life Teen High School

Wednesdays: Join us for lunch via Zoom at 12:30 p.m. every week! We are also going Live on Instagram 3x a week to give you saint facts, play games and get your prayer requests. **Instagram: olsyouth**

Edge Middle School

Thursdays: Join us for "Anchored", a series on Faith, Hope, and Love. Links are made available weekly on our website and Instagram. Watch any time on Thursday and chime in on our small group in the Catholicify app for discussion and a weekly challenge.

Weekdays: 4 p.m. Log on to Instagram @olsedge for a daily dose of truth, beauty, and goodness on Catch Up with Carol, Monday through Friday!