



## *Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

May 3, 2020

*From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear People,

We were created to live forever. God created us to His own image and likeness, with an "intellect," "free will" and "eternity." From our own experience we know we can think, we have an intellect. From our own experience we know we have a free will; we are aware that we are free to choose this or that. How could God best teach us that we have eternity, that we will live after life on this earth? The answer is that He would unite Himself to our human nature, die a sacrificial death, which He stated would be for the forgiveness of our sins, but then He would come back to life with this human body to show us there is a life after death!

For seven Sundays we will celebrate what happened after Good Friday, that Jesus rose with His human body and showed us the eternity of the human glorified body after death. What a great way to teach us that physical death is not the end, but the beginning, of our new life after physical death. Like Mr. Peter Field said on his death bed, he was looking forward to a "new adventure." As a good Baptist once told me, "It is the dynamic retirement."

In three of my favorite apparitions of Jesus after His crucifixion, Jesus has a little fun. The first was when He withheld His identity to Mary Magdalene and then suddenly revealed it. We all love the instance when Jesus' good friend saw the empty tomb and thought someone had taken the body. Jesus withheld His identity and let her think He was a gardener. He asked her why she was crying. She tells Him and He reveals Himself with one word: MARY. She is transformed from absolute grief to hysterical joy.

The second fun we find in St. John's Gospel. Six of the apostles went fishing with St. Peter. After all night and catching nothing, a

"stranger" on shore asked if they were catching any fish. They answer in the negative and this "stranger" tells them to try the right side of the boat. When 153 large fish were about to break the net, Jesus is revealed, not as a "stranger," but their closest friend, Jesus, Himself. At this, Peter, who can't wait to see Jesus, jumps into the water and swims to Him, leaving the others with the net almost breaking with fish.

The third very meaningful episode is Jesus teasing His two disciples on the way to Emmaus. He acts like a stranger, and knowing what they were discussing, asks them anyway. They accused Him of being the only one in Jerusalem who did not hear about Jesus from Nazareth, who, with all His miracles, was believed to be the Messiah. Instead of beating up the Romans, the Romans nailed Him to a cross and killed Him. Now, some were saying He had risen from the dead. Jesus has a little fun with His disciples, acting like a complete stranger about the news concerning Himself, but this is more than fun. There are four lessons here:

1. He kept His human nature. He walked with them some long distance and talked with them, making their hearts burn within them, but not recognizing him until eating at the evening meal.
2. Jesus is divine or He would not be alive.
3. Jesus taught them why He had to suffer; that the language of love is sacrifice. That untangled their confusion. The prophets, Moses and the Psalms all talk about the suffering of the Messiah. The nature of love is the willingness to sacrifice for another. The Savior loves His people and died for our sins.
4. Walking physically with Christ, their thinking was perfected. Imagine walking and talking with Jesus "on the way." The lesson here is, as we walk through life, we should walk with Him. He has taught us about the reality of

the next life, and walking with Him promises us the life of perfect happiness.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

**Daily Mass will be Live Streamed at 7:30 a.m.**

**Please continue to support your parish!**



Monday, May 4	Special Intention Jean Sertell Tommy Priola
Tuesday, May 5	Special Intention Tommy Priola Bob Grundhoefer
Wednesday, May 6	Special Intention Alfonso Alfano Mary Thornton
Thursday, May 7	Special Intention Tommy Priola Patricia Levio
Friday, May 8	Special Intention Sp. Int. Chi Ranieri Anthony Gagliano
Saturday, May 9	Donors to OLS School Foundation Cecilia Ragusa
Sunday, May 10	Sp. Int. Bonnie & Carl Barranco & family People of the Parish Bobby Resha Sp. Int. Nap & Sandra Barranco & family

## **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.



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

## ***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](http://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](mailto:youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com)  
Carol: [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto: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](http://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 Catholify 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!

The Catholic Center of Concern is in desperate need of groceries. If you would like to donate, you may leave them in the vestibule of the church. Below is a list of items that the Center needs at this time. Thank you.

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**OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**Canned meats:** Chicken – any size; Chili; Pork & beans (15 oz size)  
Chef Boyardee (Spaghetti O's or generic brands)

Sweet Peas  
Grape or any other fruit Jelly and jam (18 oz jars)  
Canned Fruits (pineapple, peaches, fruit cocktail, and others)  
Olive oil, Vegetable oil  
Dry Instant Milk  
Dry Instant Potatoes (Medium size)  
Rice any size  
Black beans and any other type  
Crackers – any type  
Ramen Noodles /cups: any brand  
Oatmeal (old fashioned)  
Grits and Cereal -any type

Coffee – Regular or decaffeinated

**Also needed:**

Laundry detergent  
Dish soap  
Toilet Paper /Paper towel  
Kleenex  
Toothpaste  
Shampoo, Body wash  
Bar soaps, hand sanitizer  
Clorox and Clorox disinfecting wipes.

Thank you for your help to alleviate the pain and suffering of so many of our Sisters and Brothers during this difficult time of Covid-19 Pandemic. ***"We are one humanity... Each and every one of us is part of it; no one is left out; no one of us can do without the others."*** (Arturo Sosa, S.J., the Superior General of the Society of Jesus)

God Bless you.  
Sister Zelia M. Cordeiro, MC.  
Director.