



## Our Lady of Sorrows Church

May 24, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

I usually write on the spiritual aspects of our lives. This Sunday I will review the by-product of the spiritual, the logistics of opening the church for public Masses last Sunday.

OLS Church open for public Masses: For starters, we have a "working Liturgy Committee." They not only researched sources for the opening, but two of them, John Tombrello and Dr. Francis Andrews, attended all six Masses. The other two members, John Carney, was there for a couple of Masses right after knee surgery, and Kent Graeve, though in Nebraska for a funeral, was generous in coming to preliminary meetings. We also engaged Bill Mills, the Head Usher, for help.

A number of people called and wanted to know how the first day of Sunday worship went after two months of a closed church. The overwhelming answer from the committee was that the people who came were most cooperative about the six-foot social distances and other norms set up by the committee. They also mentioned that the priests were also very cooperative, setting the example of sanitizing their hands before and after the Eucharistic prayers and, also, after the distribution of the Eucharist, and not socializing in the vestibule.

I just heard about a second priest in our diocese who caught the virus. In the first case the priest stated to me that it was the worst experience of his life. The second priest was told by the doctor he definitely had the virus, but he started recovering after the first couple of days. The moral to this is: Don't give it to your priests and let everyone

keep their immune system strong so that, if we get it, it will not entail much suffering. The church building (with the choir loft) holds a total of 600 people. Here is the count of how many came to the six Masses:

Saturday, 5 p.m.	61
Sunday, 7:00 a.m.	60
8:30 a.m.	70
10:00 a.m.	102 (church) 16 (Parish Hall)
11:30 a.m.	113
6:00 p.m.	70

The professional "cleaning lady" deserves honorable mention. She and a few from the committee worked hard to sanitize all the pews between the Masses. There was hand sanitizer "all over the place," and the priests made sure the people saw themselves sanitize their hands to remind them by example not to take any chances to spread a fast-moving virus.

Daily Masses: At the 6:30 a.m. Mass there were 30 people. At the 7:30 Mass there were 60 people. This means there is room for about 100 more, if you are so inclined.

Caution #1: If you were a regular at Mass and are thinking about coming, please know the following. Our people can be divided into three groups:

- 1/3 – You can't keep them away.
- 1/3 – Need the example and reminders. Hence, the caution: Remember Sunday is not a free day from prayer. The Holy sacrifice, if possible, in person on Sunday, or at least streamed into your home at 5 p.m., 10 or 11:30 a.m.
- 1/3 – Were just starting to come back before the pandemic and need extra prayers to come back when circumstances permit.

Caution #2: Take care of your health and that of others.

Family Life Center: Last Sunday we allowed, with caution, the Red Cross to use our facility of the Family Life Center to take blood on a citywide appeal because of the emergency need. The Knights of Columbus did not serve breakfast, and the Red Cross was in charge of sanitation, with only John Corso supervising. However, the FLC is closed to all other social activities for the foreseeable future.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, May 25	Special Intention John Milan Jacob Hayes
Tuesday, May 26	Special Intention Ronaldo Carballo Jacob Hayes
Wednesday, May 27	Special Intention Sp. Int. Tim Carlisle Morris Princiotta, Jr.
Thursday, May 28	Special Intention Melanie Gilchrist Special Intention
Friday, May 29	Special Intention Sp. Int. Nan Brown Jacob Hayes
Saturday, May 30	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. Martha Masucci Anne Vickers
Sunday, May 31	People of the Parish Shay McNamee Jacob Hayes



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

**What's Going on in Youth Ministry?**

**Summer Trip Updates:**

**Camp Hidden Lake** (for middle schoolers) has been rescheduled for July 21-August 1. Please confirm your spot or reach out if you would like to send a teen! Spots are available for rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Contact [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for more information.

**Camp Covecrest** (for high schoolers) is proceeding as scheduled on June 22-27. Any changes will be announced by May 26.

We are sorry to announce that our Steubenville ATL Trip (July 10-12) has been canceled.

**Life Teen High School**

Our freshman girls are reading *I Choose the Sky* by Emily Wilson. Join us every Wednesday at 5 p.m. via Zoom. We also invite you to pray a Rosary with us every day at 11 a.m. on [TheLiveRosary.com](http://TheLiveRosary.com).

**Edge Middle School**

**Weekdays: 4 p.m.** Join us for "Catch Up with Carol" on our Instagram at [olsedge](https://www.instagram.com/olsedge) for a daily dose of truth, beauty, and goodness!

**The 4th Degree Knights of Columbus** are planning a Flag Retirement Ceremony for Saturday, June 13. We will be collecting faded, worn, and tattered flags under the parking deck from 12:00-6:00 p.m. The Boy Scouts will perform a flag burning ceremony on top of the deck at 6:30 p.m.

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 25, for Memorial Day.**