



*Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

June 7, 2020

*From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear People,

Morality of Demonstrations: As of this past Wednesday, we are rounding off a week of demonstrations, which are justified, but unjustified in the extreme of destroying innocent people's property. The principle is simple:

Two wrongs do not make a right.

The officer who pressed his knee for so many minutes, to the point of choking George Floyd to death, deserves life in prison, to say the least. The horrible scene of other officers watching should definitely be prosecuted. The reality of sins by omission stands out poignantly.

Two wrongs never make a right, and for the innocent to have their stores looted and destroyed is simply the wrong way to exercise the American right to demonstrate. A strange evil has crept into the right to peaceful demonstrations in a huge way.

The brother of the victim keeps begging people to stop the violence, looting and destruction. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. accomplished so much by his organized, peaceful demonstrations.

The Right to Life people come out in numbers, bringing signs, and giving speeches, and much has been accomplished, with more to be done. So, racial justice has come a long way thanks to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and so many others and, yet, there is more to be done. Destroying tens of millions of dollars of other people's property gets

counterproductive. The demonstrators are not respected when destruction and looting is the result. Thank God for the brother of George Floyd, who has pleaded for peaceful demonstrations. Cities and states are encountering enough financial debts with the Coronavirus. They don't need any more expensive repairs for the destruction of buildings and pavements with the burning of vehicles.

Wisdom: One of the great gifts of the Spirit is wisdom, a sense of values, common sense. We need to pray for wisdom on the part of the destructive demonstrators. When the violent, destructive demonstrators outnumber the local police, the Nation Guard and military are called in to force rational behavior.

The vast number of police are here to protect us, yes, to protect the African American community, as well. The stupidity and criminality of a few officers should never turn people against the heroic officers. They are the vast majority in number who live heroic lives to protect the innocent.

Please pray that the evil infiltration into legitimate demonstrations is quickly defeated. The brother of George Floyd begs for the sensible demonstrations, rather than the destruction of innocent people's property, as well as the attacking of police officers, who are not the guilty ones. It is hardly wisdom to blame the majority for the crimes of a few.

Please pray for wisdom and courage for those drawn in by an evil spirit (imported violent organizers). This is the octave of Pentecost, and the Spirit is so willing to give us that for which we ask. Ask for wisdom for ourselves and those who demonstrate in a non-productive way.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, June 8	Special Intention Rose Marie Milan Patricia Levio
Tuesday, June 9	Sp. Int. Glynn Dover Ronaldo Carballo Sp. Int. Carl & Bonnie Barranco
Wednesday, June 10	Special Intention Melanie Gilchrist Sp. Int. Bill & Debbie Barranco & family
Thursday, June 11	Special Intention Lena Carruba Ruby Taylor Fox
Friday, June 12	Special Intention Charles Brad Knutson Lena Lucia
Saturday, June 13	Donors to OLS School Foundation Melanie Gilchrist Josephine Sicola
Sunday, June 14	People of the Parish Melanie Gilchrist Sp. Int. David & Jeanne Barranco & family



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

  
**PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Are you being called to live in community?  
Call on the Trinity to help you discern. (2  
Corinthians 13: 11-13)  
For all who serve the Church, may the grace  
of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit direct  
them.

## ***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! Cost is \$350. Contact [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for more information.

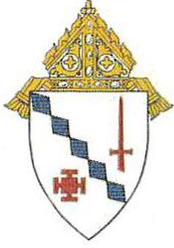
**Camp Covecrest** (for high schoolers): Our original week (June 22-27) has been cancelled as Covecrest prepares to open in July with specific Covid-19 guidelines. We are waiting to hear from Covecrest staff if they will give us new dates to attend in July. If you are willing to wait on new dates, contact me. If you would like to go ahead and cancel your spot, email [ginny@olsyouth.com](mailto:ginny@olsyouth.com).

### **Edge Middle School**

**Sundays at 4 p.m.:** Watch the LifeTeen livestream with us! We will follow it up with Zoom Groups! Email [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for more information.

**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.



## Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

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### **A CALL FOR UNITY AND DIALOGUE**

The death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota on Memorial Day, May 25, was unfortunate and unnecessary. A form of brutality used in restraining Floyd was improper and universally acknowledged as unfitting for any professional police officer. No human being should be treated the way Floyd was treated. We grieve his loss with his family and friends.

And we share as well the concern of George Floyd's brother, Terrence, about the unnecessary violence that is escalating as a result of George's death. That violence is now happening here in Birmingham. George's brother has told everyone that George would not want this kind of reaction. He has spoken about nonviolence, about showing peace and sharing God's love.

A similar kind of reaction that is needed is the kind a recent conference in Birmingham found - the conference co-hosted by the Diocese of Birmingham and entitled "Black and White in America: How Deep the Divide?"

The conference, held at Samford University's Beeson Divinity School March 3-4, 2016, concluded that while much progress has been made in race relations throughout America, great divisions still do exist. It is by listening to one another that the issues that divide can surface and be resolved harmoniously.

Listening opportunities were found and did begin to take place around the Diocese of Birmingham. A model was established; and efforts will, hopefully, continue in the future. (The conference talks have been published and are available from the Diocese of Birmingham's Office of Black Catholic Ministry. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has also issued a statement regarding George Floyd's death. The statement is available at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org).)

Mr. James Watts of the Office of Black Catholic Ministry in the Diocese of Birmingham is laying the foundation for future efforts like the one held at Beeson Divinity School.

Birmingham is ground-zero for the Civil Right Movement. Our city and diocese are currently poised to model constructive non-violent methods of dealing with racial divisions. We can set the tone for the rest of the nation. Great strides have already been made. Let us keep those positive efforts for unity, harmony, reconciliation, and peace going!

Our plea to the wonderful people of our city and diocese is the plea St. Paul once made to the people of Ephesus (4:3): "Make every effort to preserve the unity which has the Spirit as its origin and peace as its binding force."

Most Reverend Robert J. Baker, Apostolic Administrator  
Most Reverend Steven J. Raica, Bishop-Elect  
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