

Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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From the Pastor's Desk



My Dear People:

Obligation to raise the children in the faith:

When the state of Oregon, in 1925, legislated that private schools had no right to exist, it was taken to the Supreme Court of our land, which made an awesome decision. They decreed that the right and the duty to educate children belonged to the parents first, and they had the right to decide into which school to place their children.

The Church, reflecting the natural law, has always stated that the right and DUTY to educate the children belonged to the parents. This was not only for the secular subjects, but for the education of their children in the faith.

How often I take two steps backwards in my admiration of parents who sense the **SERIOUS** obligation to educate their children in the faith. Education for this life is like working for the drop in the ocean, compared to the whole ocean of eternity. More than one parent lived to regret that they neglected to raise their children in the faith.

Registration for the Parish School of Religion was to be in by August 18. That date has come and gone, and we are still missing one half of our usual enrollment. Yes, I know the Coronavirus...but the Church only helps parents with the obligation to train the children in the faith. Today, you have a choice: 1) In person instruction at the usual time, with the extreme health precautions – space, mask, etc. or; 2) We will supply the parents with the material for instruction, which they can give to the children at home.

Pflaum Publishing Company has a great program for the parents to use to teach the faith to the children. Every month you can pick up the Sunday study aids for the Gospels, or we will send them to you. The

fee of \$30 a year for the registration does not cover the cost of the PSR, but it is the same cost for “in person” and “by the parent” instruction. You simply must register, and if you don’t have the \$30, the parish will pay, but you must register. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion is in the First and Second Grades. The preparation for Confirmation is in the Seventh and Eighth Grades. The other grades are also important, but to receive the sacraments there must be the preparation.

If you are inclined to be a Catechist or a parent to be present to monitor a class, please notify the PSR Office.

The streamed Masses are at 5 p.m. Saturday, and 10 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday. Last Sunday we read the admonition from the Bishop that Sunday is still a day of prayer and devotion, even though the strict obligation to attend Mass has been postponed again until the first Sunday of Advent.

NOT A FREEBIE is what one parent told her children and their friends. The obligation to attend Mass has been postponed, again, because of the virus, but the obligation, as we know and the bishop has reminded us, is still that Sunday IS A DAY OF EXTRA PRAYERS.

HOME INSTRUCTION, ideally, could be just before watching a streamed Mass or right afterward and in dialogue fashion with the children. The great instruction is the living of the faith by the parents. Children do have a free will, but a parent must know they have done their part.

If you don’t send your children to a Catholic school, please register your children in the PSR program in preparation for the sacraments, as well as fulfilling the obligation to be committed to send the children for “in person” or “by the parent” instruction.

Suzanne Corso and Tracy Doyal and the Catechists are at your service, and being the good parents that you are, use all the help the

Church offers you to bring up your children in the faith.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. John Tombrello wanted me to let you all know how much he appreciates all the prayers and well wishes. His surgery was a great success.

The Dispensation from the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation has been extended through Sunday, November 22. The moral obligation of keeping the Lord's Day holy remains, even for those who use the dispensation and do not go to Mass. You will find the full decree by Bishop Raica on our website www.ourladyofsorrows.com.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 3:00 AM (Not Filled)
Monday at 4:00 AM (Not Filled)
Monday at 7:00 PM (Share with Partner)
Tuesday at 5:00 AM (Share with Partner)
Tuesday at 11:00 AM (Not Filled)
Wednesday at 5:00 AM (Share with Partner)
Thursday at 10:00 PM (Not Filled)
Friday at 6:00 AM (Not Filled)
Friday at 9:00 AM (Not Filled)
Friday at 1:00 PM (Not Filled)
Friday at 7:00 PM (With Partner)
Friday at 8:00 PM (Not Filled)
Saturday at 3:00 PM (Not Filled)
Saturday at 4:00 PM (Not Filled)
Saturday at 6:00 PM (Share with Partner)
Saturday at 10:00 PM (Not Filled)
Saturday at 11:00 PM (Share with Partner)
Sunday at 11:00 AM (Not Filled)
Sunday at 12:00 PM (Not Filled)

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 Bo Lovell at 205-965-3041 or email us at olschapel@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Aug. 31	Special Intention Mary Laurie Bracken Frank Diergo
Tuesday, Sept. 1	Louise Robinson Sp. Int. David Barranco & Family Jude Tombrello
Wednesday, Sept. 2	Special Intention Sp. Int. Catherine Smitherman & Family Mary Laurie Bracken
Thursday, Sept. 3	Special Intention Jude Tombrello/Sp. Int. Claudia Tombrello Jude Tombrello
Friday, Sept. 4	Genie Tallon Jude Tombrello/Sp. Int. Claudia Tombrello Gerald Topazi
Saturday, Sept. 5	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens Bill Thomas
Sunday, Sept. 6	People of the Parish Anthony Marino Anthony Gagliano



Carolyn Wright, Stephanie Murdock, Veta Giangrosso, Angelo Cashio, Mamie Carruba, Ellen Scalise, Jerry Noto, Tim Carlisle, Tom James, Debbie White, Ann LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie, and Mary Jane Noto

OLS Mother's Day Out is accepting applications for part time employment. If you enjoy working with young children, are creative, energetic, and patient, please email Angie Dunston at mdo@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Parish School of Religion

PSR offers Faith Formation classes for all ages from 3-year-olds through high school.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Due to current health and safety guidelines, we will offer two options: **In-person classes** or **At-home instructions**. In-person classes are dependent on government health and safety guidelines and availability of volunteers to teach during Covid. Please let us know if you can help. Please Register **ASAP**, to allow us to order materials and plan. For details about each option go to www.olspsr.com to register or call Suzanne Corso or Tracey Doyal for more information at 871-1431 or email psr@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Sacramental Preparation classes are two-year programs; enrollment in either program is acceptable. More details to come regarding these classes.

First Holy Communion – all 1st and 2nd graders should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the sacrament. The sacrament is received in 2nd grade.

Confirmation – All 7th and 8th graders should be enrolled in PSR to prepare for the sacrament. The sacrament is received in 8th grade.

Do you love to share your faith with other? Consider volunteering with our PSR program. There are many ways to help from being a catechist, an assistant or office volunteer. Call Suzanne Corso at 871-1431 or email at dre@ourladyofsorrows.com.

Food for Our Journey update:

"We are serving almost 700 meals a day, seven days a week. The OLS food drive every Wednesday is vital to our ability to serve the homeless and food insecure in our community. We are handing out close to 700 bottles of water a day, so **WE REALLY NEED WATER**. Also, we are getting constant

requests for socks and masks. If you have clean, gently used, or new socks, we need them. If anyone has access to masks of any kind, we would love to have them. We thank all of you who have donated so far and look forward to seeing all of you who can donate every Wednesday (drop offs accepted from 9 -10:30 a.m.) in the parish parking lot." If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Food for Our Journey.

Christine Golab, Assistant Executive Director

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, September 27: Mark your calendar! "Purified" featuring Jason Evert is happening at John Carroll Catholic High School at 6 p.m. This event is for teens (age 13+) and their parents. Tickets are on sale now. See olsyouth.com for more information.

For complete calendars, check out www.olsyouth.com.

Life Teen High School

Sunday, September 20: Water Wars on the parking deck! More details coming soon. Parents make sure you're on our email list! Meet the CORE team each Thursday at 6 p.m. when we go Live on Instagram: @olsyouth

Edge Middle School

Sunday, September 20: Blast Off! For a Higher Purpose Edge Kick-Off will take place on the parking deck! Dinner starts at 7 p.m. Follow us for more details @olsedge

Please remember, we are still collecting groceries for the Catholic Center of Concern. Any contribution is greatly appreciated. You can leave your bags in the vestibule in the wooden benches. Thank you for your consideration.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO THE RECENTLY CONFIRMED



*Alina Anderson
Holland Backus
Lucy Benton
Nate Bernstein
Lanham Boyd
Hannah Brown
Evelyn Crimi
Mikey Crowe
Juliana Davis
Layton Davis
Janay Deering
Ally Drentea-Tybor
Remy Durena
Anderson Echols
Josephine Foley
Allison Gagnon
Keenan Garrity
Molly Gray
Simon Haughery
Anna Kate Hawkins
Erin Huie
Garrett Hurst
Devin James
Emma Claire Jordan*

*Luke Kolar
Arthur Langley
William Lewis
Lydia Loglisci
A J Luccasen
Tripp McCain
Abbygail Mercado
Brooklyn Mitchell
John Montgomery
Maria Nanni
Fletcher Neely
Riley Newsome
Zosia Penherski
Douglas Ross
Leah Shields
Wesley Smith
Oscar Spears
Lucy Spisto
Lucy Stokes
Brodie Vicinanzo
Varsha Vinoy
Anne Frances Walters
William Webster
Addie Wright
Lucy Yeager*

**St. William's 50th Annual
Seafood Festival
Labor Day Weekend
The Foley Center
915 Gunter Avenue
Guntersville, Alabama**

**DRIVE-THRU ONLY
Friday, September 4, 3-6 p.m.
Saturday, September 5, 7:30 a.m. until
sold out**

**GUMBO by the Quart
Cajun Boiled Shrimp by the pound
St. Bernard's Famous Monk's Bread**



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

If you are willing to offer your life for Jesus' sake, you will find it. By walking the path, we come to know Jesus' promise is real. Pray for courage and the willingness to "let go and let God." (Matthew 16:21-27)

For our youth, may they receive support and guidance as they face the challenges in their daily lives.

Prayer for Our Country

Almighty God,
bless our nation
and make it true
to the ideas of freedom and justice
and brotherhood for all who make it great.

Guard us from war,
from fire and wind,
from compromise, fear, confusion.

Be close to our president and our
statesmen;
give them vision and courage,
as they ponder decisions affecting peace
and the future of the world.

Make me more deeply aware of my
heritage;
realizing not only my rights
but also my duties
and responsibilities as a citizen.

Make this great land
and all its people
know clearly Your will,
that they may fulfill
the destiny ordained for us
in the salvation of the nations,
and the restoring of all things in Christ.

Amen