



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

September 6, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Clarifying words from Bo Lovell and Mary Claire are as follows: When Mary Claire asked for empty slots to be filled (usual request was about 6 per week) her ideal was to have two adorers who were committed each hour. When Bo told me we were filled and could open the Chapel, he was making reference to having at least one person committed for each hour, since we have wonderful substitutes for those 6 uncommitted hours. In a sense, those uncommitted hours were filled because substitutes were taking those hours.

The response was overwhelming from people who committed to come, given jobs and family commitments. For example, at 5 a.m. this morning we had two there until 6 a.m., when more people came in at 6 a.m.

What we need are six more committed people to fill the hour of those substitutes, so they remain just that – substitutes. The Chapel is so available to all, day or night, as long as we keep the social distances and use a mask. The Chapel has been equipped with a fresh air system and, also, ionized to take care of 99.4% of all germs, run off 110 volts and installed in the duct system. However, if you are “positive” or quarantined because of a relative please say those extra prayers at home.

I keep thinking of the gentleman who followed me out of the Chapel and told me how grateful he is that the God of all Creation stays substantially present in the Host and that he, a sinner, can kneel in that front pew for two hours in close union and adoration of his God and Savior, merciful and forgiving.

I love Our Lady of Sorrows, first of all, because so many of our devout people are virtually “saints” and live for the Lord. It is shown by devout attendance when we offer Christ to the Father, which we call the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass (In all four Eucharistic prayers we find that great prayer of offering we make after the consecration as we offer Christ to the Father.) What a prayer!!! Then we have the offered Christ without consumption, but for adoration, so we can continue our love and worship of this sacrificial Victim for 24 hours a day. What a prayer life in this parish!!!

We have 6 edifices on this campus, and I meet almost daily with our Plant Manager on doing everything possible to sanitize, purify and circulate the air in all of these buildings.

There are three means of sanitizing, and we are working on all three for all the buildings. Standard Heating & Air is an expert in the field, and you will see his and other trucks here doing the work.

On Wednesday of this past week, we used one system, supposedly a sanitizing for 90 days. This was done again this past Wednesday for the Family Life Center. So, track users could have started using the FLC this past Thursday.

Your generosity to God by supporting your parish is truly great, and though the collections are down a bit, we are surviving and so very grateful that the extra cost of parish maintenance can be afforded, and we feel charity starts at home for the time of the pandemic.

With grateful affection,
Father Muller

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



Elizabeth Ann Ricco, John James Ricco, 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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Sept. 7	Special Intention Mary Holly Brian Criswell
Tuesday, Sept. 8	Special Intention Lena Carbonie Brian Criswell
Wednesday, Sept. 9	Special Intention Sp. Int. Carl & Bonnie Barranco & Family Jude Tombrello
Thursday, Sept. 10	Special Intention Sp. Int. Vincent & Mary Ann Bruno Kathryn Ranelli
Friday, Sept. 11	Special Intention Lena Carruba Jude Tombrello
Saturday, Sept. 12	Donors to OLS School Foundation Josephine Gagliano The Graffeo/brooklere Families
Sunday, Sept. 13	People of the Parish Victor Rumore Josephine Sicola

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

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.



Do you know the power of prayer within a group? Join with others to pray for an increase of vocations to ordained ministry and the consecrated life. (Matthew 18:15-20) For Church groups and organizations, may they gather in the name of Jesus and receive the power to carry on His mission.

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 outside at 7 p.m.! Dinner and games. Bring a towel!

Tuesday, September 22: Candlelight Prayer Vigil to kick off 40 Days for Life. Meet outside of the new Planned Parenthood ([1019 1st Ave North, Birmingham, AL 35203](http://10191stAveNorthBirminghamAL35203)) at 6:30 p.m.

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

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will resume its monthly prayer time beginning on Saturday, September 19, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to this hour of prayer with our Patron Saint, Padre Pio. We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, pray the Rosary, have Benediction and Holy Mass. Won't you join us? For more information, contact Angela Kolar at 205-991-9554. We are so excited to be together again in prayer!

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 7, for Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8.