



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

September 13, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

My favorite scene from the book by C. S. Lewis on the devils pertains to the senior devil teaching the junior devils how “to catch” people. The senior devil asks them what they think is the best way “to get” people. One junior devil speaks up and says, “Try to convince them there is no God.” The senior devil answers, “No, that’s not the best way. There is too much order and design in the universe. Intelligent people know it could not all happen by ‘chance’.” Another junior devil says, “Why not tell them there is no punishment after death? Everyone goes straight to heaven.” The senior devil replies, “They seem to know that the good are to be rewarded and the evil ones punished.” The senior devil then recognizes a third suggestion and this junior devil says, “Why don’t we tell them there is **no hurry?**” The senior devil brightens up and says, “That’s it! That is the correct answer.” So many of us fall for this, putting off the things of God, thinking that there is no hurry. Yet, Jesus said death comes like a thief in the night.

We cave into this thinking in various degrees. I am thinking now of the Protestant who comes to Mass at OLS, having drifted from his original denomination, and who has been thinking of learning more about the Catholic faith. He or she faces that same temptation: “There is no hurry.”

By virtue of our baptism we have the responsibility to help spread the faith, by example or in words. Yes, even by a friendly invitation to come to Monday night classes beginning Monday, October 26.

The new pandemic format is a 35-minute lecture in person in the Parish Hall. A boxed dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

The small group discussions will be closed circuit conference call, or Zoom, as they call it.

Those interested in coming to learn more about the faith, please call the office and let us know so we will know the correct number of boxed meals to prepare.

I pray for those who will come to learn more about the Catholic faith, and know that your offer to accompany them means an enormous amount of encouragement.

The great challenge is to invite a friend or relative to the inquiry class and make the sacrifice to come with them for the first three classes. Ask friends if they are not attached to any particular church to try it for three classes. The vast majority of people feel complimented that they were invited. Our Protestant brethren excel in extending an “invitation” to others to come to church. We can learn from them.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



<i>Mass Intentions</i>	
Monday, Sept. 14	Special Intention Victor Rumore Jude Tombrello
Tuesday, Sept. 15	Special Intention Dolly Barranco Brian Criswell
Wednesday, Sept. 16	Special Intention Dolly Barranco Jude Tombrello
Thursday, Sept. 17	Special Intention Dolly Barranco Jude Tombrello
Friday, Sept. 18	Special Intention Frank Beuerlein Jude Tombrello
Saturday, Sept. 19	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dolly Barranco Lena Lucia
Sunday, Sept. 20	People of the Parish Jude Tombrello Jude Tombrello

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Monday at 12 PM (Unfilled)
Monday at 7 PM (Share with Partner)
Wednesday at 2 AM (Unfilled)
Wednesday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)
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, 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

Food for Our Journey Update:

"THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! The food drive at OLS has been a VALUABLE and NECESSARY resource for Food for Our Journey. This past week we surpassed 101,000 meals served since January, and your participation was vital in that. As our numbers have grown, so have our needs. We continue to need pre-made sandwiches, salty and sweet snacks, fruit (oranges, tangerines, and bananas), and WATER. We average around 2,800 bottles of water a week. Masks and hygiene bags are

also a vital necessity and dearly needed. Our drive continues every Wednesday morning at OLS near the parking deck from 9:00-10:30 a.m."

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. To register 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.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

The Lord is Kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion. Are you following in Jesus' footsteps? (Psalm 103)

For those who suffer from a hardened heart, may they be touched by the gift of mercy and compassion.

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](#)) 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!

*With a grateful heart, the Wadsworth family wishes to thank you for praying for our son, Mike. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean so much. God bless you.
Gloria Wadsworth*

"Fishers of Men" Dinner

Everyone is invited to dinner with the Guadalupe Radio Network on October 8, at Rosewood Ballroom in Homewood. The annual Fishers of Men Award will be presented to Jim and Joy Pinto, directors of Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center. The guest speaker will be Damon Owens, Executive Director of the Theology of the Body Institute, whose mission is to educate and train men and women to understand, live, and promote the Theology of the Body. Single Seats are \$100. There are Sponsorship Levels available, as well! Please call John Tidwell (205-209-2110) with questions.