



## *Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

September 20, 2020

*From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear People:

If God has a plan for the smallest worm on the earth, why wouldn't He have a plan to support His Church? If we believe the Bible, the answer is that He does have a plan: All who earn wages are to give God the first tenth of what they earn. It is stated in the Bible, 44 times in the Old Testament and two times in the New Testament. He lets us use the other 90 percent.

Can't you just hear an angel asking God, "Why let them use 90 percent? Just let them use 60 percent and tell them they are to give 40 percent back to You." God's response is, "I just want the first tenth of what they earn."

Twice a year I speak on God's plan to support His Church, and I take the opportunity to say: Thank you for your most generous pledges to the parish and to Catholic Charities.

The American Bishops recommend 5 percent to the parish and 5 percent to be given to God in so many different ways, such as Catholic education, United Way, Red Cross, and special collections. We highly recommend a good part of that other 5 percent be given to Catholic Charities. This is money given to God, administered by the Bishop, with only 5 percent going to administration. Other organized charities use about 10 percent to 12 percent of the money for administration.

Everything we have is His and we owe Him that first tenth, as He requests in the Scriptures. Still, if we do this, He promises a great reward. Personally, I am so accustomed to God's blessings, I would be afraid not to tithe. I could not readjust my life to live without His blessings.

If God is number one in our lives, then, in planning our budget, He should be given the first part of what we earn.

Catholic Charities supports the Catholic Centers of Concern. The sisters distribute money for rent, utilities, and prescription drugs to the needy. The centers also administer the many food gifts and clothes to those in need. When we give to Catholic Charities, we support future priests who are in the seminary today. We support programs for the mentally challenged, the elderly, and the office of religious education, which helps each parish with its Parish School of Religion. We also support Campus Ministers for some sixteen colleges and universities. We support the Black Ministry, we support the Hispanic Ministry and we support Catholic Family Services (adoption services, foster care for children and assistance for unwed mothers).

Being a member of Catholic Charities means we love our neighbor in so many different ways. Our neighbor has been defined as the person in need!

You should have received a pledge card from the diocese. Pray over it. Everyone should sign a card. If you are not pledging, simply write on it your disposition. We put them all in a basket next Sunday and place this offering at the foot of the altar in gratitude to God for all He has done for us and as part of the tithe we owe Him.

With the virus, only about 1/3 of our people are coming to Mass physically which is understandable. Hopefully, the others are praying virtually with our streaming the Liturgy at the 5 p.m., 10 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. Masses. If you are participating from home, your Catholic Charities card will be sent to your home; please fill it out and send it to the office.

R.C.I.A. Class will start on Monday, October 26. We will begin at 6 p.m. with a box meal, and at 6:30 with the first of the lectures on the Catholic Faith. You do not have to decide to become a Catholic to come. Many come just to learn more about the Catholic Faith, or to refresh themselves in their Catholic Faith. There was a teen who brought a friend to the youth program on Wednesday and asked several people questions about the Catholic

Faith. I will contact that teen to invite her friend to the Monday night class. This is the age of the Laity, and with a parish this active and with six buildings to keep purified and 16 different meeting groups, the priest needs help from the Laity to invite others to learn about the faith and to offer to come with the person who might be interested. Please help!!!

**NOTICE: We will add the 8:30 a.m. Mass to those Masses that are streamed into your homes starting Sunday, September 27.**

On behalf of the good Lord, I thank you a million times for your extreme generosity to the **parish** and to other works of charity, especially **Catholic Charities**.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller



Monday, Sept. 21	Special Intention Nan Brown Jude Tombrello
Tuesday, Sept. 22	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Jude Tombrello
Wednesday, Sept. 23	Special Intention Mike Flemming Joe Boohaker
Thursday, Sept. 24	Special Intention Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens Jude Tombrello
Friday, Sept. 25	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Antoinette Schilleci
Saturday, Sept. 26	Donors to OLS School Foundation Jude Tombrello Alfonso Alfano
Sunday, Sept. 27	People of the Parish Mike Flemming 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](mailto:olschapel@gmail.com).



Elizabeth Ann Ricco, John James Ricco, Angelo Cashio, Mamie Carruba, Ellen Scalise, Tim Carlisle, Tom James, Debbie White, Ann LaRussa, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie, and Louis Noto

### **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

A training schedule has been set up for altar servers who are in the 4th grade and higher. Only 4 new altar servers will be trained during any training session. In order to be scheduled for training log into "Sign-up Genius" and enter [kentgraeve@gmail.com](mailto:kentgraeve@gmail.com). For questions or additional information call 205-999-3474

### **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

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## **Parish-wide Night of Prayer for our Nation**

- All parishioners are invited to pray for our country this Thursday, September 24, at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Frankline will lead us in prayer and a Eucharistic procession, with Rosary. Confessions will be available after. Please join us!

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## **BIBLE STUDY**

All are invited to attend a Bible study on Thursday nights beginning October 1 and concluding on December 10. We will meet in the Parish Hall from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The study will focus on the life of Jesus from Bethlehem to the calling of the Apostles, His public life and, ultimately, the crucifixion and Jesus' glorious resurrection. The videos, which will be part of the study, were filmed on site in Israel and provide valuable insight into the culture of Jesus' time and the increasing animosity on the part of the Sadducees, Pharisees, and Scribes. If you want to be included in this study, please register so study material can be ordered and received prior to October 1. Register by sending an email with telephone number to [kentgraeve@gmail.com](mailto:kentgraeve@gmail.com). To obtain additional information please call 205-999-3474.

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

**Sunday, September 27:** "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](http://olsyouth.com) for more information.

For complete calendars, check out [www.olsyouth.com](http://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**

