



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

November 15, 2020

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King.

Think about this for a moment. How long does a king live? King Louis XVI died at the age of 34. Julius Caesar died at the age of 56. Napoleon Bonaparte died at the age of 52. When a king dies, who cheers him centuries later? Caesar is a blurred image on an ancient Roman coin. Napoleon has a tomb somewhere in Paris. But who would do anything for these kings of the past? There is only one King who has been seen alive by hundreds of people after His death. Today a billion people hang on His every word and would do anything for Him. This means that He should be number one in our lives!

When I was attending McGill High School in Mobile, we had a parade downtown in honor of Christ the King. It was led by the local bishop carrying the monstrance containing Christ our King. All the Catholic school children were in that parade! We acknowledged Christ as our personal King.

How did we get incorporated into His kingdom whereby He is our personal King? It happened at baptism when God took us from darkness into light and into the kingdom of His beloved Son.

Every baptized person belongs to His kingdom and should celebrate Jesus as King. When Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you King?" Jesus did not deny it but admitted it and said His kingdom was not of this world. He would not be a material King even though the whole material world is His. He wants to be King of our hearts and souls.

We see Christ our King as an example of reaching out to all people, even the marginalized, when He promises the "good thief" a place in His kingdom. That good thief

always makes me wonder. He must have been seeking the "true," the "good," and the "beautiful," and he found it in the most superior and God-like way in Jesus of Nazareth. He had the grace to see Jesus as a King saying, "Remember me when you enter into your kingdom," and Jesus answered, "This day you will be with me in paradise (my kingdom)." Somehow, in the midst of all the human degradation, the good thief recognized Someone who rose above it all.

Congratulate Jesus next Sunday on His kingship. Every day, but especially next Sunday, we see Jesus as our King and pray, "Lord, remember us and help us enter into your eternal kingdom."

The R.C.I.A. Class has not been cancelled; it has been modified to cut back in every way on the spread of the virus (the VIP Masses have been temporarily cancelled). Ann Marie Verchot and I have decided that with the 15 people and more joining the class all the time, until the first of the year, we have asked those interested (15) to listen to the CD's of the 20 topics each week, and during the week discuss the topic of the week "online" with a group leader.

Fr. Muller (or Anne Marie Verchot) will meet with any new members at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall on Monday nights. Fr. Muller will also meet with existing members of the class individually on Monday nights at 7 p.m. to get to know people and to answer any questions about the faith.

The old Gorrie-Regan building property is not a dead issue. The following is a summary of the issue. The Zoning Board voted 7-0 that we could pave the property for extra parking (closer than the far end of the parking deck, which is a long walk). Parking on the Library property is getting to be a problem for the future, since the Library keeps building and expanding. The City Council was to approve the Zoning Board's recommendation. The whole thing took a wrong turn when two Catholics on the Council recused themselves

from the vote and OLS lost the vote. Those who were on the Council and voted against us claimed they did not know all the issues.

Last month the Council voted that they could change their own vote, and on NOVEMBER 30th THEY WILL VOTE AGAIN. I say all this because I don't think I should be the only one praying for the positive "go ahead" with the parking area. We need some extra prayers. God does listen to every prayer!!!! Yes, the answer from God is "yes" or "not yet" or "I have a better plan." However, the "yes" answer from God depends on how many requests and how strong the prayer. PLEASE PRAY FOR THE VOTE ON NOVEMBER 30th for a positive decision of the new council.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

The Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule:

6:30, 7:30, and 10:00 a.m.



Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie

Ronnie Williams, Tony Schilleci, Amanda Gagliano, Carolyn Jefferson, Vivian Mitchell, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, Ellen Scalise, Tim Carlisle, Tom James, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan

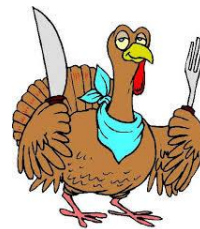
THANKSGIVING
FOOD DRIVE



The Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild has placed grocery bags in the vestibule for those who would like to contribute to the Catholic Center of Concern. You will find a list of suggested items on the front. Please place your filled bag on the altar. We will begin delivering the bags on November 19.



Monday, Nov. 16	Special Intention Mary Thornton Donald & Marcelle Taccone
Tuesday, Nov. 17	Lee Maniscalco Jude Tombrello Frances & Leroy Thomas
Wednesday, Nov. 18	Special Intention Fran Lahey Lee Maniscalco
Thursday, Nov. 19	Special Intention Lena Lucia Mary & Phillip Corsetino
Friday, Nov. 20	Special Intention Jude Tombrello Sp. Int. Concetta Thomas & the Monte Family
Saturday, Nov 21	Donors to OLS School Foundation Jude Tombrello Pat McNamee
Sunday, Nov. 22	People of Parish Fran Lahey Donald & Marcelle Taccone



The Knights of Columbus will, once again, be smoking turkey breasts on the OLS pit for Thanksgiving. They are available via pre-order for \$35 each and can be ordered up until Monday, November 23, at 6 p.m. To place an order simply fill out the form on olskoc.org or text your name and order quantity to (205) 202-9358. Payments can be made via Venmo @olskoc or onsite via cash, check, or credit card. Pickups will be on Wednesday, November 25, from 3 to 5 p.m. under the deck across from the CCLC.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 21. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer, Adoration and Holy Mass. Fr. Joseph Mary, MFVA, will lead us in the prayers this month! We meet the third Saturday of EVERY MONTH! Won't you join us? For more information, Call Angela Kolar at 205-991-9554. Pray, Hope and Don't Worry! (Social Distancing is set in place and masks are worn by all.)

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Parents are encouraged to sign up to help with meals and praying for our youth ministry this semester. Please check your email for the SignUp Genius!

If you are in quarantine for school at this time, we ask that you do not attend Youth Group during that time, as well. Thank you!

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

Life Teen High School

Sunday, Nov. 15: Dinner, games, and bonfire at 7 p.m. on the parking deck! Make time for fellowship and fun. It is important to connect with your peers!

Wednesday, Nov. 18: Are you feeling stressed or anxious? We are diving into Fr. Jacques Philippe's book *Searching For and Maintaining Peace*. Books & dinner provided. You can join us in-person at 7 p.m. for pizza and the talk or participate from home on Zoom.

Edge Middle School

Sunday, 15ov. 8: Let's try this again! We will meet IN FRONT OF the Family Life Center for "Humble Beginnings," an Edge night on whether or not Jesus ever got grounded. We will begin the night with some Family Feud! Dinner starts at 7 p.m. and pick-up is at 8:30. Masks and social distancing are required! Please tune in virtually if you are in quarantine for school!

DECISION 2020

ARE YOUR FINANCES READY?

The Result of the Recent Presidential Election Could Impact Your Retirement. It's Time to Prepare for Today's Volatile Environment That Can Cause Disruption To Your Financial Situation

- **CORONAVIRUS AND THE ECONOMY:** Learn the latest on how your retirement assets & legacy could be at risk with the current pandemic.
- **MARKET VOLATILITY:** Strategies to help preserve your assets from another market downturn, reduce taxes and fees.
- **ELECTION-YEAR INVESTING:** Positioning Your Portfolio for the 2020 Election.

Financial Planning Seminar
Thursday, December 3rd
6:00 p.m.
Family Life Center
Joel Barlow, CPA, CFP

Food for Our Journey

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."
-Christine Golab, Assistant Executive Director



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

What are your God-given talents? Help them to grow by sharing them with others. Discover the joy of service in ministry. (Matthew 25:14-30)
For priests, deacons, brothers, and sisters, may they faithfully serve others.