



*Our Lady of Sorrows
Church*

February 14, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

Lent means "Penance" and penance means "Getting closer to God". With the crowds at the seven Masses on Ash Wednesday, we are reminded that we primarily come, not for ashes, but to start off this holy season with a special emphasis on the greatest prayer, the re-enactment of the Lord's Supper and the reoffering of Jesus to the Father for the forgiveness of our sins. The ashes remind us of penance.

What will we do for the rest of Lent? Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount speaks about PRAYER, FASTING, AND ALMSGIVING.

Prayer is first. It means building up that relationship between our self and God. How about some extra Masses during the week? Stations of the Cross in public on Fridays, with benediction? Trying to live more in the presence of God? Developing an attitude of a need for God's mercy and a sense of gratefulness for God's gifts to us?

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday of Lent beginning at 7 p.m. and will be streamed to your homes.

Fasting is second. Since the language of love is SACRIFICE, Lent tells us to "fast from" some T.V., from gossip, from extra food and drink that we don't need.

Almsgiving is third. This means "giving to people in need". We certainly do this when we earmark any parish donation to the "Charity Fund" and when we bring groceries to the church for the Catholic Center of Concern. Let us not forget "giving to people in need" includes paying people compliments and giving them the encouragement for which

many are starved (this starts with one's own family).

Lent is a time to think of our eternal destiny. Jesus put it this way:

"What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?"

We pray during Lent that, when we face Jesus after our lives on this earth, we will see Him more as a Savior than as a Judge. Jesus offers us the "bargain of a lifetime" when He says:

"Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn and you will not be condemned."

All of the above thoughts might help us make a God-centered Lent.

Ashes on Ash Wednesday remind us of the beginning of Lent. With the pandemic, we will not be touching forehead after forehead. The ashes will be dropped on the back of one's hands. Ashes will be distributed after the short homily of all Masses, keeping social distances.

The 9 a.m. Mass is the School Mass, and since the children, with the proper social distancing, take up the church, there will be room for a Mass in the Parish Hall and, also, in the Family Life Center. The rest of the children will have the Mass streamed into their classroom with Communion.

From 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. ashes will be distributed in the parking lot to those who cannot come to Mass because of age, sickness or timeframe of their day. We ask that you put your arms out your car window. Cars will move fast with six Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist helping with the distribution of the ashes on the back of the hand. The line starts from Central Avenue by the old Gorrie-Regan building road.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

Bishop Raica has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation through Sunday, March 14, the 4th Sunday of Lent. We will continue to livestream Masses. The moral obligation of keeping the Lord's Day holy remains, even for those who use the dispensation and do not attend Mass.



Mass Intentions

Monday, Feb. 15	Special Intention Bill Thomas Sp. Int. Terry & Rita Rumore
Tuesday, Feb. 16	Special Intention Jake Monte Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday, Feb. 17	Sp. Int. Carl & Bonnie Barranco Mary Vacarella Michael Kelliher
Thursday, Feb. 18	Special Intention Irene Tomlinson Bardie Brown
Friday, Feb. 19	Special Intention David Caprara John Grant
Saturday, Feb. 20	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. Marilyn Lauber Michael Kelliher
Sunday, Feb. 21	People of Parish Joseph Alfano Bill Mesmer



Stephanie Murdock, Carmela Yeakle, Ronnie Williams, Carolyn Jefferson, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, Ellen Scalise, Tom James, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie

Lent 2021

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Wednesday, February 17 *Ash Wednesday*

- **6:30 a.m. Mass**
- **7:30 a.m. Mass**
- **9:00 a.m. School Mass**
- **12 Noon Mass (Monday - Friday during Lent)**
- **4 – 5 p.m. Ashes distributed via drive-thru in the back parking lot**
- **6 p.m. Mass (Church and Parish Hall)**

Friday, February 19

- **7:00 p.m.- Stations of the Cross**

Friday, February 26

- **7:00 p.m. -Stations of the Cross**

Friday, March 5

- **7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross**

Thursday, March 11

- **7:00 p.m. - Lenten Penance Service**

Friday, March 12

- **7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross**

Friday, March 19

- **7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross**

Friday, March 26

- 7:00 p.m. - Final Stations of the Cross**



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

You have heard God's commandments. Keep them and pass them on. Nurturing the faith is part of the Christian vocation. (Matthew 5:17-37)
For parents and teachers, may they guide our youth in the ways that lead to life.

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

The Parish School of Religion is collecting plastic grocery bags for a Confirmation service project. We will be working with an organization called Mat Makers, who make sleep mats for the homeless. We need a lot of bags. Please bring them by the church office or leave them in the collection baskets that will be in the vestibule on Sunday, Feb. 21.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet on Saturday, February 20, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer, Rosary, Adoration, and Holy Mass. Fr. Vimal will be with us to lead us in prayers for our country and the world. For more information, contact Angela Kolar at 205-991-9554. "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!" Padre Pio...pray for us!

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 desperately need items to help keep people warm: hats, coats, mittens, gloves, scarves, sweaters, etc.** 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

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sunday, Feb. 14: No meetings! Happy St. Valentine's Day!

ChristLife – Discovering Christ: Parents! Looking for something special to do this Lent? Are you interested in learning about the meaning of life? Do you have a desire to deepen your relationship with Christ? Email msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com to get more information on a 7-week virtual program starting February 23 and running through April 6. The course will be offered via Zoom on Tuesdays from 8-9:30 p.m.

LifeTeen High School

Wednesday, February 17: Co-ed "Unleashed" small group at 7 p.m. in the youth room. Dinner will be provided. This 6-week study focuses on HOPE. All are welcome!

Sunday, February 21: Join us at 7 p.m. for a Putt-Putt tournament in the gym on an amazing homemade course created by an OLS parishioner! Hope to see you there for games and prizes!

EDGE Middle School

Sunday, Feb. 21: Please join us for an Edge issue Night "Made for More." We will look at how society views the worth and value of each person and contrast that with how God determines our worth. We will come to understand that our dignity and worth comes from being created in God's image and likeness and that He calls each of us into relationship with Himself. Dinner starts at 7 p.m., pick-up is at 8:30 p.m. Meet in the Assembly Hall. Masks required!

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Cast your vote online through April 23rd

VOTING ENDS AT MIDNIGHT ON APRIL 23, 2021

Look for the family favorites award winners in the June 2021 issue of Birmingham Parent. You must vote in at least 20 categories for your vote to count, and if you wish to be entered in the random drawing, we must receive your complete contact info. Information may be shared with prize sponsors.



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