



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

March 28, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People:

This is the year of St. Joseph, as proclaimed by Pope Francis. So, in preparing this communique to you, our people, I asked Bo Lovell, a convert, what he knew about St. Joseph. He answered, "I know that I don't know enough about St. Joseph."

Facts on St. Joseph: Joseph is mentioned very little in the Scriptures, but when mentioned, he has a most unique place in salvation history.

1. Joseph was of the house of David. That is why Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the city of David and Joseph had to go there to register.
2. Joseph was known to be a carpenter and the father of the famous Jesus, the carpenter of Nazareth (Mary referred to Joseph when she said to Jesus, after finding Him in the temple, "Your father and I have been looking for you.")
3. The Bible tells us so much that is important about Joseph, and tradition tells us more. I saw a picture of Joseph preparing some wood for a piece of furniture, and the boy, Jesus, holding a candle so Joseph could see what he was doing in the dark.
4. Joseph is the example of FAITH and TRUST. One message from an angel in a dream and Joseph picked up his few belongings and escaped to a foreign country, Egypt, with little or no money, and speaking a foreign language, because he was doing what God wanted him to do. He had to make sure that Herod's soldiers would not kill the baby Jesus.
5. The mystery of the conception of Jesus remained a mystery and a secret between himself and Mary. God told Joseph, through an angel, that Mary

- conceived by the Holy Spirit, and unique as this was, Joseph was to accept and live with this revelation.
6. Because His son, Jesus, the God-man, started a Church, Joseph was named patron of the Church.
7. Joseph was known, as the Scriptures say, as a "just man," which in those days was considered to mean "absolute holiness."
8. Tradition also tells us that Joseph died in the arms of Mary and Jesus. So, Joseph is the patron of a "happy and peaceful death."
9. Joseph had a very close relationship with Jesus, and tradition tells us that this relationship continues to this very hour.

With this knowledge, so many Catholics have this great devotion to St. Joseph, especially the Italians, who have kept this devotion. When the famine hit centuries ago and many went hungry in Sicily, the Italians had group prayer to God through the intercession of St. Joseph. With an outpouring of prayer in the name of St. Joseph, the rains came. When this happened, there began a tradition of being thankful for those prayers to God through the intercession of St. Joseph.

Every year, on his feast, for centuries, the Italian tradition is to have a meal of thanksgiving for the poor. Altars are greatly decorated with different foods, which are to be given to the hungry. The food is voluntarily given, and it seems the tradition now is to invite people to eat the food and pay for it by making donations to feed the poor. Here, we give the funds to the Catholic Center of Concern.

The great lesson down through the centuries is APPRECIATION to St. Joseph for his intercessory powers with Jesus, with Whom he is still so close.

A million thanks to Marie Swift, Fran Robertson, and many others who decorated the St. Joseph Altar in the window of the Family Life Center. I have received so many

compliments on its unusual beauty. We will not forget St. Joseph.

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, May 23, the Solemnity of Pentecost. 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.

There will be no Noon Mass on Tuesday, March 30. The priests will concelebrate the Chrism Mass with the Bishop at the Cathedral of St. Paul.



Monday, March 29	Special Intention Sp. Int. Grace Ingle William Mottel
Tuesday, March 30	Special Intention Anne Vickers Sp. Int. Nap & Sandra Barranco & family
Wednesday, March 31	Lillie Rumore Annie Diergo Sp. Int. Carl & Bonnie Barranco & family
Thursday, April 1	Special Intention Sp. Int. Laura Vizzina Sp. Int. Bill & Debbie Barranco & family
Friday, April 2	GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY
Saturday, April 3	Eloisa Vasquez Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens Donald & Marcella Taccone
Sunday, April 4	People of Parish Sp. Int. Kevin & Morgan Ingle Sp. Int. David & Jeanne Barranco & family



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

The Chapel of Our Savior will close on Holy Thursday for the Holy Triduum at 3 p.m. It will reopen on Easter Sunday at 1 p.m.

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will take place on Holy Thursday beginning at 9 p.m. in the Church (after the Mass of the Last Supper) until midnight. Please sign-up for a Holy Hour. Sign-up sheets are located in the vestibule.

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Tuesday at 1 PM (Not Filled)
Tuesday at 2 PM (Share with Partner)
Wednesday at 7 AM (Share with Partner)
Saturday at 4 AM (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.

Holy Spirit 101

We received the gifts of the Holy Spirit at our sacramental baptism and confirmation, but often aren't taught how to practically yield to those gifts in our daily lives. The HS101 course combines scripture, the catechism, and lives of the saints, with practical exercises and safeguards for ministry. Come

deepen your faith and awaken the charisms in our parish!

7-week small group study
Tuesday nights, 6-8 p.m. beginning April 6th
Family Life Center Assembly Hall

*Register at ariseworshipbham@gmail.com

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Enjoy your Spring Break and Easter! Youth Group resumes Sunday, April 11!

Please consider signing up to provide dinner or serve as a Prayer Warrior during Youth Group! We need you! Go to olsyouth.com to pick a night that fits your schedule.

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, April 11: Continuing our series "Keeping It Together and Other lies We Tell Ourselves: A Life Night Series on Gen Z Issues." Come grow in faith and enjoy time together with your peers! We will continue to focus on the struggles we are facing and how to overcome them. If you need a professional counselor for your teen, marriage, or family, please contact tabercarlson@gmail.com. Taber recently spoke with our students on mental health and is ready to serve as needed.

Save the Date: Service Project with Sav-a-Life on Thursday, April 22. Email youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for details. Space is limited!

EDGE Middle School

Sunday, April 11: Join us for an Edge Night on Divine Mercy Sunday! "Trust Fall" will provide us an opportunity to celebrate this special feast day and apply the teachings of Divine Mercy to our own lives in a very personal way. Dinner starts at 7 p.m.; pickup at 8:30 pm. Masks required!

Our Lady of Sorrows presents



Vacation Bible School

June 7th - June 11th

9 am – 12 pm

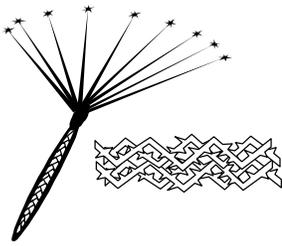
K4 (4yrs by June 1st) – 4th grade (in coming school year)

Early Registration for OLS Parishioners only opens on March 8th. Open Registration for All opens on March 29th. **Deadline to register is April 25th. We have limited capacity, so please register early.**

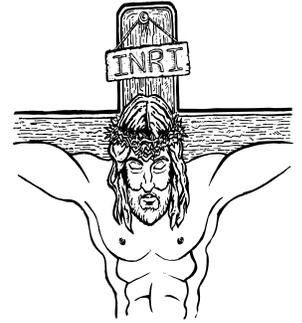
We need volunteers! Rising 5th graders to adults. Please visit our website for more details including our COVID Guidelines www.olspsr.com.

Camp St. Bernard is back in 2021! We will have our traditional summer camp for boys and girls, ages 8-14, this summer during the month of June. Campers can enjoy the campus of St. Bernard Abbey and Prep School, visit with old friends, and make new ones, all in a safe, family atmosphere. More information is available at campstbernard.com, including health and safety protocols and contact information for any questions.

The Church Office will be closed on Friday, April 2, and Monday, April 5. The priests and office staff wish everyone a blessed and Happy Easter.



Holy Week
Our Lady of Sorrows Church



Holy Thursday
April 1st

Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:00 P.M. (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Good Friday^{*}**
April 2nd

Meditations on the Seven Last Words
12:00 –2:20 P.M.

Stations of the Cross –2:30-3:00 P.M.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 7:00 P.M.
in the Church. (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Holy Saturday
April 3rd

EASTER VIGIL
8:00 P.M. (NURSERY PROVIDED)

Easter Sunday
April 4th

7:00 A.M.

8:30 A.M. (Nursery) – Livestreamed

**10:00 A.M. - (CHURCH with overflow in
Parish Hall) - (Nursery) –Livestreamed**

11:30 A.M. - Livestreamed

6:00 P.M.

***** On Good Friday, Reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the Cross begins at 12:00 p.m. and will conclude at 2:20 p.m. The Stations of the Cross will begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 3:00 p.m., the hour of our Lord's death, the Hour of Divine Mercy.**



The Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11th

The Feast of the Divine Mercy
will be celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows on

April 11th (1st Sunday after Easter)
with a Holy Hour from

3:00 to 4:00 P.M.

We are to prepare for the
Feast of Mercy with a privately prayed,
9-day Novena of the Divine Mercy Chaplet (Novena brochures are in the
Vestibule) to start on

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd
and end on

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, April 11th.

COME JOIN US IN PRAYER!

“The very depths of
My tender Mercy are open on
that day (First Sunday after Easter).
I pour out a whole ocean of graces
upon souls who will approach the
fount of My Mercy.”

(Diary of Saint Sr. Faustina 699)