



## *Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

April 11, 2021

*From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear People:

### **EASTER**

Easter has a happiness and joy all of its own. The Scriptural readings this past week give us the apparitions of Jesus to individuals and groups of people. The victory was so much greater because of the apparent defeat on the cross.

Jesus did not hesitate to explain to His followers that the Messiah had to suffer first before entering into His glory. You see, the language of love is sacrifice and God had to show His love for us, as the Scriptures indicate. So, we too must have our little sufferings before we enter the glory of the eternal life of perfect happiness with Him who loves us so much.

### **DIVINE MERCY**

Think about it for a moment! Is there anyone of us who can say he or she is ready to stand before Jesus and state he or she does not absolutely NEED His mercy? Without exception, all of us must plead for mercy. We pray for mercy frequently at Mass. Yet, we tend to overlook the reality of our absolute need for His mercy! It is like the way we overlook or ignore the great love Jesus has for each of us.

When Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary in the seventeenth century and told her to be an apostle of devotion to His love for us (devotion to the Sacred Heart), it meant we humans were woefully lacking here.

In the twentieth century, in the Lord's goodness, He found it necessary to appear to another nun, the recently canonized St. Faustina, to remind people of the need to beg for His mercy. He longs to give us this mercy if we ask. Part of this devotion to Divine Mercy is that we show mercy to other people. Also, in teaching us a devotion to Divine

Mercy through St. Faustina, Jesus admonishes us to exercise more trust in His goodness, His wisdom, mercy, and love for us. So, on the picture of Divine Mercy which He described to St. Faustina, He wanted the words:

JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU.

Pope John Paul II declared the first Sunday after Easter to be DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY for the UNIVERSAL CHURCH. The hour Christ died, 3:00 p.m., is a sacred hour. According to St. Faustina, a short prayer to heaven is recommended daily at this hour, professing trust and asking for mercy, if one can think about it at 3:00 p.m. Great numbers of parishes all over the world are sponsoring an hour's devotion to Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday. We at OUR LADY OF SORROWS, FOR THE SEVENTEENTH YEAR, will have the holy hour from 3:00 until 4:00 p.m. We usually have a full church at 3:00 p.m. on this Feast of Divine Mercy!

Why is this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday? The Gospel assigned for this Sunday has been the one in which Jesus leaves with His Church His power to forgive sins.

Divine Mercy devotion is not just another private devotion. Nothing so corresponds to the essence of our faith, the Mass, as does this devotion. How often during Mass we bow humbly before God asking for mercy! We start Mass with:

“Lord, have mercy...”

Before Communion,

“Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.”

In the chaplet, on the large beads of the rosary, we say:

“Eternal Father, I offer the body and blood, soul and divinity of your dearly beloved son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and for that of the whole world.”

That's about the same prayer we all say after the consecration at Mass...

"We offer you this life giving bread, this saving cup."

The *Image* of Divine Mercy is a great reminder of this needed devotion. It seems to me every home should have this image.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

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**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.

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### **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](mailto:olschapel@gmail.com).

**First Friday Devotions** are held on the first Friday of every month at 6 a.m.

**First Saturday Devotions** are held on the first Saturday of every month at 7:15 a.m.



### *Mass Intentions*

Monday, April 12	Special Intention Sp. Int. Carolyn Wright Ross J. Rumore
Tuesday, April 13	Special Intention Josephine Sicola Sp. Int. Patrick & Lauren Rumore & family
Wednesday, April 14	Special Intention Sp. Int. Paul & Rosemary Gagliano Sp. Int. Patrick & Lauren Rumore & family
Thursday, April 15	Larry LeBeau Sp. Int. Matthew McCain Burns Barbara Delaville
Friday, April 16	Special Intention Sp. Int. Joseph & Jackie Milazzo Sally Cherre
Saturday, April 17	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. Maggie Hampton The Cefalu & Maggio Families
Sunday, April 18	People of Parish Sp. Int. Charels A. Vizzina Barbara Delaville



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



## *The Feast of the Divine Mercy*

*Sunday, April 11*

*Holy Hour at  
3:00 p.m.*

*with exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament, prayers,  
the Chaplet of Divine Mercy,  
and Benediction.*

*Come join us in prayer!*

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

Alleluia! He is risen! Happy 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](http://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](mailto:tabercarlson@gmail.com). Taber recently spoke with our students on mental health and is ready to serve as needed.

**Wednesday April 14:** Co-ed "Unleashed" small group discussion and a provided meal at 7 p.m. in the youth room! This series is focusing on mental health. All high schoolers welcome!

**Save the Date:** Service Project with Sav-a-Life on Thursday, April 22. Email [youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto: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!

**The Padre Pio Prayer group** will meet on Saturday, April 17, at 10 a.m. All are welcome to join us for an hour of prayer, rosary, adoration, and Holy Mass! For more

information, call Angela Kolar at 991-9554. "Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!" Padre Pio... pray for us!

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## **Her Choice Birmingham Women's Center 17<sup>th</sup> Annual GOLF FORE LIFE Friday, May 14, Highland Park Golf Course Lunch at 12 p.m. SHOTGUN START at 1 p.m.**

Have fun, save lives, and raise funds for Her Choice, the only pro-life pregnancy resource center located in the heart of Birmingham. The cost is \$250 (\$125 tax deductible) per individual golfer. We need 18 people to organize a foursome to make this year's fundraiser the most successful ever. Individual golfers are welcome and will be paired up. We are also asking individuals, families, and companies to be Hole Sponsors, \$500, or half Hole Sponsors, \$250. Please support this event and contact Her Choice at 205-447-8796 or go to [golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org](mailto:golf4life@herchoicebirmingham.org).



**FIRST LIGHT**

*A Center for Homeless Women and Children*

2021 Virtual Gala - April 29th, 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of inspirational stories and an online silent auction!  
All proceeds will benefit the homeless women and children at First Light.

Register for free at  
[firstlight2021.givesmart.com](http://firstlight2021.givesmart.com)  
or scan the QR code!



**First Light** is a shelter for Homeless Women and Children located in the heart of downtown Birmingham. It offers the only emergency shelter accepting homeless women with children 24 hours a day. Volunteering at First Light can be a deeply gratifying experience. We often hear how our volunteers get so much more than they give. Our Lady of Sorrows works with the shelter approximately 14 days a year. If you would like to volunteer to provide food or service for the shelter, please send your email address to [leslie@flanaganllc.net](mailto:leslie@flanaganllc.net) Thank you!