



## *Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

April 25, 2021

*From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear People:

RELATIONSHIPS: There is an old saying about friendships and friends that are not of equal standing. The saying goes like this:

Friends are not always found among equals, but it makes equals of those it finds.

I better repeat this:

Friends are not always found among equals, but it makes equals of those it finds.

This is true in human relationships, even though Jesus said: "I call you not servants, but friends." Still, it does not make us equal to God. When we pray to God, we may be "friends," but we are not equals. We go to Him as BEGGARS.

After reading this concept of always being the beggar, I lost my keys and told God I was a beggar and was begging for help from the All-Powerful God. I then found the keys in one of my twin jackets "under the bed."

We should live our lives fearing the power of God. We cannot take His love, throw it back in His face, and say thanks, but no thanks. We cannot make a fool out of God or He would not be God.

We start our prayers knowing that He owes us nothing, and we come to Him as beggars, not with an entitlement attitude.

St. Catherine of Siena used to hear Jesus talking to her. The fact was, some of her apparitions were real and some, because of her very close relationship with Jesus and her mind working overtime, were said, by writers of the saints, to be imagined.

In her writings she thought Jesus said this to her:

"Do you not know, dear daughter, who you are and who I am? If you will know these two things, you will be blessed. You are the one who is not, while I am He who is."

Here is what Catherine learned: When we enter into prayer with God, God does not need us, and God does not need anything from us. God comes to us, even though we owe God everything.

Think of the parable of the tax collector: The pharisee goes into the temple to pray and tells God how good he is. The second man, a tax collector, only says: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus taught that the man in the back had the realization of God being God and himself a member of a sinful human race. Did he fear God? The implication was "yes," and he was sorry for his offenses and saw God so far above him.

The Scriptures talk about fearing the Lord:

Jonah: "The more knowledge of God you have, the more you fear Him."

I Deuteronomy: "Fear the Lord and acknowledge His power over you."

Jeremiah, telling the people of their evil ways: "You have forsaken the Lord your God and the fear of the Lord is not in you; none of you has the fear of the Lord in you."

Jesus says to us: "I call you not servants, but friends." This is the goodness of God's overture to us, but in objective reality this does not make us equals with God, because God's love for us is a mystery, which we need to stand back and respect. Still, we approach God as a friend, but not equal to Him. So, in our prayer life we need to approach God as beggars. He owes us absolutely nothing, and we come begging to Him for everything we need and want.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

**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.

**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.



*Mass Intentions*

Monday, April 26	Special Intention Sp. Int. Hugh & Elena Martin Otto L. Fox, Jr.
Tuesday, April 27	Mark Franks Sp. Int. Tim & Sheila Carlisle Otto L. Fox, Jr.
Wednesday, April 28	Special Intention Dr. Bill Stephens Joseph M. Falconer, Sr.
Thursday, April 29	Special Intention Sp. Int. John & Beth Tighe Otto L. Fox, Jr.
Friday, April 30	Special Intention Sp. Int. Sonia & Hussein Mawani Otto L. Fox, Jr.
Saturday, May 1	Donors to OLS School Foundation Marie Dirgo Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, May 2	People of Parish Melanie Gilchrist Rose Maggio



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  
Skellie

## **CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR**

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

**Saturday at 11 PM (Needs Partner)**  
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**Sunday at 12 PM (Needs partner)**  
**Sunday at 5 PM (No permanent adorer)**  
**Monday at 3 PM (No permanent adorer)**  
**Tuesday at 1 PM (Needs partner)**  
**Friday at 12 AM (No permanent adorer)**

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).

**Mother's Day Out is looking for teachers for the summer session. If interested, please contact Angie Dunston at 205-960-1413.**

**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).

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

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 25:** Join us for dinner and a talk focused on the reality that relationships are messy, and we are called to love our neighbor instead of perpetuating drama or holding onto anger. Our Lord wants to invite us into more fulfilling relationships. He shows us what it means to choose humility and forgiveness instead of allowing negative emotions to take control.

**Wednesday April 28:** Co-ed "Summit" small group discussion and a provided meal at 7 p.m. in the youth room! We are focusing on the Sunday Mass readings. All high schoolers welcome!

Steubenville ATL is a Catholic conference happening July 9-11. This retreat fosters a stronger prayer life, better understanding of Catholicism, and gives answers to teens' questions. Sign up today!

### ***EDGE Middle School***

**Sunday, April 25:** Join us as we wrap up our semester theme with "Masterpiece." We will discover that we have a purpose for our lives in light of the truth of who God is. Dinner starts at 7 p.m. Please continue to wear masks!

Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders: Please visit [olsyouth.com](http://olsyouth.com) and check out the Edge Middle School tab to learn more about our program. Sign your rising middle schooler up for a Welcome bag!



## **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Whose voice will you follow – the Good Shepherd's or a stranger's? Pray for a listening heart. (John 10:1-10)  
For this faith community, lead and guide us as we live out our Christian vocation.

## **Food for Our Journey Update:**

Due to the generosity of so many, we no longer have a need for socks or winter accessories. We continue to have a strong need for sandwiches, snacks, and fruit. As the temperature rises, we will push for more water, but as of now we have a good stockpile. Thank you so much! Donations can be dropped off in the parish parking lot every Wednesday from 9 – 10:30 a.m.

## **Parishioner Update:**

If you are 18 yrs. or older, attend Our Lady of Sorrows on a regular basis, and have not registered, or if you have had an address or telephone number change, we ask you to complete the following and drop it in the offertory basket. If you would like to register, please check the space below and a registration card will be mailed to you. You may also register online at [www.ourladyofsorrows.com](http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com).

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_



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## ***MAY CROWNING SUNDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>***

***JOIN US  
IN THE PROCESSION***

***Preceding the  
8:30 AM Mass.***

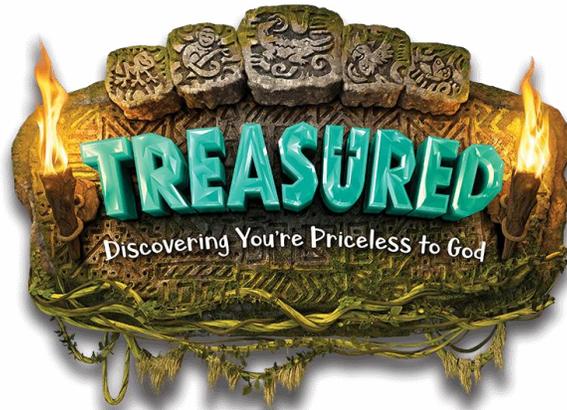
***All families are invited  
to participate in this devotion to Mother Mary!***

**We will meet outside the front doors of the Church between 8:15 and 8:30. All you need are flowers to carry (those from your garden are great!). We will process into the Church together – then place our flowers in the vases at the May Altar. Go to any pew with your family and remain standing for the Crowning and start of Mass.**

LAST DAY TO REGISTER for Vacation Bible School IS APRIL  
25TH

[www.olspsr.com](http://www.olspsr.com)

The Greatest Week of the Summer!



June 7-11

9-12pm

Rising 4K-4th graders

**ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW:**

Please SIGN UP ONLINE AT [WWW.OLSPSR.COM](http://WWW.OLSPSR.COM)

*FULL WEEK Volunteer Perks:  
Free Nursery and children attend free!*

**Adult volunteers**

- Decorations- Before VBS
- Crew Leaders- No teaching required
- Station Leaders-Bible Adventure, Imagination Station, Kid Vid and Nursery
- Clean up Crew- Friday after VBS is over