



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

May 16, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

The general dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation will end on May 24, 2021. Please read the decree by the bishop in the recent issue of the *One Voice*.

One is excused for the usual reasons, such as:

1. Being in a high-risk category, such as diseased.
2. A high amount of mental distress over the prospect of returning to public activities.
3. Dispensed by one's own pastor.

Bishop Raica, in his decree, reminds us of the words of the catechism that the Holy Sacrifice is the foundation and confirmation of our faith. The Holy Sacrifice highly identifies a Catholic (please read the *One Voice*). So, all Catholics are obliged, unless there is a serious reason, as mentioned above.

Since I knew the end of the general dispensation was coming soon, I wrote Fr. Ward to discuss with the Bishop attending the Mass downstairs in the Parish Hall, with video and audio in real time with the Mass upstairs. Below is his letter to me:

Dear Msgr. Muller,

Greetings in the Lord!

Thank you for your inquiry related to whether the celebration of Mass which is streamed to an alternate location (on the same campus in real time) would fulfill the Sunday obligation. Firstly, congratulations on so many of the faithful being so eager to return! What a tremendous blessing!

The scenario which you have described (use of Church Hall in order to keep the social distance) is a liturgical celebration which seems merely to constitute what we may have referred to as an "overflow seating" situation in pre-pandemic times. As is the case with so many other sacred venues throughout the world, the faithful who gather at these Masses do so with the firm intention of assisting at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in real time. These situations, as does the one that you have had in place at Our Lady of Sorrows church, also laudably preserves the opportunity for the reception of Holy Communion from the common altar.

Mindful that this option should only remain as a temporary concession as we emerge from the effects of COVID-19, the continued availability of this option can therefore be left to your judgment as Pastor. The faithful who assist in this manner fulfill their obligation.

*Fraternally yours in the Lord,
Fr. Justin L. Ward*

Cc: Most Reverend Steven J. Raica

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. The Bishop in India who sends us priests has begged for extra prayers for India. Below are excerpts from his letter to Bishop Raica.

Your Excellency Bishop Steven J. Raica,

I write to assure you of my prayers during this distressing time. I humbly request also your valuable prayers and spiritual support for my diocese and our nation...Unluckily, the second phase of this pandemic has severely affected South Asia, especially our nation, India, and our state, Kerala.

In India so far there have been 21,041,370 reported COVID cases. And on May 5, 2021, the per day cases has reached 3,566,398.

The sights of the people denied medical treatments are very pitiful to see. It is being understood that one among the two COVID infected patients in the world resides in India. It is really very difficult to accept that the vaccinations we underwent are no use considering the present mutation of the virus.

There has been no day when the daily patient number has gone down, and each day it goes further higher. On May 5, it astonishingly reached 41,953.

In this context, as per the exhortation of Pope Francis to pray and fast for the whole world on May 7, 2021 to overcome this great pandemic that has spread over the globe, especially over India, we in our diocese have decided to observe special prayer and fasting day on May 7, 2021, and we are planning to recite continuous rosaries in the Parishes and Churches al throughout May 2021.

In this pandemic situation let us, by the courageous hope with which we face the challenge of the Virus spread, give witness to our confidence in the good news of the Lord's victory over suffering and death. Kindly remember in your prayers our diocese and our nation India.

With prayerful best regards and deep sentiments of love,

Bishop Mar Pauly Kannookadan
Diocese of Irinjalakuda

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, May 17	Special Intention Sp. Int Matt & Ginger Hails Ethel Pugh
Tuesday, May 18	Vincent Lucia Sp. Int. the Angelo & Milazzo Families Bernard & Claire-Annie Blaudeau
Wednesday, May 19	Special Intention Lorraine Broderick Sauveur & Germaine Busutil
Thursday, May 20	Louise Pirozzi Charles Woods Otto L. Fox, Jr.
Friday, May 21	Special Intention Sp. Int. Matt & Gisele Marinelli Vera Costa
Saturday, May 22	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sp. Int. Jim & Chi Ranieri Joe Naro
Sunday, May 23	People of Parish Sp. Int. Chris & Yvonne McKnight Vincent Lucia

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

- Sunday at 11 AM (Needs partner)**
- Sunday at 12 PM (Needs partner)**
- Sunday at 5 PM (No permanent adorer)**
- Monday at 3 PM (No permanent adorer)**
- Tuesday at 12 PM (No permanent adorer)**
- Wednesday at 3 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.

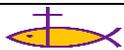


Stephanie Murdock, Carmela Yeakle, Mary Jane Noto, Ronnie Williams, Carolyn Wright, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, Ellen Scalise, Tom James, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie

Boston Butts Available for Memorial Day Weekend

Tired of cooking? Going out of town? The Knights of Columbus want to help!

On **Thursday, May 27**, the Knights will be smoking Boston Butts in time for the Memorial Day Weekend. They are \$40 each and may be pre-ordered until 5 p.m. on Monday, May 24. You can order by using the form at **olskoc.org** or by texting your name and the number desired to (205) 202-9358. You can also leave a voicemail message on this number. A confirmation of your order will be sent via text message. Orders may be picked up under the OLS parking deck beginning at 3 p.m. on the 27th.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Jesus summons us to spread the faith through the grace of baptism. Where are you being called to share your gifts? (Matthew 28:16-20)
In gratitude for all who guide us on our faith journey.

Food for Our Journey

Due to everyone's generosity, we no longer have a need for socks or winter accessories. We continue to have a strong need for sandwiches, snacks, and fruit. As summer heat approaches, we will need more bottled water. Thank you so much! **Donations can be dropped off in the parish parking lot every Wednesday from 9-10:30 a.m.**

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Sumer is coming! Visit olsyouth.com to see our complete summer schedules.

LifeTeen High School

Destination Unknown: Time for a fun "Destination Unknown" Trip! Meet at OLS on Sunday, May 16, at 2:45 p.m., bring \$10 and be prepared to load the youth bus. We will be heading to a fun location for food and a scavenger hunt! We will be back at OLS by 5 p.m.

SENIOR Dinner! The CORE Team would like to treat our Seniors to dinner Monday, May 17, at 6 p.m. Please come eat with us at Acapulco's on Green Springs! We want to hear how this semester went, talk about your future plans, and get quality time with you! Haven't seen us in a while? No problem! Join us, we would be so happy to have you!

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!
ginny@olsyouth.com.

EDGE Middle School

Rising 6th Graders: Please visit 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!**

2021 PSR Confirmandi



<i>Mary Caroline Alberson</i>	<i>Benjamin Lorino</i>
<i>Evan Ausmer</i>	<i>Ellie Macke</i>
<i>Julia Bochnak</i>	<i>Anne McBride</i>
<i>Meredith Bochnak</i>	<i>Maclaine Montgomery</i>
<i>Ainsley Brown</i>	<i>Caroline Moore</i>
<i>Isabel Carroll</i>	<i>Anna Novellino</i>
<i>Evie Cleckler</i>	<i>Isabella O'Hare</i>
<i>Isabella Creel</i>	<i>Elizabeth Peters</i>
<i>Sarah Dawsey</i>	<i>Brady Petway</i>
<i>Jesus Delgado-Nunez</i>	<i>Brennan Promer</i>
<i>Axel Diequez</i>	<i>Alicia Rosato</i>
<i>Graeme Doyal</i>	<i>Jack Ross</i>
<i>Patrick Doyal</i>	<i>Savannah Rossomme</i>
<i>Gabriela Duprat</i>	<i>Maci Rutherford</i>
<i>Colton Elkins</i>	<i>Madalyn Saia</i>
<i>Sara Elliott</i>	<i>Mary Catherine Stephens</i>
<i>Jackson Geisen</i>	<i>Hollis Tangye</i>
<i>Elias Gunnells</i>	<i>Vince Truitt</i>
<i>Andrew Harbin</i>	<i>John Yaeger</i>
<i>Lanz Ledbetter</i>	<i>Chandler York</i>



Vacation Bible School

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

*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