



## *Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

May 30, 2021

*From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear People,

Today we celebrate the most basic belief of our Christian faith, the reality of a good and loving God, having one nature and three distinct persons. Notice two different concepts: nature and person. Nature answers the question, "What is this?" And person answers the question, "Who?"

This bulletin has a nature. We can ask, "What is it!" The bulletin does not have a person.

You, who read this, have one nature and one person. What are you? And who are you?

The next level of existence is God:

What are you? The Supreme Being.  
Who are you? Father, Son and Spirit.

We want God to be like us and have one nature and one person. But God is infinitely above us, and we dare not presume to understand Him. He has a right to His mysteries!!! We are only to lift up our eyes to heaven and say, "If you say so, God, I believe it."

God is not just a Power or Force. He is so personal in three different ways and passionately in love with us in three different dimensions.

The Early Church could not reason philosophically to the Trinity (nor can we, today). The three Persons in the one God was a "Trinity Experience". Jesus kept talking about the Father being separate and, at the same time, one. Then there was the occasion in St. John's Gospel when Jesus said:

"All judgement is reserved to the Son, so that all men will know that the Son is equal to the Father."

Jesus also said that the Spirit would come to the apostles and teach them everything they needed to know, and the Spirit would get all of this from Jesus Himself. There are other references to the equality of the Persons.

When Jesus told them how to baptize, He put all three Persons on an equal plane in the formula for baptism.

This is the Trinity Experience. Jesus made many references to the Father as the Creator, Protective Parent, and Law Giver. He said the Holy Spirit was another advocate for them with the Father, the One who would give us wisdom and strength if we asked for it. Jesus made many references to Himself as the Savior for the sinful human race. Unlike the other Persons, Jesus joined Himself to our human nature in the Person of Jesus of Nazareth. We end our prayer ... Father...we say this through your Son, Jesus, in union with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

There is the narrative of a congressman under Teddy Roosevelt who was accused of not supporting the Monroe Doctrine. He defended himself and said, "I believe in the Monroe Doctrine, and I support the Monroe Doctrine. I simply said that I did not UNDERSTAND the Monroe Doctrine."

That is the way we are with the Trinity. The famous St. Augustine (4<sup>th</sup> Century) was contemplating the Trinity, trying to understand it. He was walking along the shore and found a child who had dug a hole in the sand and, with a little shovel, one after another, was trying to put the sea into the hole. When Augustine asked him what he was doing, the child (probably an angel) told him that it was like Augustine trying to put the immensity of the Trinity in his small head.

As St. John, in his letter, said:

"Let us love God for He has loved Us first."

Out of extreme goodness, the Father created us to HIS OWN IMAGE AND LIKENESS, and programmed us for heaven, if we stay on His side. The Son, in the light of humans using

their free will in a sinful way, came to offer the sacrifice for our sins and to leave us His presence in the Eucharist. The Spirit of God was sent to help the Son, as another Advocate with the Father, so that sanctifying us we can be “thrown back” into the arms of our heavenly Father. Then, the original plan of our happiness for all eternity might be fulfilled. If we could only study God more, we would know how much He really loves us. WE NEED TO LOVE HIM IN RETURN.

Let us spend this day (and the rest of our lives) glorifying the Father for His creation and the Son for saving us from our sins, and the Holy Spirit for giving us the necessary gifts to cooperate with Jesus’ and His loving Father’s plans for our perfect happiness after death.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller



*On Saturday, June 5, Bishop Raica will ordain Charles Deering as Deacon for the Diocese of Birmingham.*

*Charles Deering recently completed his third year of Theology at Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans,*

*Louisiana. Charles is the only son of Chuck and Cathy Deering and has two siblings, Jennifer and Kristen. Charles is also the nephew of Msgr. Michael Deering.*

*After high school, Charles worked full-time while attending classes at UAB. During this time, Charles heard the Lord calling him to discern priesthood for the Diocese of Birmingham. He received a BA in History from UAB in 2016 and soon after entered seminary. Charles is a member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.*

**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.**



Monday, May 31	Special Intention Shay McNamee Sp.Int. Brett & Ashley Chafin & family
Tuesday, June 1	Special Intention Sp. Int. John & Jennifer Courtney Frank Priola
Wednesday, June 2	Thomas Pizzolato Mary Ann Falconer Sp. Int. Stephen Brown
Thursday, June 3	Special Intention Ginny Jacka Durst Fred Stickler
Friday, June 4	Special Intention Ginny Jacka Durst Cindy Nasiogik
Saturday, June 5	Donors to OLS School Foundation Ginny Jacka Durst Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
Sunday, June 6	People of Parish Barbara Delaville Donald & Marcelle Taccone

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



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

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

***Sumer is here! Visit [olsyouth.com](http://olsyouth.com) to see our complete summer schedules.***

### **LifeTeen High School**

**Wednesday, June 9:** Service Project 6:30-8:30p! Preparing the youth rooms for a painting day and organizing the youth kitchen, ending with Steel City Pops! Dinner provided.

**Spots Available for Two Amazing Summer Trips:** Steubenville ATL is a Catholic conference happening July 9-11. Sign up today!.

**Camp Covecrest July 19-24:** Join us for a week-long adventure in the mountains of Tiger, Georgia, where the teens will experience a perfect mix of faith and fun.

#### **Email**

[msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for details

### **EDGE Middle School**

**Summer Kick-Off:** Tee off at Top Golf on Thursday, June 10, from 6 – 9 p.m. Meet at OLS to ride with us! RSVP required Email [msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:msyouthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com) for a spot. Open to rising 6-9<sup>th</sup> grades.

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

## **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.**



**In preparation for Flag Day** and a summer of patriotism, the members of the Monsignor Frank J. Wade, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus Assembly at Our Lady of Sorrows Church will

be holding a flag retirement ceremony on Saturday, June 12. Older U.S. flags can be dropped off between noon and 6 p.m. on June 12, at the parking deck behind Our Lady of Sorrows Church and School. A limited number of replacement flags will be available for sale. The tattered U.S. flags collected will be properly retired at 6:30 p.m. in a patriotic ceremony with local scouts. The public is invited, and the ceremony will be atop the OLS Parking Deck.



### **PRAY FOR VOCATIONS**

Are you being called to live in community? Call on the Trinity to help you discern.

(2 Corinthians 13:11-13)

For all who serve the Church, may the grace of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit direct them.

**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day.**