



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

June 20, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

One of the sins we tend to forget as we live the journey of life is the sin of "taking God's love, goodness and mercy for granted." It reflects the sinful ENTITLEMENT MENTALITY.

We like to think "salvation is free." It is as if we are entitled to it! It **isn't** free! Jesus paid the price for it on the hill of Calvary! He paid this price offering His life to the Father for us and He does not want us to forget it. His last supper was the institution of the Memorial Meal, a meal of offering in an unbloody way the sacrifice of Calgary. It exceeded the memorial meal of the Passover, which celebrated the freedom of the Israelites from Egypt. This meal of Jesus celebrates His death on the cross that we might be freed from sin! Jesus is reminding us that "freedom from sin" is not FREE! Jesus paid a heavy price for our freedom from sin.

In a smaller but important sense, there is the freedom we enjoy in this country: Freedom of speech, freedom of religion and equality irrespective of race, color, and creed. But this freedom is NOT FREE!

To enjoy this freedom, we must vote at the polls; we must pay our taxes, and some of us must serve in the armed forces.

In between Memorial Day and the holiday when we celebrate the freedom of this country, July 4th, we are reminded to be grateful to those who paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Following is a poem to remind us that freedom is not free:

I watched the flag pass by one day.
It fluttered in the breeze.

A Marine saluted it
and then he stood at ease.
Freedom isn't free!

I thought how many like him
have fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil,
How many Mothers' tears?
Freedom isn't free!

I wondered how many times
taps were blown,
a flag draped a coffin
Of a brother or friend.
Freedom isn't free!

I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea,
Of unmarked graves in Arlington
And places far away.
No, freedom isn't free!

On the Fourth of July, let us remember the year 1776, when the freedom of this country was born, when soldiers died for our freedom. Let us remember those who continue to fight to keep us free. Those in the military, who have pledged to keep us free, even at the cost of their lives.

We must go back and reflect on a higher level of our freedom, freedom from sin. It wasn't free... Jesus paid the price, the sacrifice of His life, for that freedom so that we might live with Him for eternity in perfect happiness. We celebrate that freedom at every Mass.

Congratulations to all fathers today.

Without exception, **we all** have a father, or we would not be here. Remember, we can never do for our parents what our parents have done for us. The fact is, fatherhood is not easy. Supporting a family, being a role model and wisely administering the discipline that is necessary in raising children requires great dedication born of one's commitment to God. Pray for and encourage fathers today. They seem to be the ones least encouraged.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller



Mass Intentions

Monday, June 21	Special Intention Sue Portera Mary Vacarella
Tuesday, June 22	Special Intention Sarah Jane Umholtz Kaye Boatwright
Wednesday, June 23	Orlando & Victor Gwanyama Jackie Guercio Jake Culotta, Sr.
Thursday, June 24	Special Intention Larry LeBeau Frank Priola
Friday, June 25	Vincent Zicarelli, Sr. Claude Dirgo Sp. Int. Angelo/Milazzo Families
Saturday, June 26	Donors to OLS School Foundation Tom Bradley Joe Reina
Sunday, June 27	People of Parish Vincent Lucia Sp. Int. Bob Doyle

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, Carolyn Wright, Bob Doyle, Donald Taccone, Ellen Scalise, Tom James, Mike Skellie, Harriet Dupree, Alan Pizzitola, Kenny Skellie

**Fourth of July Festival Volunteers—
Please Sign Up Now**

Volunteers are needed for several areas of the festival. Convenient links for each sign-up are located on the Church website:

<http://www.ourladyofsorrows.com/>

Once you sign-up online, each volunteer will receive an immediate email reminder and a second reminder 2 days before your chosen volunteer slot. We ask that children get their parent’s permission before signing up.

Signup sheets are also available in the vestibule.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer but don’t have internet access, please contact Greg Pierre at (205) 907-5605.

The OLS Altar Sodality cake mix distribution was so successful last weekend that we are out of cake mixes. We are providing empty cake domes if you would like to bake you own cake. We will be offering whole cakes for \$15 at the bulk BBQ pickup and individual cake slices/brownies/other bake sale items at the BBQ plate pickup. Please pick up one in the vestibule as you exit. You may drop off your cake or other baked goods in the OLS school cafeteria either July 2nd or July 3rd from 8 – 10 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Leigh Nabors at 205-908-5468. Thank you for your support!

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Summer is here! Visit olsyouth.com to see our complete summer schedules.

LifeTeen High School

Wednesday, June 23: Day retreat to Hanceville Shrine! Meet outside of the FLC at 10 a.m. We will bus to the Shrine for a peaceful day-retreat and be back to OLS by 4:30 p.m. The day will include Mass, exploring the grounds, a tour of the John Paul II Eucharistic Center, praying the Rosary with the cloistered nuns, lunch, and free time to visit the gift shop.

Spots Available for Two Amazing Summer Trips:

Steubenville ATL is a Catholic conference happening July 9-11, in Atlanta. Teens will dive into personal prayer, small groups, hear inspiring talks, and more. 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 youthminister@ourladyofsorrows.com for details

EDGE Middle School

Ice Cream Sunday, June 27: Meet at OLS at 2 p.m. to ride to an ice cream destination unknown for fellowship and a cool summer treat on us! RSVP to msyouthminister@ourdayofsorrows.com (recommended). Open to rising 6-9th graders.

www.OLSyouth.com

OLS 72nd Annual 4th of July Festival

July 1-3, 2021

BULK BARBEQUE ORDERS - in the OLS school cafeteria

Thursday	July 1	(10am - 4pm)
Friday	July 2	(10am - 4pm)
Saturday	July 3	(10am - 2pm)

On-site Orders - First Come, First Served. No Pre-orders!

Whole Boston Butts, Boneless Turkey Breasts, Chopped Pork, Pork Ribs, Smoked 1/2 Chicken, Beans / Slaw / Sauce / Bread (loaf or buns). **Pricing TBD.**

PLATES - in the Parish Hall

Friday, July 2nd and Saturday, July 3rd
(10:30 - 2pm)

Pork, Ribs, Sliced Smoked Turkey Breast or 1/2 Chicken plus beans, slaw, and bread. Pork Sandwiches and Hot Dogs are also planned. **Pricing TBD.**

RAFFLE Tickets- 19 Prizes!

Drawing Saturday, July 3rd at 3pm

Grand Prize	\$5,000
2nd Prize	\$2,500
3rd Prize	\$1,000
4th Prizes (2)	\$500
5th Prizes (4)	\$250
6th Prizes (10)	\$100

Blank tickets may be picked up in advance in the vestibule or church office or at the Bulk pick-up in the school cafeteria (Thursday through Saturday) and Plate pick-up in the Parish Hall (Friday and Saturday) pick-up locations.

Completed tickets and payment may be dropped off in the church office (ahead of festival) and at Bulk (OLS School cafeteria) & Plates (Parish Hall) on days noted above.

Trash & Treasure, Furniture, Inside Dining, and Games will return in 2022!