



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

July 11, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

Prophet is a word that tends to make one think about one who can tell the future. The truth is that the word means "teacher." The holy men of God down through the centuries taught that if the people did not reform, there would be punishment. When they did not reform and punishment came, the people saw these teachers (prophets) as men who knew the future.

In God's relationship with the human race there is nothing as important as a PROPHET, one who teaches on behalf of God. The greatest prophet of all time is Jesus. HE TAUGHT ON BEHALF OF GOD. Yes, He spoke with a human voice, but it was God Himself who spoke. In last Sunday's first reading, read from the prophet Ezekiel, that he was commanded to speak on behalf of God. God told him he would be rejected, but at least they will know God sent them a Prophet.

In the first reading today, the prophet Amos was called by God to speak on behalf of God and the message today was that they needed to worship in Judea at the temple of Jerusalem. They built their own temple. Amos also described their relationship with God:

"You sell the just man for silver:
You trample the poor into the dust of
the earth;
Your sons and their fathers go to the
same prostitute."

So God threatened through the prophet as follows:

'I will crush you to the ground like the wheels of a loaded wagon crushes the earth. There will be no escape. Strong warriors will fall; and the horseman will not ride fast enough to escape.'

When Jesus started his public life, he had to make a decision ... the heavy hard words of the old testament prophets, or teaching the mercy of God. In the Gospel today, Jesus sends his apostles out teaching about imitating Jesus. We can't imitate Jesus completely, but we share in the work of imitating Jesus.

When we baptize in the liturgy of the sacrament of Baptism, it states that we share in the priesthood of Jesus. We share in His prophetic (teaching role) and we share In His kingdom.

With Christ, we offer Jesus and ourselves after the consecration at Mass to the Father. With Christ we look forward to the glory of our resurrected bodies and with Christ we are "teachers" of the faith. It starts with parents teaching their children. The Church Catechists are teachers of the way of God. Here is the hard part...In some way we are all short of the way we are to imitate Christ; but life and the journey of faith is a constant effort. I love the examples below of our people spreading the faith:

Walter Busenlehner argued religion with Bo Lovell. Walter invited him to the R.C.I.A. class Bo is one of our best Catholics in the parish today.

One of my former students when his doctor, Dr. DeAtkine, asked about the faith, my former student said here is the phone number of my former religion teacher. Today Dr. DeAtkine is a strong Catholic.

Ferris Stephens discovered the need for a book in Spanish simply written answering the questions teenagers have today (35 in number). He has had the book I wrote translated into Spanish. Bishop Raica's Imprimatur is on it and Ferris has his own strategy to disseminate this book where he said there is a drastic need.

By virtue of our Baptism we all have an obligation to do something to spread the truths of our faith. Think now of someone who has

asked you questions about the faith and who might come to the R.C.I.A. class. Most people feel complimented that they were invited. There might be a little rejection on rare occasions. Many prophets suffered great rejection in their attempt to spread the faith

The R.C.I.A. Class is Monday nights at 7 o'clock. Free meal and childcare. We start in three months; but we need this time to work up the courage to invite someone who just might be interested.

Sometimes we don't have to "talk about" our faith, just live it by:

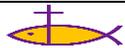
- Being kind to others.
- Forgiving when it is hard.
- Smile, a sign we accept people.
- Greet a stranger.
- Make time for daily prayer.

There is an old saying:

The things you do, speak so loudly that I can't hear a word you are saying.

The Baptismal ceremony says that we all share in the priesthood of Jesus. His kingdom, and His "teaching role" (Prophetic role).

With prayer and blessings,
Father Muller



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

God is sowing seeds of a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life. Are you cultivating good soil in you and your family? May the seed take root in your hearts (Matthew 13:1-23)

For parents and teachers, may they cultivate a positive attitude about a vocation to ordained ministry and consecrated life.



Monday, July 12	S.I Stephanie McGhee Claude Dirgo Anthony Ross
Tuesday, July 13	Special Intentions Josephine Sicola Anthony Ross
Wednesday, July 14	Special Intention Sarah Jane Umholtz Anthony Ross
Thursday, July 15	Alice Hare Frank Priola Roy McCord
Friday, July 16	Special Intention Sp. Int. Milazzo/Angelo Families Roy McCord
Saturday, July 17	Donors to OLS School Foundation Sara Jane Umholtz Sp. Int. Paul & Carol Wiget
Sunday, July 18	People of Parish Donna LaRocca Sp. Int. Eric & Ginny Dooley

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Friday 12 Midnight – 1 a.m. (No permanent adorer)

Saturday 11 p.m. -- 12 Midnight (No permanent adorer)

Sunday 11 a.m. – 12 Noon (No Permanent Adorer)

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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.

Pray for the Sick

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, Payton Smith, Glenda Smith and Stephanie McGhee

Tune in to EWTN on Sunday, July 11, for *Bookmark*. Fr. Muller will be discussing his new book, *God's Plan to Support His Church*. The program will air at 9 a.m. You can also catch re-runs on Monday, July 12, at 4 a.m. and 4 p.m., and on Saturday, July 17, at 12:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Children's Learning Center is currently hiring for the coming year. Applicants must be 19 years old and have experience working with children. For more information, email your resume to olscclc1703@gmail.com or call Lynne Stella or Shannon Barron at 205-380-2646

**Catholic Charismatic
Renewal of Birmingham
20th Annual Conference
July 30 and 31**

The 20th Annual CCROB Conference will be held on **July 30 and July 31**, in the Family Life Center at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. The conference theme is **"I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me."**

Speakers: Father Paul Asih, Father James Hedderman, Father Gray Bean, Father Frankline Fomukong, Jeff Anderson, and Olga Coburn.

The registration fee for individuals is \$25 and \$65 for a family of 3 or more. Register online at www.catholiccharismaticrenewal.org or mail registration to: CCROB, 1206 David Drive, Pelham, AL 35124. For further information contact Ray Makofsky at 205-999-8947. You can also register at the conference. Everyone is welcome! The conference will begin at 4:30 p.m. on July 30.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

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

LifeTeen High School

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

Water Wars! Wednesday, July 14 6:30-8:30 p.m. outside of the Family Life Center. Come for summer games! Dinner provided. Make sure to wear clothes you don't mind getting wet and bring a towel!

EDGE Middle School

Ice Cream Sunday, July 11: Meet at OLS at 2:30 p.m. for our next ice cream adventure.

Open to rising 6-9th graders. RSVP to msyouthminister@ourdayofsorrows.com.

www.OLSyouth.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.