



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

July 25, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

A World Day of Prayer for grandparents and the elderly is celebrated today. This is a first in an annual celebration of special prayers for grandparents and the elderly.

In my third Bible, LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE DAY BY DAY, there is one of ten chapters on the different aspects of charity, entitled "Sensing the Needs of Others" and it is subdivided into the needs of the poor, the needs of foreigners, the needs of the invalids, and the NEEDS OF THE ELDERLY.

Grandparenthood is a unique vocation. You don't know what it is like until you have grandchildren. One grandmother at a baptism told me that she feels guilty that she loves her grandchildren more than she loves her own children. If only grandchildren would have half of the love for their grandparents as the grandparents have for them.

Grandchildren, on this day of prayer assigned by the pope, please reflect that without grandparents we would not have parents and we would not have life itself.

One of the four psychological needs we all have is to feel needed, and so often with the elderly, they don't feel needed. That is why many like to do volunteer work after retirement. They love to take care of the grandchildren for a few hours. They love to be talked to by the young and to be recognized for their life experiences and the importance of their great value judgements.

Many elderly people are ministers of the Eucharist, lectors, and servers. They visit the sick, and fulfill the great vocation to pray, since they now have more time to pray. The

present pope cites his predecessor, Pope Benedict, as a saintly and elderly person (94 years) who continues to work for the Church by a life of prayer for the Church.

In the last decade of a long life, we see doctors and take medicine far more than all the first five or six previous decades of our lives.

Pope Francis writes that even in our darkest moments in later years, the Lord continues to send His angels to remind us of the words of Jesus before His ascension: "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS."

Jimmy Stewart said that after 65 it is patch, patch, patch, and let me say that after 85 we are patching the patches.

There are many elderly who need to feel that they still have value and that people love them and want them to stay with us. There are many elderly who feel lonely. In my third Bible it says:

"...they close their eyes so that people do not see their tears."

The material needs are provided, but the needs of the heart are often starved, as they feel the young think and act like the elderly are outdated. Yet the thinking of many of the elderly is pure wisdom from their life experiences.

My third Bible tells me to sense the needs of the elderly, and the pope says that at least once a year (July 25th this year) we will have a World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly.

V.I.P. Masses will start October 5th. Long ago OLS started the Holy Sacrifice, bingo and lunch for the elderly and celebrate with thanksgiving all they have done for the Church in the past. The success of this parish stands on the shoulders of the parishioners of the past, and we all stand only because we are all in the hands of God.

Remember the motto for this World Day of Prayer, the words of Jesus: "I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS."

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

P.S. Many thanks for all the prayers for my eye. The double vision is gone!

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, July 26	Special Intention Joanne DeAtkine Tyrone Pizzolato
Tuesday, July 27	Veta Giangrosso Sp. Int. Ann Ellard Zicarelli Frances Mobarak
Wednesday, July 28	Special Intention Annie Montgomery Robert Patrick O'Connell
Thursday, July 29	Sp. Int. Alan Pizzitola Lawrence Serio Jake Culotta, Sr.
Friday, July 30	Special Intention Jessie D'Agro Sp. Int. Angelo/Bullard Family
Saturday, July 31	Donors to OLS School Foundation Lawrence Serio Sp. Int. Tricia Naro
Sunday, Aug. 1	People of Parish Bullard & Angelo Families Ed Willis



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

CHAPEL OF OUR SAVIOR

The Chapel needs permanent Committed Adorers for:

Sunday at 11 AM (No permanent adorer)
Sunday at 12 PM (No permanent adorer)
Saturday at 11 PM (No permanent adorer)
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.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

God invites us to ask for what we need. Consider what Solomon requested – an understanding heart. What do you need as you seek to follow Jesus? (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12)
For world and Church leaders, may they work for the reign of God with an understanding heart.

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

The 20th Annual CCROB Conference will be held in the Family Life Center at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, beginning at 5:30 p.m. on July 30 and at 8:30 a.m. on July 31. The conference theme is "**I can do ALL things through Christ who strengthens me.**" The speakers will be: **Father Paul Asih, Father Gray Bean, Father Frankline Fomukong, Jeff Anderson, Olga Coburn and Jackie Smoke.** 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 beginning at 4:30 p.m. on July 30 and again on July 31 at 8:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Food For Our Journey

We thank everyone for their incredible generosity! It has been overwhelming! **RIGHT NOW, OUR MOST CRUCIAL NEED IS MORE BOTTLED WATER!** We also continue to have a strong need for sandwiches, snacks, and fruit. **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?

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

Saturday, August 28: Save the date for a Catholic Youth on Mission Day of Service! Open to 6-12th grades. Parents welcome!

LifeTeen High School

Friday, July 30: Pool party for ALL youth and their families! Join us at the Homewood Central Pool from 6:15-8:15 p.m.

Save the Date: Fall Kick-Off will be Sunday, August 22, at 7 p.m.!

EDGE Middle School

Ice Cream Sunday, July 25: Meet at OLS at 2:30 p.m. for our next ice cream adventure! Open to rising 6-9th graders.

www.OLSyouth.com



Perpetual Adoration Anniversary

Our Lady of Sorrows will celebrate twenty-ninth blessed years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, August 14th, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. There will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 4:45 p.m. from the Chapel of Our Savior to the Church with the Knights of Columbus leading as the Honor Guard. The OLS Choir will lead the singing.

Benediction will begin at 4:55 pm, followed by Holy Mass at 5:00 pm, celebrated by Msgr. Martin Muller, Pastor.

There will be an appreciation dinner for all **Committed Adorers, Substitute Adorers and their families** immediately following Mass in the Family Life Center. **Please RSVP to the Church Office by Monday, August 9.**

The Chapel will be closed until 9:00 P.M.

The Italian American Society is planning a one-day trip to Guntersville to tour a replica of Columbus's ship, "The Pinta" on Sunday, August 15, 2021. The cost of the trip is \$25 per person and must be paid in advance. The cost includes the entry ticket and bus transportation to and from Birmingham. This is an open invitation and not limited to members. For additional information or to make a reservation, please call Marie Swift at 205-956-6323 or 205-960-2029 or Joe Lovoy at 205-230-1127.



Parish School of Religion

Registration is now open for incoming Preschool (3-year-olds) through 12th grade!

Due to delayed production and delivery, please register by Wednesday, August 4th, to ensure your child's materials arrive on time.

Classes start Sunday, August 22.

To register your children and for additional information please visit www.olspsr.com.