



## *Our Lady of Sorrows Church*

August 1, 2021

*From the Pastor's Desk*

My Dear People,

Pope Francis' recent letter on the Latin Mass has been the main topic of the Catholic press, with the impression that he is against the Traditionalist. Actually, he claims he is simply going strongly with the document on the Liturgy from Vatican II, which favored the language of the country in which the Holy Sacrifice is offered.

The Mass has been celebrated in so many different languages for centuries, but with the Roman Empire being the predominate culture in the early centuries of the Church, the Mass went from Aramaic, to Greek, and then to Latin, which became the predominate language. With the Council of Trent, the Church was fighting the rise of Protestantism and froze the predominate language to indicate how far back were the traditions of Catholicism. My first ten years of priesthood (1957-67) I offered Mass only in Latin. At that time, it was the "Ordinary Form." With Vatican II, the Ordinary Form became the language of the people (the vernacular). However, popes in different degrees allowed Mass to be offered in Latin and called that the "Extraordinary Form." Many saw Latin as a "holy language" and part of the tradition of the Church.

Pope Benedict, in 2007, issued a statement that any priest can offer a private Mass in Latin where people are attached to the Latin Rite. This could be done without the permission of the bishop. Pope Francis has slightly changed this and said that the priest does need the permission of the bishop for the "Extraordinary Rite" and that no new parish should be established as a Latin Rite parish. We presently have two such parishes in our diocese, one in Birmingham and one in Huntsville. These can continue, but no new parish like these are to be started. Both

popes, at the time, ruled with what they thought was for the unity of the Church. However, there is only one pope. Benedict resigned and the one pope today is Francis.

There is no dispute over "doctrine." No matter what the language is, the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and that the Mass is a sacrifice is the common, uniting doctrine of the Catholic Faith. It is called "diversity with unity." It may not have been the right time or way in which Pope Francis favored the vernacular. There has been too much concern over something that is not a doctrinal issue.

Pope Francis and his health is the speculation of the journalists. First, be it known that the Pope is very lucid about his health. The Vatican, in the past, would not reveal how sick a pope might be. The Vatican joke is that the pope is always "well" until he dies, and even a bit after that! For starters, the Pope has been vaccinated, but worries some that he was not the first one to wear a mask.

The Pope in his humility does not want his health to be the top news item. Yes, he has had part of one lung removed. He has never been in the hospital during his papacy until this recent surgery for diverticulitis. All reports are that he has survived well, but at his age and fast pace he has worn out some journalists who follow him on his foreign trips. He admits he has sciatica in the back and leg and takes physical therapy for it, and he even revealed that during the stressful time when a dictator took over his native country and he was the leading churchman at that time, he did see mental health counseling for stress. He has been an outpatient for cataracts and is now out of the hospital and everything else checked out fine.

At 85 years old in December, Pope Francis is at that age when people deal more frequently with health problems. Vatican watchers do not think he is close to stepping down. People live longer today, and in December he will have gone 10 years past the age when

Bishops are required to offer their resignation to the pope.

The thought of another pope during our lifetime does arise. It is tense in the Sistine Chapel with all the voting cardinals casting a vote for the next pope. It gives us great consolation that as each cardinal puts that sealed name of his vote into the hopper, he must say this prayer: "May God condemn me if I am voting for this man to be pope for any other reason than it would be 'for the good of the Church.'"

Pope Francis prays daily for the overcoming of the virus, and he prays for those who died from it and those suffering from this plague.

We mechanically pray at the Prayer of the Faithful for the end to this virus, but I wonder if half of our people make this a sincere personal prayer.

If only most of the 8 billion people on this earth would make it a personal prayer that we might end this devastating virus! Jesus told us to ask for things: "Ask and you will receive." But in the same breath He says, "I will not give you something that will not be good for you..." But ask, ask, keep asking.

Vaccination has proven to be the number one weapon for victory over Covid. Yes, we need to do our part. The Governor says the enemy are those who for no good reason do not take the time nor care to be vaccinated. The city of Gadsden offers each person \$100 to get vaccinated. I hear all kinds of excuses. The worst is that there are some unknown side effects, though there is no scientific fact of any side effect. Less than 50% of the people in our state are vaccinated and, once again, all the hospitals are filled. Some use politics for an excuse. As a citizen, we need to pray to the Almighty and we need for each to accept the responsibility. Vaccination, distance, or if no social distance, the mask.

Our Catholic Schools will require a mask from age 3 to 12 for the first month and then see what the status quo is at that time.

Know that the doctrine of the Eucharist is far more important than the language and that we need to pray for the end of the virus. Pope Francis is recovering well and prays daily for the end of the virus. He invites all of us to make this part of our daily prayers.

With prayers and blessings,  
Father Muller

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**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, Aug. 2	Special Intention Holy Souls in Purgatory Ed Willis
Tuesday, Aug. 3	Ed Rohling, Jr. Charlotte Zarzaur Ed Willis
Wednesday, Aug. 4	Special Intention Charlotte Zarzaur Shannon Sutherland
Thursday, Aug. 5	Veta Giangrosso Phillip Rumore Sp. Int. Paul & Carol Wiget
Friday, Aug. 6	Special Intention Paul Scalise John Holt
Saturday, Aug. 7	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens Sp. Int. Deacon Terry & Rita Rumore & family
Sunday, Aug. 8	People of Parish David & Marian Heatherly Sp. Int. Anthony & Charlotte Rumore & family



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](mailto:olschapel@gmail.com).

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**Parish School of Religion** Registration is now open for incoming Preschool (3-year-olds) through 12<sup>th</sup> grade! Due to delayed production and delivery, please register by Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.olspsr.com)

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**OLS Mother's Day Out** is accepting applications for employment. If you are enjoying working with young children; are creative, energetic and patient, please email Angie Dunston at [mdo@ourladyofsorrows.com](mailto:mdo@ourladyofsorrows.com). Our hours are perfect for those with children in school!

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**Celebrate the Year of the Parish and the Eucharist**, August 13 and 14, at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville. Internationally acclaimed speakers include Scott Hahn, Mother Adela Galindo, and Father Pedro Nuñez. The conference is organized by the Diocese of Birmingham in conjunction with St. Paul Center and EWTN. Go to [bhmdiocese.org](http://bhmdiocese.org) for schedules, directions, and other logistics.

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**HELP WANTED:** Christian Catering is looking for prep and serving help in the OLS School Cafeteria. Hours are approximately 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Must be reliable! Please call Barbara at 205-790-2053.

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

**Save the date: Saturday, August 28**, is a Catholic Youth on Mission Service Day! Email us if you are interested in working on a local mission to help our community through Catholic Center of Concern, Catholic Social Services, and Holy Family Parish. More details to come!

### **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.

**Sunday, August 22:** El Camino will be a weekly morning class for teens focused on scripture, small groups, and teambuilding. Be sure to register: [www.olspsr.com](http://www.olspsr.com). Our fall calendar will kick-off on the 22<sup>nd</sup> with a carnival! Stay tuned for details!

### **EDGE Middle School**

**Ice Cream Sunday, August 8:** Meet at OLS at 2:30 p.m. for our last ice cream social! Open to rising 6-9<sup>th</sup> graders.

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

**Our Lady of Sorrows will celebrate** twenty-ninth blessed years of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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.**