



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

August 29, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

Fr. Vimal, who is subject to his provincial, has been transferred to the home base for further education. His Superior, Fr. Moon, came to visit me and told me of his decision and how they have made plans for his further education.

It is no secret that Fr. Vimal has great priestly talent, and I was warned that he would be transferred, they stated, when I retired. Since the Lord has blessed me with incredible health (with so many of you praying for me) they decided to stop waiting for me to leave OLS and use him now for their own design.

Fr. Moon, the Provincial, has made plans to send another priest to Holy Family, since we have depended so much on the help of Fr. Vimal and the pastor of Holy Family, Fr. Phil.

Fr. Phil and Fr. Vimal have been an enormous blessing to OLS, and we recognize Fr. Vimal at this time when we will miss him greatly. He has been a great friend, part-time associate, and loved so much by our people, young and old. He regrets leaving OLS, but as a religious, he knows the reality of obedience to the top superior, the Provincial.

We will have a reception for Fr. Vimal next Sunday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. All are invited and are asked to remember to social distance, as in the church. Again, when the church has us sitting too close, there is the Holy Sacrifice offered in and streamed into the Parish Hall in real time at the 5 p.m. Saturday Vigil, and on Sunday at 8:30, 10, and 11:30 a.m.

Carol Wiget has accepted a position with the diocese as the Diocesan Director of Youth. We greatly regret her leaving us, but in a sense, she will not. She has volunteered to

keep teaching the 8th grade confirmation class and being in the Core group of helpers for her successor, Priscilla Gutierrez. Carol has written me a beautiful letter of resignation after six years with us. She gives thanks for the opportunity to come into a new field and learn so much about Youth Ministry here at OLS. It is a compliment that the diocese, more than once, has taken our best and hired them for the diocese. As she stated to me in writing, "I believe the Holy Spirit will take your investment in me and multiply it throughout the diocese."

Priscilla Gutierrez has been recommended by Suzanne Corso, Ginny Dooley, and Carol to take the position of the Middle School Youth Minister. Priscilla is a graduate from the Franciscan University, with a degree in Theology and Catechetics. She has spent one year as the assistant to Suzanne Corso in the PSR Office and has long been a member of OLS parish with her family. I have taken these recommendations and hired her as the new Director of Middle School Religious Education.

Parents of those not attending Catholic schools, you have the personal responsibility to have your children attend the PSR classes on Sunday mornings.

A note of gratitude for those wonderful parents who make the effort to fulfill their obligation to bring their children to the Parish School of Religion classes on Sundays.

Not too long ago, a parent of a child who has fallen from the faith told me how much that parent regrets not sending her children for religious instructions. She thought the child would pick up the faith simply by going to Mass on Sundays. She is not the only parent who suffers remorse after the children have left the faith. Parents incur a serious obligation to raise the children in the faith, and if they are not going to a Catholic school they need instructions K-12! The vast majority of you send your children on Sunday mornings, and the children learn and appreciate the faith. There are a few who fail miserably.

Without the efforts of the parents, the marvelous instructions for our children on Sunday mornings simply would not take place. There is another essential element to what happens on Sunday mornings. It is the role of the catechists. Helping them are teen helpers. The Catechists give up not just their Sunday mornings, but other time, which is spent in preparation for their classes.

The Catechists are in their classrooms on Sunday morning from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m.; class starts at 10 a.m. The PSR year begins on September 19. Each session is important. This is the only formal education in the faith these children will have for a lifetime.

There is also a class for three-year olds (Growing with God) and a class for both K4 and K5.

In grades 1-8 we have two classes for each grade. All classes have at least two teachers. High School has two catechists, including our Youth Minister, Ginny Dooley.

Catechists are the unsung heroes of Catholic education in the sense they are volunteers, and unless you have children in the PSR program you hardly hear about the marvelous work of the Catechists.

Unfortunately, after 8th grade Confirmation, many believe they no longer need religious instructions. They do need religious instruction. They can forget, and we all need reminders.

High School Instruction is given on Sunday morning and summarized during the Youth Group meetings on Sunday night. The schedule on Sunday nights is that happy blend between the catechetical, social, and prayer. Parents should make sure their teen is attending either the Sunday morning or Sunday evening instruction. I just don't see how parents can skip the religious instruction for their teens without good reasons. I beg our teenagers to give the program a try at least for a couple of months...and see the benefits that come from this. Parents, please take seriously the obligation to educate your

children ages 1-12 grades in the faith. No one wants life-long, or longer, regrets.

Thanks again to our Catechists and parents who know the importance of God in the lives of their children.

With prayers and blessings,
Father Muller

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. 30	Gina Fontana Sp. Int. Rev. Martin Muller Phillip Rumore
Tuesday, Aug. 31	Frank Diergo Jack Chiarella Phillip Rumore
Wednesday, Sept. 1	Special Intention Louise DiChiara Phillip Rumore
Thursday, Sept. 2	Rebecca Caterinichia Sammy Cusimano Ann Montalbano
Friday, Sept. 3	Special Intention Sp. Int. Benard Tamburello Alice Hare
Saturday, Sept. 4	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens Joe Rumore
Sunday, Sept. 5	People of Parish Bill Thomas Sp. Int. Elizabeth Ann Naro

Position Open: OLS is hiring a part-time PSR Administrative Assistant. Looking for a faith-filled, energetic individual who has computer and organizational skills. Also needs to work well with adults and children. Go to OLSPSR.com to see a job description. To apply, email your resume to Suzanne Corso at dre@ourladyofsorrows.com.

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)
Thursday at 11 AM (With 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.



Miles Huffstutler, 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

Everyone is invited to a reception in honor of Fr. Vimal next Sunday, September 5, following the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please join us in the Family Life to thank Fr. Vimal for all he has done for our Parish.

The OLS Altar Sodality invites all women of the parish to come by the Altar Sodality table after Mass to learn more about the Sodality's objectives and the mission of each of its six guilds. Sodality membership is a great way to get involved in the Church and serve others. Meetings, activities, and events are held September through May. Those interested in membership may also leave a message with the church office and a Sodality member will contact you.

What's Going on in Youth Ministry?

Saturday, October 16: Save the date for our annual Eucharistic Youth Congress at the Shrine in Hanceville. All life is a gift! More details to come.

LifeTeen High School

Sunday, August 29: Life Night starts tonight on the parking deck at 7 p.m.! Join us for dinner as we begin our semester with a focus on the Mass. Tonight is called "Sunday Best" and dives into how and why we worship, as well as why we need to dress our best.

Wednesday, Sept. 1: Book studies are happening in the youth room each week from 6:30-8 p.m. Please note this time is different than last year! All high schoolers are welcome. We have three small groups and book studies: I Choose the Sky by Emily Wilson, Choosing to See Beauty by Maura Preszler, and Man Enough by Dom Quaglia. Books are provided – just show up!

EDGE Middle School

Sunday, August 29: Meet us in the parking lot outside the FLC from 7-8:30 p.m. for a Seder Supper! We will begin our fall theme, Now and Forever, by traveling back in time to discover the rich history behind the Mass and where the Mass comes from.

Full schedule is available on the website:
www.OLSyouth.com