



Our Lady of Sorrows Church

September 26, 2021

From the Pastor's Desk

My Dear People,

When I had a funeral three weeks ago, it was so interesting to me in talking to the people afterwards that I found two people interested in coming to the information class on the Catholic faith called R.C.I.A. The next week at a Baptism another accepted my invitation to come to the R.C.I.A. class. Some people come to the full course of 22 lectures and become Catholic, and other people say, "We appreciate the information; we understand the faith better, but we are not really going to become a Catholic."

The most important thing we do in life is pray, and the greatest prayer we have, or anyone has, on this earth is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. It is really more in terms of the title, the Holy Sacrifice, because the word Mass doesn't go anywhere. I prefer to call it the Holy Sacrifice. The reason we talk about the Holy Sacrifice on this occasion is because many Protestants have gone to Mass, and they are interested in what we believe about our worship. Once again, the most important thing we do on this earth is pray, and since this is the greatest form of prayer, we Catholics like to share our faith with other people.

It happened to be that there were three people who accepted my invitation to come to R.C.I.A. The most recent episode was when I found a new ENT doctor (who takes the wax out of my ears), and when she told me she was Buddhist, I could not help but gingerly invite her to learn more about the Catholic faith by coming on Monday nights. Since her husband is Catholic, she seemed like she was willing to come to learn more about the Catholic faith.

This is the age of the laity. It is the laity who should be inviting people to learn about our faith. Not that we priests shouldn't try, but we can't be all over the ballfield, and there are so many people others might invite. The vast majority of the people who come have not been invited by a priest, but they have seen the example of their Catholic friends. One could say, "If you would be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, then why don't you come with me on Monday nights?"

We start on Monday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m., and we provide a box lunch, followed by a small group discussion. There is a 30-minute lecture, which I give. When we finish there are many people who say, "Let's go on." But we try to stop while people are still listening.

If you have a friend or acquaintance who ever asks you about the Catholic faith, try to pick up on that and invite them to the information class starting Monday, October 11, at 6:30 p.m., and if you get there at 7:00, that's okay, as long as you have already eaten and you are not weak and only half paying attention.

Once again, I am depending upon everyone who reads this to ask yourself, "Is there anyone I know who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?"

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.



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



Mass Intentions

Monday, Sept. 27	Special Intention Michael Emeh
	Sp. Int. Margaret Mary Hahn & family
Tuesday, Sept. 28	Tommy Priola Michael Emeh
	Sp. Int. Terry & Rita Rumore
Wednesday, Sept. 29	Special Intention Sp. Int. Vincent Zicarelli, III
	Sp. Int. Joseph Benedict Hahn & family
Thursday, Sept. 30	Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz Anna George
	Sp. Int. Dan & Anna Gardner
Friday, Oct. 1	Special Intention Walter Swift Bardie Brown
Saturday, Oct. 2	Donors to OLS School Foundation Dr. Bill & Mildred Stephens
	Lenora DeMarco
Sunday, Oct. 3	People of Parish Alice Hare Laura Aguba

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.

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, Sept. 26: Our Sunday morning high school PSR class starts at 10 a.m. in the youth room. You must be registered through psr@ourladyofsorrows.com. We are using an Ascension Presents program led by Fr. Mike Schmitz. The teaching is on Authority this week.

Life Night at 7 p.m. "Loud and Clear" continues our Mass theme and begins with a fun activity, which then transitions into the Proclaim. Teens will participate in a small group Bible Study and end with Lectio Divina, providing everyone an opportunity to pray using sacred Scripture.

Wednesday, Sept. 29: 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! 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!

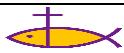
EDGE Middle School

Sunday, Sept. 26: Family Night: Spark! Meet us in the parking lot outside the FLC from 7-8:30 p.m. for our first Family Night study on theological virtues. Parents, we invite you to come with your teens for some fun games and discussions on the theological virtue of faith, its importance in their lives, and how we can integrate this theological virtue into everyday actions.

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

Altar Server Training

Our Lady of Sorrows is looking for students in the 4th Grade or above interested in altar serving. Training sessions are being scheduled now. If interested, please contact Kent Graeve at 205-999-3474.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Actions speak louder than words. What are your actions saying? Can your word be trusted? Turning from evil and doing good is what God wants. (Matthew 21:28-32)
For our youth, may they be guided by parents, teachers, and mentors to make decisions and act with integrity.

First Light is a shelter for Homeless Women and Children located in the heart of downtown Birmingham. It offers the only emergency shelter accepting homeless women with children 24 hours a day. Volunteering at First Light can be a deeply gratifying experience. We often hear how our volunteers get so much more than they give. Our Lady of Sorrows works with the shelter approximately 14 days a year. If you would like to volunteer to provide food or service for the shelter, please send your email address to Leslie Bentley:
leslie@flanaganllc.net. All food donations can be left at the OLS Mom's Day Out Nursery. Thank you!

Food for Our Journey

Thank you so much for the way you continue to bless Food for Our Journey. We are in need of a few items to continue our mission of serving our friends on the streets of Birmingham. We need disposable masks, water, chips, fruit cups, and sandwiches. Your donations every week help to sustain our ministry. We couldn't do it without you!

You are Cordially Invited!

*Her Choice
Birmingham Women's Center
Fundraising Banquet
Tuesday, October 26th at 7 p.m.
The Club
Keynote Speaker, Patricia
Sandoval*

Please make your reservation now, consider hosting a table of eight, or make a life-saving donation. There is no cover charge to attend, but an appeal will be made to help support this work of mercy and hope. Her Choice exists to help women facing a crisis pregnancy to choose life, and to help support them with that decision. Her Choice also offers post-abortion recovery services. To register or donate, call 205-447-8796 or go to hcbanquet@herchoicebirmingham.org.

John Carroll Class of 2001

20 Year Reunion

Friday, November 12, 2021

7 - 10 p.m.

Cahaba Brewing

If interested in attending, please email contact information to JCCHS2001@gmail.com.