

December 8, 2019

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

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Office Hours: Tuesday—Friday, 8:30 AM—3:00 PM, Closed Mondays



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM, 11:00 AM, 7:00 PM (Contemplative)

Daily Mass: Wednesday—Friday, 12:00 PM

Holy Days: 12:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30—4:30 PM

Anointing of the Sick: First Friday of the month at the
12:00 PM Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays and Tuesdays
in the church from 6:00 AM to 11:00 PM

(Call the office for door access code)

Taize Prayer: Second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before the start of every Mass.

Welcome to all visitors!

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is a Catholic community of Christian believers devoted to the Holy Eucharist and called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus through evangelization and outreach.

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

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Monday—Friday

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 1) Isaiah 11:1-10
- 2) Romans 15:4-9
- 3) Matthew 3:1-12

FOCUS: A Savior is coming who will bring justice and peace to the faithful.

God is calling out to us – through his prophets and Apostles, through his holy Word, through his Son whom he sent to dwell among us – that he has come to save us. His kingdom is one of justice and peace. Will we listen to these holy voices crying out to us in the desert of worldly divisions and distractions?

Gluten-free Communion hosts are available upon request. Come into the sacristy **before** Mass to tell either Father, James, or a Sacristan helper that you want one, and it will be put on the altar.



Hearing assistance devices are available at the side entrance of the church.



Welcome to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. If you are new to the parish or have updated information, please cut out this form, fill in the information, and bring it to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

- ☐ New Parishioner ☐ New Address ☐ New Phone # ☐ I would like Fr. Chrispine to call me.
☐ I'm interested in parish ministries ☐ I would like to receive offertory envelopes

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon-9	12 PM	Ruth Overly <i>Eileen McNeil</i>
Wed-11	12 PM	Vishal Williams Casper
Thurs-12	12 PM	Worldwide Community of Prayers
Fri-13	12 PM	✠ Hongthanh Nguyen <i>The del Rosario Family</i>
Sat-14	5 PM	✠ Viet Nguyen <i>Mai Nguyen</i>
Sun-15	8:30 AM	✠ Mike Sweet <i>Chuck & Jackie Sweet</i>
	11 AM	The People of Our Parish
	7 PM	✠ Raymond Hobbs <i>Rita Hobbs</i>
		✠ Rebecca "Vicky" Cabangon-Cabigao <i>The del Rosario Family</i>

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, 12/9: Immaculate Conception of the BVM

Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 / Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, 12/10: Tuesday of the 2nd Week of Advent

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, 12/11: Wed. of the 2nd Week of Advent

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, 12/12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38

Friday, 12/13: St. Lucy

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, 12/14: St. John of the Cross

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, 12/15: Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11



PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-9	Parish Office closed Adoration, 6 AM—11 PM, Church 12 PM Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Tues-10	Adoration, 6 AM—11 PM, Church Advent Penance Service, 7 PM
Wed-11	Wednesday's Widows, 10:15 AM, Fr. Carberry Hall 12 PM Midday Mass Ongoing Adult Faith Formation, 7 PM, Parish Office
Thurs-12	12 PM Midday Mass Taize Prayer, 7 PM, Church
Fri-13	SVDP, 9:30 AM, Parish Office 12 PM Midday Mass
Sat-14	Catholics in Recovery, 9 AM, Fr. Carberry Hall and Gym Advent Parish Retreat w/ Fr. Ron Nelson, 10 AM, Church Confession, 3:30—4:30 PM 5 PM Vigil Mass
Sun-15	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i> Masses at 8:30 AM, 11 AM, and 7 PM Coffee and Doughnuts Collection for Religious Retirement Fund Religious Education, 9:45 AM Confirmation Class, 11 AM—2 PM

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Needed Weekly: \$4,000.00

Collections	Difference	Amount
November 3	\$449.96	\$4,449.96
Property Dev.		\$1,157.00
All Saints & All Souls		\$1,264.95
November 10	\$954.89	\$3,112.11
SVDP		\$1,330.55
November 17	\$1,055.75	\$2,944.25
CCHD		\$478.85
November 24	\$378.50	\$4,378.50

St. Vincent de Paul News

The Christmas phone line is now open to request a food box. You can call **(503) 595-2292 Monday through Friday from 9 AM to 3 PM**, and the line will close when the quota is reached, so please call today. Only one food box can be given per agency.

Also, our Conference of St. Vincent de Paul here at Our Lady of Sorrows is in need of empty egg cartons. If you have some of these to donate, please place them in the wooden bin in the main entry way of the church. Thank you.

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (12/10):

Chuck, Jackie, and Connie

From Fr. Chrispine's Desk

Reflection for the Second Sunday of Advent

Dear brothers and sisters, peace! Last week we began the period of Advent, and we were told to *stay awake, focus on the child to be born, and not let ourselves be distracted by materialistic Christmas preparations*. I also listed some suggestions that could help us live out this spiritual journey called Advent. Today with the Second Sunday of Advent, **the readings are calling us to clear the shrubs and bushes as we prepare for His coming**. Shrubs in and around our houses, when cleaned, will allow us to celebrate Christmas in a hospitable joyful environment. I therefore fully support the cleaning up and putting up of Christmas decorations in our houses and around our neighborhoods. On the other hand, if we make an effort to do inner preparations and decorations, if we make efforts to do repentance by opting to clear the little shrubs in our hearts and our personal life, then the Lord will find even a cleaner heart to be born in. The Church gives us a great possibility to do this through the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

In the first reading, prophet Isaiah (11:1-10) is nice and kind as he prophesizes the coming of the Messiah from the root of Jesse... In the Gospel, we have the last old testament prophet, John the Baptist, who is more harsh—he says, either you repent and change your lives or face the axe; “the axe lies at the root of trees.” He saw the coming of the Messiah as so imminent that there was a hurry to repent, otherwise those who had not repented before his coming would be winnowed out like chaff out of wheat. John’s baptism was for forgiveness of sins. In the Church when we are baptized, we too are cleansed of the original sin. However, since we are human and we easily fall to sin, Jesus instituted the Sacrament of Penance so that we may always constantly walk clean in his presence. In the Gospel according to John chapter 20, he gave the Apostles and to the Church the power and mandate to forgive sins. He said, ‘those sins you forgive will be forgiven, and those you do not will not be forgiven.’ We are blessed to have successors of the Apostles, bishops and priests, to forgive our sins through the Church and in the person of Christ.

Repentance of our daily sins should not be seen in the spirit of John the Baptist, but should be seen as a joyful invitation from Jesus our Lord, who seeks always to dwell in us, our God who wants us to be free from slavery of our sins, our God who rejoices when sinners come back from their sins—sins that look so enticing but that only leave us empty and unhappy. Jesus the Savior wants to dwell in our hearts, so that every day we may rejoice and walk freely, and share that joy, real freedom, and light with our family members, friends and all we meet.

Advent is a time of prolonged spiritual retreat, a time of examination of conscience in the light of faith to see if we are walking with the Lord or away from Him. Let us, therefore, seek reconciliation not only with God, but also with our friends and relatives, and ourselves. On Monday the 9th at 12pm, we will celebrate mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. On Tuesday the 10th at 7pm, we will have our parish Penance Service, and we will have three (maybe four) guest priests assisting with confessions. Next weekend the 14th and 15th of December, we will have our weekend retreat beginning at 10 am led by Fr. Ron Nelson, Pastor of St. Mary’s Eugene. Please join us in these moments of prayer and spiritual nourishment. Have a blessed and peaceful week! Fr. Chrispine

An Advent Retreat with Fr. Ron Nelson

The Spirituality of St. John of the Cross

Please join us **next Saturday, December 14, at 10:00 AM in the church** for an Advent Parish Retreat, hosted by Fr. Ron Nelson, Pastor of St. Mary Catholic Church in Eugene, Oregon. The retreat will begin with Mass at 10 AM, followed by Exposition, Adoration, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, and Fr. Nelson will give the conference during the Holy Hour. Refreshments will follow in Fr. Carberry Hall. Also, Fr. Nelson will preside at all the weekend Masses.



Christmas Wish-list (Updated 12/2)

Some people have asked: of all the items on the parish's Christmas Wish-list, which are considered **the most important**? We would very much like to achieve the following four items:

- New heating and cooling system for the church \$40,000
- New LED lights for the gym \$9,000
- Closed circuit security cameras for our parish property \$5,000
- Parking lot: repairing cracks and dips, applying a seal-coating, and restriping \$35,000

If you would like to donate toward one of the above, please write a check to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and write the item on the memo line of the check. Thank you. God bless you, and may you have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

Reconciliation Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be **this Tuesday evening, December 10, at 7:00 PM in the church**. Four priests will be available to hear confessions.

Special Mass

This **Monday, December 9**, Fr. Chrispine will offer a special Mass at **12:00 PM** for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Even though this day is not a holy day of obligation this year, please consider coming and giving thanks to God for the intercession of his Blessed Mother.

The Marian Prayer Center invites you to pray the Rosa Mystica Hour of Grace on Monday, December 9, from noon to 1 PM. Also, all items will be 20% off for a Christmas sale until the end of the year. The Marian Prayer center is located off of King Road in Milwaukie.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 15: Third Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

EMs of Communion: Cynthia W., Walter B., Helen J.

Lector: Dan E. Altar Server: Louie O.

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

EMs of Communion: Sonie D., Nancy F., Rosy C.

Lector: Ben B. Altar Servers: Ian B., Steven D.

11 AM Sunday Mass

EMs of Communion: Ella L., Sam S., Jim B.

Lector: Bonnie C. Altar Servers: James B., Katarina F.

7 PM Sunday Evening Mass

EMs of Communion: Dean T., Lynn T., Luisa D.

Lector: Monica N. Altar Server: Carl D.

Second Collections

Today's second collection is to support the charitable works of our parish's Conference of St. Vincent de Paul.

Next Sunday, the second collection is for the Religious Retirement Fund. For many years, religious order brothers, priests, and nuns labored faithfully in parishes, schools, and other institutions, including here at Our Lady of Sorrows, and now your help is needed to care for them in their advanced age. Please be generous to next weekend's second collection as an act of love for these faithful men and women.

Taize Prayer

Taize Prayer will be offered **this Thursday, December 12, at 7:00 PM in the church**. This simple but moving service will have Scripture, intercessory prayer, music, and time for silent reflection. Please come and take time to relax with the Lord.



Calendars

Sadly, there will be no calendars this year, as Mt. Scott Funeral Home is not able to sponsor them. If you rely upon these calendars each year, then be sure to make other arrangements to get one from another source.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve, December 24:

5 PM Vigil Mass (Family Mass)

8 PM Vigil Mass

Christmas Day, December 25:

10 AM Mass

There will be 20 minutes of carols sung before the start of each Mass.



Christmas Flowers

If you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of the Christmas poinsettias that will decorate the church during the Christmas Season, simply place your gift in the collection basket and label it as "Christmas flowers."



Prayer Corner

Please pray for the following people who are ill or recently deceased:

Jackie Sweet, Becky Rinquist, Alex & Gus, Marcus Spotts, Kathy Cooper, Alejandra Gonzalez, Sally Allen

May you find consolation in knowing that you are thought of and prayed for in this time of need.

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church Portland Oregon

BUDGET OVERVIEW: BUDGET 19-20 - FY20 P&L

July 2019 - June 2020

	TOTAL
Income	
4100 OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS	202,326.00
4200 SPECIAL COLL./FUND RAISING	6,880.00
4300 BEQUESTS, GIFTS & GRANTS	51,815.00
4400 FEES FOR SERVICES	127,110.00
4500 SALES REVENUE	2,100.00
4600 EDUCATION / PROGRAMS	2,000.00
4700 INTEREST & OTHER	300.00
4900 RESTRICTED FUNDS	19,000.00
Total Income	\$411,531.00
GROSS PROFIT	\$411,531.00
Expenses	
5100 PERSONNEL COSTS	158,003.00
5200 PAYROLL TAXES	10,590.00
5300 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	66,429.00
5400 EMPLOYEE TRAVEL	1,000.00
5500 CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS	1,200.00
5600 ASSESSMENTS/DONATIONS	19,019.00
5700 SERVICES TO PARISHIONERS	13,460.00
5800 EDUCATION & PROGRAM EXPENSES	15,525.00
5900 LITURGICAL EXPENDITURES	7,250.00
6000 COMPUTER/DATA PROCESSING	2,800.00
6100 FURNITURE, FIXTURES & EQUIP.	500.00
6200 PHYSICAL PLANT	3,300.00
6300 MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS	17,500.00
6400 UTILITIES	54,300.00
6600 GENERAL AND ADMINSTRATIVE	44,456.00
6700 FUNDRAISING & BANK	1,600.00
6900 RESTRICTED EXPENSES	10,000.00
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