

May 16, 2021

# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

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## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.  
- Mk 16:19-20

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### Mass Schedule

#### Saturday Vigil:

5:00 PM

#### Sunday:

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

#### Daily Mass:

Wednesday—Friday, 12:00 PM

**Holy Days:** 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Church from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

(Call the office for door access code)

**The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each 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.

### Assistance with rent, food, and utilities

**St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Services**

**Center: (503) 235-8431**

**#1 Food or #2 Rent/Utilities**

Monday - Friday, 9:30 am to 12 noon, and  
1 pm to 3:30 pm

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**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays by 12:00 pm**

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**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.

**If you have information about an event that you would like included in this bulletin, contact James Bartel at the office at (503) 775-6731, Ext. 104, or e-mail him at jbartel@olspdx.org.**

### **The Ascension of the Lord**

- 1) Acts 1:1-11 - **SOLEMNITY**
- 2) Ephesians 1:17-23  
or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13
- 3) Mark 16:15-20

**FOCUS:** *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.*

The Apostles' conversion happened over an extended period of time. Jesus' command to go and baptize all who would come to believe through their efforts is ongoing to this day. People are waiting for us to extend an invitation and to witness how faith in Jesus has changed our lives. There is no time to waste.

### Sacrificial Giving Report

#### **Week of May 9**

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$2,306.00
Online Donations	\$815.00
Votive Candles	\$21.50
Property Development Fund	\$160.00
Catholic Charities' Appeal	\$160.00
School Support	\$144.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$160.00
Church Roof Repair	\$10.00



*Thank You*



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. Crispine to call me.  
 I'm interested in parish ministries    I would like to receive offertory envelopes

*Mass for the Intentions Week*



Wed-19	12 pm	The San Luis Family <i>Maria Clara San Luis</i>
Thurs-20	12 pm	Ed Kraus <i>Chuck &amp; Jackie Sweet</i>
Fri-21	12 pm	✠ Tom Flynn <i>Barbara Sheridan</i>
Sat-22	5 pm	✠ Donald Lorenzen <i>Helen Jones</i>
Sun-23	8:30 am 11 am	The People of Our Parish The San Luis Family <i>Maria Clara San Luis</i>

**Prayer Line**

**(503) 775—6731, Ext. 111**

**Call today with your prayer intentions.**

**Our prayer warriors are standing by.**



**Prayer Corner**

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



Marcus Spotts, Sally Allen, Ed Kraus, Stan and Dolores Rypczynski, Dolores Lorenzen, Charles Flores, ✠Donald Lorenzen

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

**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
Inspiration for the week

When Jesus was physically with his disciples, he guarded and protected them. One of his greatest desires was that they share his joy completely. God's love is the source of all things and their sustenance. As we conduct the normal routines of our lives it is easy to get caught up in the immediacies of this world and lose focus. We become very self and worldly dependent, forgetting that God wishes to guard and protect us. The joy the resurrected Christ can offer cannot be found in this world. It takes a bit of faith to realize that God's will is a constant in our lives and that God desires only the sustenance and goodness of both our bodies and our souls. We need to trust in God's constant and rejuvenating love. This radical resurrection trust allows us to experience the joy of God's presence in all of the good and the bad, positive and negative, life building and life destructive events that we encounter. God remains where love remains.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Mon-17	Office Open, 8:30 am—4 pm
Tues-18	Office Open, 8:30 am—4 pm Adoration, 8 am—8 pm, Church
Wed-19	Office Open, 8:30 am—4 pm <b>12 pm Daily Mass</b> <b>Called to Protect Class for Teens, 6 pm, Parish Office</b>
Thurs-20	Office Open, 8:30 am—4 pm <b>12 pm Daily Mass</b> <b>Final Confirmation Class, 6 pm, Parish Office</b>
Fri-21	Office Closed <b>12 pm Daily Mass</b>
Sat-22	<b>Confirmation at St. Anne Church, 2:30 pm</b> Confessions, 3:30—4:30 pm <b>5 pm Vigil Mass</b>
Sun-23	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> Follow-up Weekend for the 2021 Archbishop's Catholic Appeal (ACA) <b>Masses at 8:30 am and 11 am</b>

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS**

**Monday, May 17:**

Leslie, Lolita, and Betty

**WEEKLY PRAYER**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021**

<b>SUN 5/16</b>	<i>Ascension:</i> Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter:</i> Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19
<b>MON 5/17</b>	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
<b>TUE 5/18</b>	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
<b>WED 5/19</b>	Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
<b>THR 5/20</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
<b>FRI 5/21</b>	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
<b>SAT 5/22</b>	<i>Morning:</i> Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
<b>SUN 5/23</b>	<i>Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Extended Vigil:</i> Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 <i>Day:</i> Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021**

<b>Sunday:</b>	The Ascension of the Lord; 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter; World Communications Day
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John I, Pope and Martyr
<b>Thursday:</b>	St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
<b>Friday:</b>	St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
<b>Saturday:</b>	St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Pentecost Sunday

**Pray for all affected by the coronavirus.**

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Mr. Brian Bardeloza** of our parish, who was confirmed this past Wednesday at St. Mary Cathedral by Archbishop Sample.

Also, early congratulations to **Amira Villa**, one of our young people, who will be Confirmed this Saturday afternoon, May 22nd, at St. Anne Church.

Please continue to remember Brian and Amira in your daily prayers, that they may both enjoy God's many graces as they continue to live "lives in the Spirit."

## Final Confirmation Class

Please note that this Thursday, May 20th, will be the final Confirmation preparation class at 6:00 pm in the Parish Office.

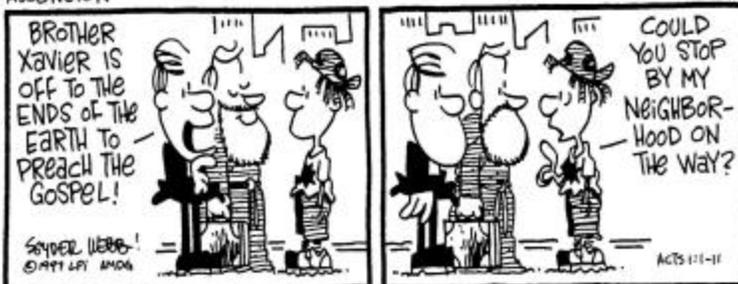
## Update on the Archbishop's Catholic Appeal

Currently, our parish has met 68.84% of its goal for this year's Archbishop's Catholic Appeal (ACA), but we still need **\$5,764**.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a pledge to this year's appeal, we ask you to please do so, and help our parish keep its long-standing tradition of meeting our yearly goal. Envelopes are still available in the church, or you can go online to our website and easily give with a credit or debit card. After all, many of the funds will be returned to our parish in the form of grants. And of course, thank you so very much to everyone who has already given to this year's ACA. God bless you for your generosity.



ASCENSION



## Security and Coming to Mass Late

Because of some recent security issues, beginning today, May 9, **the church's side door will be locked 5 minutes after Mass begins**. This means that **if you come late to Mass, you will have to instead go to the front doors, knock, and an usher or hospitality minister will let you in**.

When you come to Mass late, not only is it disrespectful of the Church's Sacred Liturgy, but it also distracts those worshipers who are already praying in the church. Please make the effort to come early and be one time for Holy Mass; Our precious Lord is worth it.

## Called to Protect Training

This Wednesday evening, May 19th, a Called to Protect training class will be offered at 6:00 pm in the Parish Office for all our teens (and their parents) who are currently enrolled in the Religious Education program. These classes are required by the Archdiocese, as we continue to do everything we can to keep our children safe.

## What is a "Novena?"

A Novena is a prayer with a specific intention offered nine days in a row, originating in the nine days of prayer by the disciples and Mary between the Ascension and Pentecost. Many novenas have been highly indulged by the Holy See over the centuries. The Jesuits traditionally offer a "Novena of Grace" in March, and a "Christmas Novena" begins December 16th, and honors the mystery of Christmas. Today, there is a Scriptural novena that is recommended before Pentecost, as well as the "Surrender Novena" - the prayers for which are available by the church's side entrance.

## Bequests and Estate Planning

I give, devise, and bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the Archdiocese of Portland, in Oregon, for the sole benefit of Our Lady of Sorrows Church, located at 5239 SE Woodstock BLVD, Portland, Oregon, to be used under the direction and control of Rev. Father Chrispine Otieno, Pastor, or the priest-in-charge at the time of my death.

## GOSPEL MEDITATION - UNDERSTANDING SACRED SCRIPTURE



**May 13, 2021**

### **The Ascension of the Lord**

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!

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### **Why Are We Looking at the Sky?**

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. *Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!*

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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