

December 12, 2021

# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

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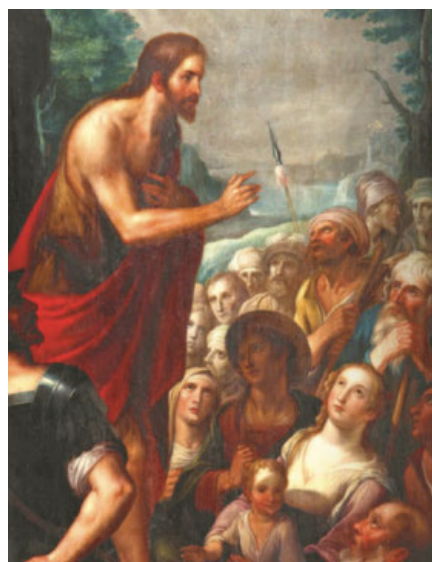
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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday:** 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**Daily Mass:**

Tuesday—Friday, 12:00 PM (during Advent)

**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)

**Anointing of the Sick:** at the 12 pm Mass on the First Friday of each month

**Taize Prayer:** first Thursday of each month at 7 pm

**The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each Mass.**

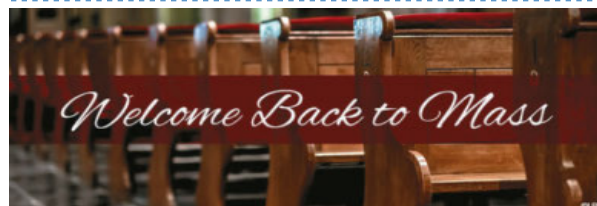
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**St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Services  
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**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays by 12:00 pm**

### Parish Staff

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### Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn, Kai Fuhrmann, Melba Ganaban

**Hearing assistance devices are available at the side entrance of the church for anyone's use.**



**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.

### **Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete)**

- 1) Zephaniah 3:14-18a
- 2) Philippians 4:4-7
- 3) Luke 3:10-18

**FOCUS:** *Rejoice in the Lord always.*

As we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, our Liturgy of the Word emphasizes our call to rejoice. We rejoice because the Messiah is coming. We rejoice because God has fulfilled his promises. We rejoice because there is no more need for fear or anxiety. In Christ, we are fulfilled. Rejoice! One mightier is coming!

### Sacrificial Giving Report

#### **Week of December 5**

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$2,849.00
Online Donations	Not available
Votive Candles	\$34.15
Coffee and Doughnuts	\$42.25
Christmas Flowers	\$207.00
Property Development Fund	\$583.00
School Subsidy Support	\$100.00

**Thank you for supporting our parish!**



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. Chrspine to call me.

☐ I'm interested in parish ministries   ☐ I would like to receive offertory envelopes

## Mass for the Intentions Week

Tues-14	12 pm	Private Intention of the Priest
Wed-15	12 pm	✠ Mary Basaraba <i>Barbara Sheridan</i>
Thurs-16	12 pm	Edmundo Jewel <i>Lucy</i>
Fri-17	12 pm	Moses <i>Lucy</i>
Sat-18	5 pm	Stan and Dolores Rypczynski <i>The Rypczynski Family</i>
Sun-19	8:30 am 11 am	The People of Our Parish ✠ Pam Bachman <i>Jim Bachman</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, Charles Flores, ✠ Nancy Franz, ✠ Dorothy Kunelis

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

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

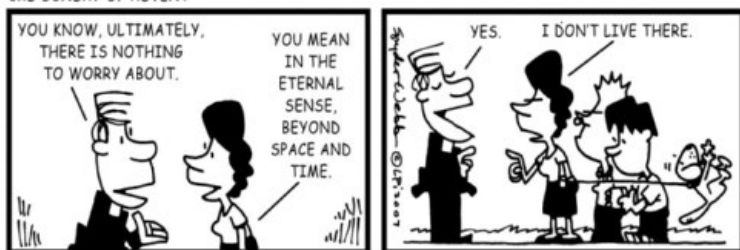
Mon-13	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm
Tues-14	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm Adoration, 8 am—8 pm, Church <b>Daily Mass 12 pm</b> <b>Advent Penance Service, 6 pm</b>
Wed-15	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm <b>Daily Mass 12 pm</b> Confirmation Class, 6 pm, Parish Office Faith Formation for Adults, 7 pm, Parish Office
Thurs-16	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm <b>Daily Mass 12 pm</b> Adoration, 8 am—8 pm, Church
Fri-17	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm <b>Daily Mass 12 pm</b>
Sat-18	Confessions, 3:30—4:30 pm <b>5 pm Vigil Mass</b>
Sun-19	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <b>Masses at 8:30 am and 11 am</b> Coffee and Doughnuts Catechism Class, 9:45 am, Parish Office

## THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS

**Monday, December 13:**

Leslie, Lolita, and Betty

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	3rd Sunday of Advent
<b>Monday:</b>	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	4th Sunday of Advent

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18
<b>Monday:</b>	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
<b>Thursday:</b>	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30
<b>Friday:</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
<b>Saturday:</b>	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
<b>Next Sunday:</b>	Mt 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

## December 18/19 Lector EM of Holy Communion Altar Server

<b>Saturday 5 pm</b>	Sr. Margaret	Luisa D.	Louie O. Leona L.
<b>Sunday 8:30 am</b>	Ely G.	Jackie S.	Emeraude L. Jonathan S.
<b>Sunday 11 am</b>	Joan C.	Jim B.	Ian B. Katarina F.

# What's Happening

## Advent Penance Service

Our Advent Penance Service will be this Tuesday, December 14, at 6:00 pm, and four priests will be available to hear Confessions.

All Catholics are encouraged to go the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) either before or during the Christmas Season to prepare their hearts for the coming of God's greatest gift: his only-begotten Son.

**Don't forget that Confessions are also heard Saturday afternoons from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm in the church (except on December 25).**

## Change in the Christmas Mass Schedule

We have decided that, because of the number of Liturgies being offered over the Christmas weekend, **there will be NO 5 pm Mass on Christmas Day.**

To see the complete list of all dates for times for the special Liturgies during the Advent and Christmas Seasons, visit our website at [www.olspx.org](http://www.olspx.org).

## WeShare Holiday Match Program

There are still three weeks left for the WeShare Holiday Match Program. If you sign-up for a recurring online donation, WeShare will match each new account up to \$50, and our parish can receive up to \$1,000 in additional funding. Please do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to not only simplify your giving, but to also help our parish easily earn some extra money. For more information, visit our parish's website, or call Carl in the Parish Office.



## Today's Second Collection

**Give in gratitude.** A donor to the Retirement Fund for Religious writes: "I still remember the lessons the Sisters gave us, and how they instilled in us a love for our faith." Please show your thanks for the prayerful service of elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Your gift to today's second collection helps provide much needed care, medicine, and more. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Christmas Wish-list 2021

With the end of the year approaching, please consider making a tax-deductible donation toward one of the items on our parish's Christmas Wish-list. This list contains things that we would very much like to have, but do not currently have the money for.

We would love to have the following:

- New padded wooden chairs for the Sanctuary in the church (\$525 each)

- Fund for new Mass Vestments

*It is important to note that, through the generosity of several people, we have successfully replaced some of our aging Mass vestments, but others are still needed, such as red and rose. Vestments are typically purchased in sets.*

- New cloths for the main altar (about \$250 each)
- New larger handicapped accessible bathroom in the church (\$30,000)
- New carpeting for the Parish Offices (\$15,000)
- New up-to-date Smart TV (64 inch) to use for teaching Faith Formation classes (\$600)
- Any other special donation that you would like to make to the parish



## Job Opportunity

Would you like to earn some extra money? One of our parishioners is in need of someone to do light housework two or three days a week. If interested, please call Arlene at 971-940-5777.

# Pray for all affected by the coronavirus.

## 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 Crispine Otieno, Pastor, or the priest-in-charge at the time of my death.

# Father's Christmas Letter to the Parish

Dear fellow parishioners,

Greetings! With December 25<sup>th</sup> still weeks away, I am heartily looking forward to celebrating this Christmas with you. Last year was a challenge with the effects of the pandemic, but we thank God that this year we are able to gather and celebrate the birth of our Savior with our families. This last summer, I was able to visit my family in Kenya, and how grateful I am to God for the gift of the family! I thank God for you too, my parish family, and I thank you for the ongoing love and support as we share our faith together. Our parish family is strong and blessed with so many gifts. Each one of you is a valuable gift to this parish, and I love you.

I know this is a season to share joy, love, and gifts, but we remember that the greatest gift has been given to us by God. Isaiah tells us, *"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given...he shall be called Wonder Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace (9:6)."* Many of us continue to be affected by the coronavirus, perhaps even losing friends and loved ones. The new born child Jesus gives us hope in facing these ongoing challenges. He did not shy away from coming in our midst to meet us where we are, because God never abandons his people. God has remembered us! By taking on our humanity from Blessed Virgin Mary, Jesus draws us into His Divinity: what a precious exchange! God has come down to walk with us, to accompany us, and to lead us ultimately to eternal life. Let us, therefore, open our hearts to embrace and welcome him, for whoever welcomes Jesus, welcomes peace, joy, love, and hope (cf. Lk 2:7).

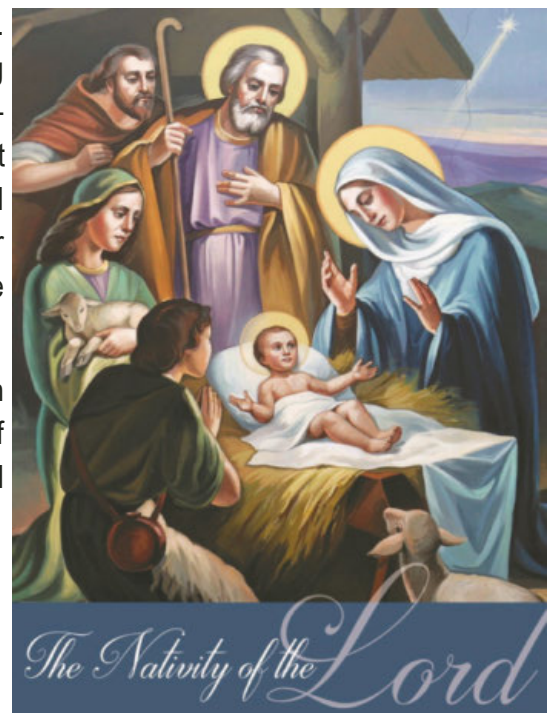
I encourage all of you to celebrate Christmas joyfully and to recommit yourselves to the Sacraments of the Church, especially Sunday Eucharist and regular Confession. Jesus is always here calling us to walk with him, so let us allow him to nourish and strengthen us by drawing closer to him. Please invite your loved ones to come to this greatest feast of all, and receive blessings as a family. Our Christmas Masses this year are 5pm and 8pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve); and 8.30am, 11am, and 5pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day). The full schedule of Masses and Confession times will be posted online and printed in the bulletin.

Dear friends, I also take this opportunity to thank you for the gifts of your time, talents, and treasures that have enabled this Church of God to continue the ministries of Jesus. Even in the midst of the pandemic, you stepped up and kept our parish alive and strong. I am very grateful to all the volunteers, and to all who have donated toward our parish's needs. Each year we post a Christmas Wish-list, and request you to consider giving a gift to your parish. Your generosity made it possible for us to accomplish many projects, including installing new heating and cooling units in the whole parish, painting our buildings, repairing our school's roof, and more. Following this letter is the wish-list for this year, and our biggest dream is to replace our church's aging roof, and install new ADA approved bathrooms in the church. Please reflect on these our needs, and respond as you able. After all, every contribution makes a difference when given with love for God and for our church.

We think of you fondly as part of our parish family, and pray that you have a faith-enriching Advent Season, and a spiritually filled Christmas Season. On behalf of the staff, Pastoral Council, and Finance Council, I wish you all a very joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2022.

In Christ,

Fr. Chrispine Otieno, Pastor



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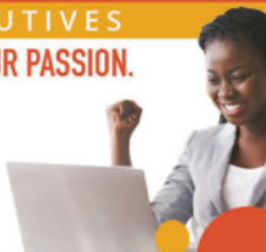
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