

April 3, 2022

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday:

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass (during Lent):

Tuesday—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)

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

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each Mass.

(On Fridays, the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows is prayed.)

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.

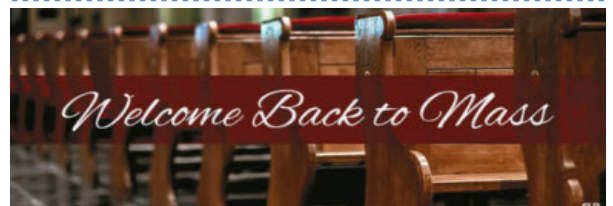
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Did you know? (From CatholicCulture.org)

Why does the Season of Lent come so quickly after Christmas?

The liturgical season of Lent coincides with spring, calling to mind the new life and growth, the hope and change that should characterize this time of prayer, penance and conversion. This is the season of initiation into the grace-life of the Church. For 40 days, the Church invites us to start afresh. In fact, the word *Lent* is derived from an Anglo-Saxon word *lengthen* or *lencten* meaning "spring." We are "to spring" into action, to do the tasks of the season, to prepare for the new growth and graces that overflow from Easter. Spring is the most important season for a farmer, for it determines what crops he will plant. Once decided, he prepares the soil thoroughly and plants the seed carefully, hoping that the seed buried deep in the soil will produce an abundant crop.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 1) Isaiah 43:16-21
- 2) Philippians 3:8-14
- 3) John 8:1-11

FOCUS: Jesus, who is love and mercy, heals and forgives.

Jesus reveals the heart of the Father, who is love. Although we turn away from him, God does not choose to condemn or turn away from us. Instead, he offers to pay our debt, to take our sins to the cross. He comes to cleanse and heal us and give us a share in his life.

This year, because we have a catechumen preparing to enter the Church, today's Scripture readings come from Year A of the Lectionary, and the Gospel is that of the raising of Lazarus.

Sacrificial Giving Report

Week of March 27

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$2,628.50
Online Donations	\$626.00
Votive Candles	\$49.50
Coffee and Doughnuts	\$67.00
Soup Supper	\$10.85
St. Vincent de Paul	\$10.00
Property Development Fund	\$50.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$453.25

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. Chrispine to call me.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tues-5	12 pm	✠ Jackie Sweet <i>The Roberti Family</i>
Wed-6	12 pm	✠ Jackie Sweet <i>The Roberti Family</i>
Thurs-7	12 pm	In honor of a special occasion <i>Helen Jones</i>
Fri-8	12 pm	Rosalina Marker <i>The Roberti Family</i>
Sat-9	5 pm	Patrick Fee <i>Melinda Reis</i>
Sun-10	8:30 am	✠ Anastacia Llecholch <i>Clara Johanes</i>
	11 am	Pro Populo

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, Stan and Dolores Rypczynski, ✠ Jackie Sweet, Richard and Donna Johnson, Ryan Martin, ✠ Ed Kraus, Donna Brown

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



April 10: Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Body: Ton G. Lectors: Maria L. and Cynthia R.
Server: Louie O.

8:30 am Sunday Mass

Body: Clara J. Lectors: Rudy D. and Ely G.
Servers: Louie O., Jonathan S.

11:00 am Sunday Mass

Body: Susan P. Lectors: Tony G. and Maria F.
Servers: Jim B., Emeraude L., and Ian B.

Note: the ministry schedule for the Holy Week Masses/ Services will be a separate insert in next weekend's bulletin.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-4	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm
Tues-5	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm Adoration, 8 am—7 pm, Church Daily Mass 12 pm
Wed-6	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm Daily Mass 12 pm Confirmation Class, 6 pm, Parish Office Faith Formation for Adults, 7 pm, Office
Thurs-7	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm Daily Mass 12 pm Adoration, 8 am—8 pm, Church Taize Holy Hour, 7 pm—8 pm, Church
Fri-8	Office Open, 9 am—3 pm Daily Mass 12 pm Stations of the Cross, 6 pm, Church Simple Soup Supper, 6:30 pm, Fr. Carberry Hall
Sat-9	Confessions, 3:30 pm—4:30 pm Vigil Mass 5 pm
Sun-10	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i> Masses at 8:30 am and 11 am Coffee, Doughnuts, and Bagels Catechism Class, 9:45 am, Parish Office

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS

Monday, April 4:

Leslie, Betty, and Jim

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022

Sunday:	Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2022

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday:	St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Next Sunday:	Holy Week begins; Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

What's Happening

Holy Week Schedule

Monday, April 11: Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, 7 pm

Tuesday, April 12: Mass at 12 pm, Adoration 8 am—8 pm

Wednesday, April 13: Mass at 12 pm, Adoration 8 am—8 pm (extra day added)

Thursday, April 14: Evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper at 7 pm, followed by Adoration until 10:30 pm

Friday, April 15: Stations of the Cross at 3 pm, Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7 pm

Saturday, April 16: Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 pm, there are NO Confessions or 5 pm Mass

Sunday, April 17: Easter Sunday Masses at 8:30 am and 11 am

Special Holy Hour

This Thursday, April 7, there will be a special Hour of Prayer in the church during the last hour of Adoration from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Come and enjoy time for silent prayer with the Lord, as well as Gregorian Chant, Taize-style music, and readings from Scripture. There might even be Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Update on the Synod

The Synod on Synodality continues, and during the month of April, we enter the vicariate-level stage, as well as continue praying for the success of the synod.

Copies of our parish's synod report are available at the entrances of the church, as well as on our parish's website, for those who would like to read it. The report has been submitted to the Archdiocese, and we are now waiting to send representatives from our parish to the vicariate-level discernment session that will be held soon.

No Meetings in April

Please note that there will be no meetings of the Pastoral and Finance Councils during the month of April because of how busy a time this is liturgically. Council members can enjoy time off, while they participate in the Holy Week Liturgies.

Archbishop's Catholic Appeal

Have you made your pledge yet to this year's Archbishop's Catholic Appeal?

Our parish's goal for this year's Appeal is **\$18,500**. If you have not already done so, please complete your pledge card, indicating your gift or pledge to our Catholic Church in western Oregon. Pledge cards are still available in the church, or you can also give online on our parish website; just click on the picture of the Archbishop on the homepage.

Our parish has a long history of meeting its goal each year for the Appeal, and we need your help and generosity to do that. By supporting the Appeal, you are also helping our parish, because many of the monies given come back to us in the form of financial aid and grants.

Rice Bowls

We will collect the CRS rice bowls on the Second and Third Sundays of Easter. Simply bring your rice bowl to Mass with you, and place it in one of the baskets at the entrances of the church.

Lenten Activities

On the Fridays of Lent, the Stations of the Cross are prayed at 6:00 pm in the church, followed by a simple soup supper in Fr. Carberry Hall.

Also, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays in the church from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, and there is an extra daily Mass on Tuesdays at 12:00 pm.

Update on Projects

We are happy to announce that we have raised all the money needed to replace the church's aging roof, and the work will begin sometime this summer, between June and September.

We are also continuing with the installation of the new handicapped accessible bathroom in the church. Currently, we are applying for all the necessary permits from the City of Portland, and more information on this project will be coming soon.

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

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

We love to make examples out of those who have erred and done wrong. Publicly punishing others serves as a means of demonstrating the consequences for what is deemed inappropriate or wrongful behavior. While this may appear an effective way of achieving conformity to established rules, it runs the real risk of distorting motivation. Obviously, we want people to do what is right and pursue healthy, virtuous behaviors and ideals. But is fear of punishment ever the best motivation for avoiding one action in favor of another?

Doing something out of fear is never healthy. Focusing exclusively on our behavior and what others expect or think, leads to living life with a self-focused superficiality. We become more concerned about protecting ourselves from something negative and unpleasant, than investing ourselves in the freedom, wonder and awe of being human! We can still find our way to the unacceptable or inappropriate behavior as long as we do not get caught! Being a whole, focused, and God-centered human being requires more. It demands an investment of the heart. Virtuous, moral, and mature lifestyles reflective of the Gospel necessitate love.



When we experience and recognize love, God's unconditional love, in the depth of our soul, we fall in love with what we have found. We then find ourselves leaving destructive and sinful actions behind in search of something more holy, dignified, true, integral, and loving. This is really "mercy realized." God's tremendous, loving, eternal forgiveness and willingness to bring us back to something more real and tender is transformational. The respect for myself that I receive from God is so life changing that it causes me to run quickly away from anything sinful and self-destructive to things that are whole and holy.

There are many people who want nothing more than to judge or criticize us. What would actually stoning the woman caught in adultery really accomplish? Nothing more than the inflation of the already self-righteous egos of a few men who think they have power. They have no power because they are sinners too, just like everyone else. What all of us have is the humble ability to express sorrow for pursuing destructive thoughts and actions and receive the power of God's mercy. Then, Jesus' request to "go and sin no more" will be one we proudly heed and follow.

Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."
- Jn 8:10-11

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