

December 18th, 2022

# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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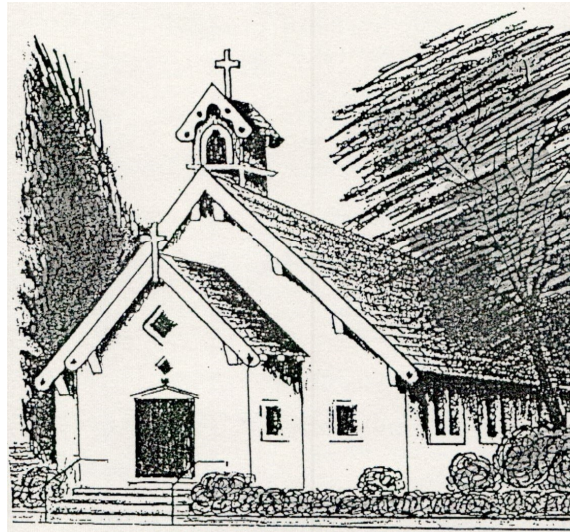
Office Telephone: (503) 775-6731 Fax Number: (503) 775-6732

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Parish Website: [www.olspdx.org](http://www.olspdx.org)

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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 7:00 PM

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Church

from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

(Call the office for door access code)

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

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 Noon, and  
1 PM to 3:30 PM

(Multnomah and Clackamas County)



### Parish Staff

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### Pastoral Council

Cathy Perisich, Sue Stoeger, Marijana Skoro,

Tony Graham, Cynthia Roberti

### Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn, Melba Ganaban,

Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley

### Did you know?

What is a Rorate Mass?

This votive Mass during Advent in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary receives its name from the first words of the opening chant in Latin, Rorate caeli, or in English "Shower, O heavens." The Mass is most often celebrated in communities devoted to the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, but is also an option for parishes that celebrate Mass in the vernacular. What is peculiar to this celebration of the Eucharist is that it is traditionally celebrated in the dark, only illuminated by candlelight and typically just before dawn. The symbolism of this Mass abounds and is a supreme expression of the Advent season. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honour, white vestments are worn instead of the normal Advent violet.

### Third Sunday of Advent

(Lectionary #7)

- 1) Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
- 2) James 5:7-10
- 3) Matthew 11:2-11

**FOCUS:** *Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.*

On Gaudete Sunday we rejoice with all the earth in anticipation and preparation for Jesus' birth and the coming of his kingdom. We, like John the Baptist, are blessed and included in the kingdom of heaven, not because of what we do but what Jesus does for us.

### Collection Information for 12/11

**Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00**

Offertory	\$2,840.00
Online Donations	\$2979.00
Votive Candles	\$50.06
Coffee and Doughnuts	\$56.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$50.00
Christmas Flowers	\$35.00
Christmas Gift	\$85.00
Religious Retirement	\$648.00
Property Development	\$153.00

## Thank you for supporting our parish!



**Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask in the Sacristy for a receiver to use.**

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-20	12 PM	✠ Anna Trân thi Duong Phan Hoang
Wed-21	12 PM	A Friend with cancer Eric Sorensen
Thurs-22	12 PM	✠ Marie Hong Tran Joseph Tran
Fri-23	12 PM	Souls in Purgatory Anonymous
Sat-24	4:30 PM	✠ Jamie Rawson Roberti Family
	8 PM	✠ Marie Hong Tran Joseph Tran
Sun-25	8:30 AM	The People of Our Parish
	11 AM	✠ Gene DiLoreto Jim Bachman



### 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, Richard and Donna Johnson, Ryan Martin, Gary Hart, Ann Nice, Greg Haggard, ✠Jeanette Helfrich

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

## WEEKLY PRAYER

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 18, 2022

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Next Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-19	Office Open
Tues-20	Office Open
Wed-21	Office Open <b>Daily Mass 12 PM</b> Confirmation Class, 6 PM, Parish Office  Faith Formation for Adults, 7 PM, Parish Office
Thurs-22	Office Open <b>Daily Mass 12 PM</b>
Fri-23	Office Open <b>Daily Mass 12 PM</b>
Sat-24	No Confessions this week <b>Christmas Vigil Masses</b> <b>4:30 and 8 PM</b>
Sun-25	<i>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</i> <b>Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM</b>

### THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (12/19):

Leslie, Betty, Chuck

### December 25: Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

#### 4:30 PM Christmas Vigil

Body: Cynthia R. Lector: Audrey H.  
Servers: Jonathan S., Emeraude L., Jim B. (Incense)

#### 8:00 PM Christmas Vigil

Body: Charles S. Lector: Maria L. Server: Luis O.

#### 8:30 AM Christmas

Body: Clara J. Lector: Sonie D.  
Servers: Emeraude L., Jonathan S.

#### 11:00 AM Christmas

Body: Don P. Lector: Tony G.  
Server: Joseph P., Jim B. (Incense)



### 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ADVENT



# What's Happening

## Parish Job Openings

The Parish has an opening for a musician and organist. We are looking for someone who has strong Catholic values with a deep understanding of Church Liturgy and Sacred Music. Details can be found on the parish website. For inquiries call the office or email your resume to [frchrispine@olspx.org](mailto:frchrispine@olspx.org)

The Parish also has an opening for a Pastoral Assistant, to help Father with religious and liturgical needs, including Religious Education. We are looking for someone well-educated in the faith with a deep understanding of Catholic teaching. Details can be found on the parish website, and inquiries can be made as above.

## Faith Formation for Adults and Confirmation

Confirmation classes for students and Faith Formation for adults will continue this Wednesday at 6 and 7 PM, respectively. We will need adult volunteers to assist with these classes. Those interested should reach out to Fr. Chrispine.

## Office Hours

The Parish Office is now open Monday-Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM for your needs. Please feel free to stop in and see us!

## New Calendars

The new calendars for 2023 are also here, and are available for you at both entrances of the church. Please consider giving your business to the generous sponsor who paid for these calendars.

## Advent

We are now in the Holy Season of Advent, a sacred time during which we prepare our hearts for Jesus's coming at Christmas.

During this Advent, **an additional daily Mass will be offered on Tuesdays at 12 PM.** Also, the Advent Penance Service will be Tuesday evening, December 13, at 7:00 PM, and five priests will be available to hear Confessions.

Also, copies of *The Word Among Us* and complete Advent schedules are available for you at both entrances of the church. Have a blessed Advent everyone!

## Christmas Schedule

Vigil Masses for Christmas will be on the 24th at 4:30 and 8 PM. Christmas Day masses will at 8:30 and 11 AM.

## Dec. 20th Daily Mass

Due to urgent circumstances, the Mass schedule for Tuesday, December 20th, has been cancelled.

## For the Ushers

Thank you for your diligent service during the Masses. Going forward, after taking the offertory to the sacristy, please do not walk directly back to the pews during the consecration. Instead, please exit through the side doors and re-enter from the front door. Or wait by the sacristy entrance until we stand for the Our Father, then you may head back to your original pew. Ushers are also free to store the collections after Mass or during the announcements so that you may still have time to pray without other interference. We ask for this in order to reduce disturbance during the liturgy and to foster greater reverence during Mass.

Thank you!

## 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.

# ADVENT



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart?

Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be



a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith.

God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,*

which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. - Mt 1:23-24

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