

February 26, 2023

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

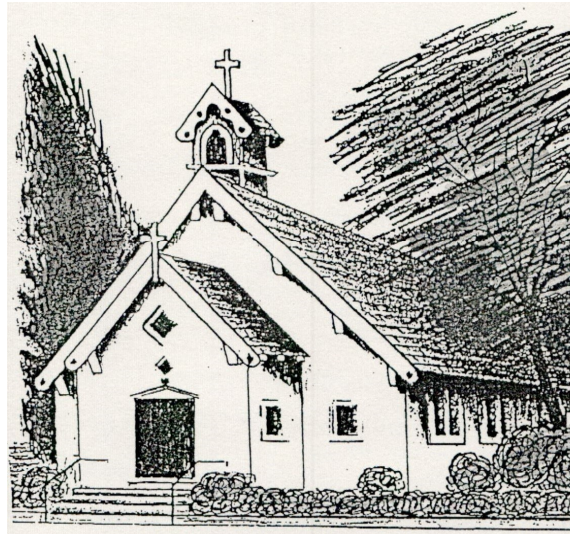
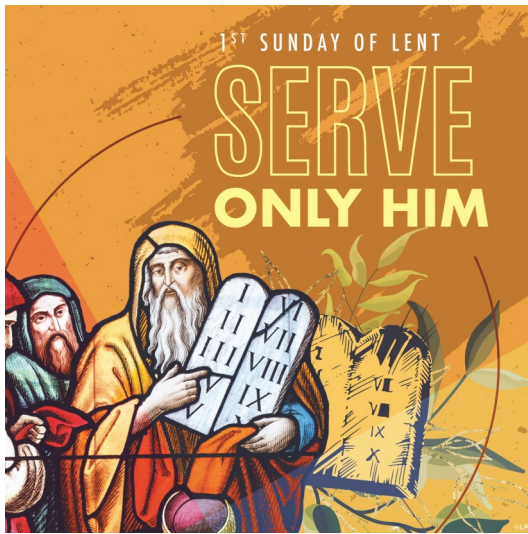
Mailing Address: 5239 SE Woodstock BLVD, Portland, OR 97206

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

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday:

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass:

Tuesday—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 8:00 AM to 3:00 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 12 noon, and
1 PM to 3:30 PM
(Multnomah and Clackamas County)



Parish Staff

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First Sunday of Lent

(Lectionary #22)

1) Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

2) Romans 5:12-19

3) Matthew 4:1-11

FOCUS: *Through Christ we are made righteous and have eternal life.*

On this first Sunday of Lent, our readings bring into focus the great drama of our salvation history: Our first parents sinned, and through them death came to all. Yet our gracious God sent his Son not to condemn but to free us and show his power over Satan. Through him we are made righteous.

Pastoral Council

Cathy Perisich, Sue Stoeger, Marijana Skoro,
Tony Graham, Cynthia Roberti, Brian Bardellozza

Collection Information for 2/19

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$3022.55
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Online Donations	\$615.00
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Other Giving	\$30.00
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St Vincent de Paul	\$50.00
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Catholic Home Missions	\$55.00
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Coffee and Doughnuts	\$64.35
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Votive Candles	\$23.13
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Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn, Melba Ganaban,
Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley

Did you know?

Though we just began Lent with Ash Wednesday, our Eastern Catholic brothers and sisters will begin Lent on Clean Monday, this year on the 27th. While a small minority of Eastern Catholics will practice sprinkling ashes, and so sometimes call it Ash Monday, most instead do not. It is celebrated as a joyful occasion in remembrance of Christ's words to not fast as the hypocrites do with disfigured faces, but fast with happy, clean faces, so that only the Father knows.

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. Chrsipine to call me.

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Tue-28	12 PM	✠ Tom Koppy Betty Schmich
Wed-1	12 PM	✠ Jim Sheridan Joan Flynn Maria Clara San Luís
Thurs-2	12 PM	✠ Eugene Roy Balensiefer Caleb Owens Connie Whitmarsh Betty Schmich
Fri-3	12 PM	✠ Carlos Capil Myra Nichols Ed O'Neil Roberti Family
Sat-4	5 PM	✠ Myrna Stichin-Angeles Luisa + Rudy del Rosario Chris Reis Roberti Family
Sun-5	8:30 AM	The People of Our Parish
	11 AM	✠ Eufemio A. Duran Sonie + Anita Constance Jakic

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:

Connie Whitmarsh, ✠ Jim Sheridan, ✠ Tom Koppy, ✠ Alyson Bjurstrom

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



Lenten Journey

Fridays: We will have Stations of the Cross at 6 PM on Fridays followed by a soup supper at 6:30 PM.

Resource books will be available at each entrance. If you are not able to find any, please ask Tony Graham.

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-20	Office Open
Tues-21	Office Open Daily Mass 12 PM
Wed-22	Office Open Daily Mass 12 PM Confirmation 5:30 PM Faith Formation 7 PM
Thurs-23	Office Open Daily Mass 12 PM
Fri-24	Office Open Daily Mass 12 PM
Sat-25	Confessions, 3:30—4:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM
Sun-26	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i> Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM Catechism Class, 9:45 AM, Parish Office Coffee and Doughnuts

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (2/28):

Mary Ann, Jim, Holly

March 5: Second Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

Body: Rudy D. Lector: Audrey H. Server: Luis O.

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Body: Charles S. Lector: Leslie C.

Servers: Emeraude L., Jonathan S.

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

Body: Victoria C. Lector: Joan C. Server: Jim B.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT



What's Happening

Anointing of the Sick

There will be Anointing of the Sick the weekend of March 4th and 5th.

Lenten Masses

Daily Masses will be Tuesday through Friday at noon.

Catholic in Recovery Retreat

Join us on March 24th-26th at St. Benedict Lodge, McKenzie Bridge, OR. Final day to register is March 15, 2023 (\$50 discount if you register before the end of January, 2023). For more information and registration go to: <https://catholicinrecovery.com/events/>.

St. Vincent de Paul

St Vincent de Paul Lunch Gathering after the Health and Healing Mass for Connie Whitmarsh on February 23rd. Please bring a sack lunch, coffee and tea will be provided. Come join us for a prayer, friendship, and an update on St Vincent de Paul business.

Ping Pong Table

We have been gifted a lovely new ping pong table from one of our own, but this means we now have an extra table. If anyone would like our old ping pong table to take home, please see Jeanette Howell or Ian Burt during office hours for information.

COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED

We are looking for more volunteers for the collection counting team. If you are interested in assisting, please reach out to Ian at ian@olspdx.org, or see olspdx.org/collection-counters for more details.

Faith Formation for Youth and Adults

Wednesday night we have our Confirmation Class at 5:30 PM in the Parish office. While this class is intended for our youth being Confirmed April 19th at All Saints, all are welcome. The content of this class is a great way for our youth to learn something new about their faith, and meet other youth from our parish. Please feel free to attend.

Wednesday night at 7 PM our RCIA class continues using the Formed Symbolon program. This class is so rich with the beauty of our Catholic faith, we encourage everyone to come and join the discussion. It is a blessing to be part of the journey of these special Catechumens and Candidates preparing to enter the Faith. If you cannot attend, the videos we use can be found on Formed.com

Giving and Envelopes

If you are a regular giver and do not currently receive envelopes, please send your name and address to ian@olspdx.org or fill out the information form on page 2 of the bulletin and drop it off at the office or in the giving basket. We are updating our information and have noticed that we are missing some people and want to make sure we are meeting everyone's needs.

Parish Job Openings

The Parish has an opening for a musician and organist. For inquiries call the office or email your resume to frchrispine@olspdx.org

Bulletin Announcements

If you would like to have an event or other important announcement posted in the bulletin, there is a new request form on the parish website which will help make getting your announcements in the bulletin easier. Go to olspdx.org/event-and-announcement-request-form and fill out the details. Announcement additions are still at the discretion of the administrative assistant, but filling out these requests makes it easier to process the announcements and determine what should be added.

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.

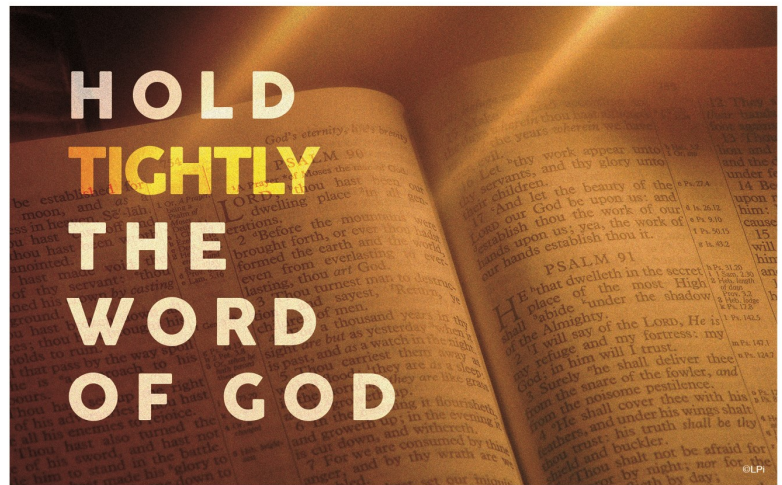
Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of February 26, 2023

- Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
- Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
- Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
- Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
- Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
- Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
- Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
- Next Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

The Spirit leads Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil, and we hear this: **“He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry.”** Seems like a questionable battle preparation plan. When I fast, I usually feel grouchy at best, and at worst, like I might pass out from longing for a hamburger. Isn't it better to be well-fed and fully hydrated, especially to face spiritual struggles? Why fast?

This might help. The origin of the word “fast” means to “hold firmly.” We still use it that way when we say, “I held fast to my original decision.” We human beings are a bundle of desires which vie for our attention: food, drink, comfort, safety, sex, laughter, beauty, and so on. If we can't manage to have firm grip on them, in short order they'll have a firm grip on us. By fasting from our lower desires, we learn to firmly grip on to what is greater. Fasting leads to us to a firmer hold on our body and mind.

Jesus fasts for us. He's showing us that his grace can help us regain this firm hold of our lives, which makes it more difficult for the devil to tempt us. But take it one more step. Fasting also teaches us to finally hold fast to Jesus, the Word of God in flesh. **“Man does not live by bread alone,”** he says, **“But by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”** Jesus' fasting reveals his fast hold to the Father in everything. May our fasting help us to grasp ourselves more firmly, and then to hold fast to Jesus alone.

— *Father John Muir*