

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

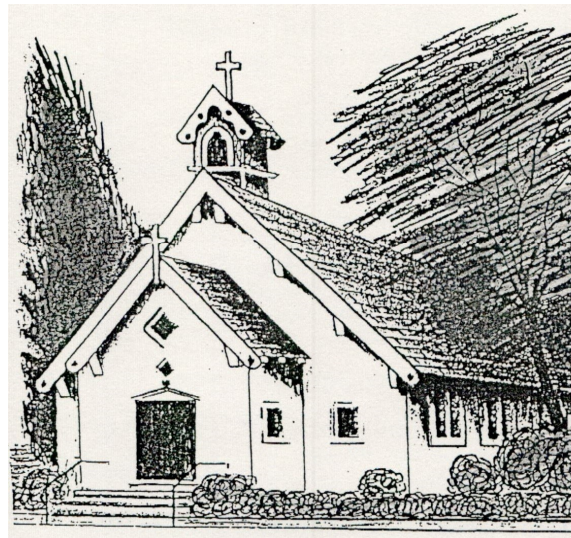
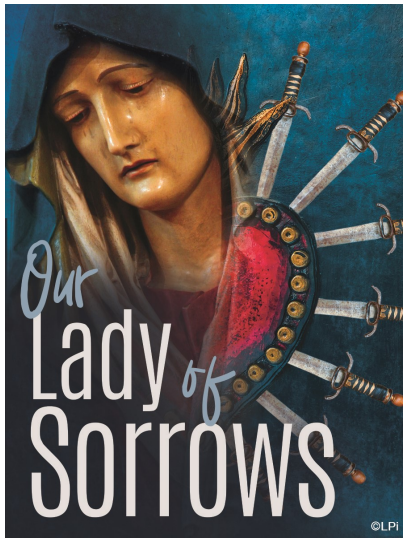
Mailing Address: 5239 SE Woodstock BLVD, Portland, OR 97206

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

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

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

[facebook.com/ourladyofsorrowspdx](https://facebook.com/ourladyofsorrowspdx) [www.FORMED.org](http://www.FORMED.org)



## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 PM

**Sunday:**

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**Daily Mass:**

Wednesday through 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 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

Fr. Chrsipine Otieno, Pastor

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### **The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows**

- 1) Isaiah 7:10-10
- 2) 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14
- 3) John 19:25-27

**FOCUS:** *Our sorrow will be turned to joy.*

On this memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, our readings call us to reflect on the hope that is found in the cross. Mary, the first disciple, felt the pain of the loss of Jesus like no other. And yet, she knew deeply the hope it would bring of our salvation.

**Collection Information for 9/10**

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

Offertory	\$2978.00
Coffee and Doughnuts	\$66.55
Votive Candles	\$19.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$399.00
Mass Intentions	\$80.00
Other Giving	\$40.00

### Pastoral Council

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

### Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn,  
Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley

### Did you know?

The modern Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows can trace its roots back to the 12th century. It had various informal celebrations throughout the centuries before seeing formal recognition at a Synod in Cologne in 1423. It wasn't until 1727 that it was extended to the entire Church by Papal decree, and then it was moved to its current date of September 15th in 1913. In some Eastern Catholic Churches a parallel Feast is celebrated on February 2nd.

## 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

Wed-20 12 PM Lolita P. Soriano

Thu-21 12 PM ✠ Patricia Hartner  
Caroline Hartner

Fri-22 12 PM Lolita P. Soriano

Sat-23 5 PM ✠ Le Thi Sang  
Phan

Sun-24 8:30 AM The People of Our Parish

11 AM Dick Johnson  
Jim Bachman

## PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-18 Office Closed

Tues-19 Office Open

Wed-20 Office Open  
**Daily Mass 12 PM**  
Faith Formation 7 PM

Thurs-21 Office Open  
**Daily Mass 12 PM**

Fri-22 Office Open  
**Daily Mass 12 PM**

Sat-23 Confessions, 3:30—4:30 PM  
**Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM**

Sun-24 *25th Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
**Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM**  
Catechism Class, 9:45 AM,  
Parish Office  
Coffee and Doughnuts



### Prayer Line

(503) 775—6731, Ext. 111

Call today with your prayer intentions.

Our prayer warriors are standing by.

### THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (9/19):

Mary Ann, Jim, Holly

### Prayer Corner

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

✠ Philip Cox, ✠ Jim Kraus, ✠ Larry Kraus, Brian Jud, and Rosemary Bennet

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



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Sept. 24th: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### 5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Body: Rudy D.  
Lector: Audrey H.  
Servers: Tony G.

#### 8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Body: Charles S.  
Lector: Tony G.  
Servers: Emeraude L., Jonathan S.

#### 11:00 AM Sunday Mass

Body: Victoria C.  
Lector: Joan C.  
Server: Paul S., Milan S., Michael S.

# History of Our Lady of Sorrows

Our Lady of Sorrows parish was founded in 1917 by Msgr. Charles Smith, who served the parish only one year. The first Mass was celebrated on Christmas that year. The church building was dedicated as Our Lady of Sorrows on February 10, 1918.

Fr. George Fallu was appointed pastor in June 1918 and faithfully served the parish for over twenty years until his death. Under his leadership, additional property was purchased for the construction of a school and parish hall. On September 4, 1928, Our Lady of Sorrows School opened with an enrollment of 53 pupils and two Sisters of St. Mary of Oregon comprising the teaching staff. In fact, part of the original school building was made up of six portable classrooms that had been purchased from the City of Portland, and it was rumored that Father Fallu bought them with his own money.

Following Father Fallu's death, Father Richard Carberry was appointed pastor in 1940. Father Carberry did not get to serve the parish for very long before he was called into service as a military chaplain during World War II. Sadly, he was captured during the war and, as a prisoner-of-war, died of abuse and neglect in the Pacific.

In 1941, Father John J. Margraf, C.S.C., a priest of the Holy Cross, was appointed Administrator. Father Margraf prepared the parish bulletins in which he describes parish life during the 1940s. There was a thriving Altar Society, Holy Name Society, Mother's Club, Young Peoples' Club, and St. Vincent De Paul Society. The parish celebrated its Silver Jubilee on August 16, 1942, with a solemn High Mass and dinner in the parish hall, and the parish debt was liquidated in June of 1944. There were 360 registered families and 150 students enrolled in the school. In June of 1949, enough money had been collected through fundraisers to purchase additional property. The original convent (the yellow house) was moved across Knight Street to its current location to make room for the building of a new school.

Also in June of 1949, Father Richard L. Fall became pastor, and many changes and improvements were to be made under his leadership. In 1950 the church building underwent a massive remodeling. Seating capacity was increased and a new Sanctuary, Baptistry, and Sacristy were added on. Until that time, the priests' residence had been attached to the back of the church. This living space became the new Sanctuary and location of the High Altar. Remodeling began in July and was completed in time for Christmas Masses. Once the remodeling debt was paid off in 1953, attention was turned to the building of a new school. More property was purchased, including a different convent house. The original convent became the parish office. By 1954, the first unit of the new school was finished. When the new building was completed and blessed in 1960, the parish school had eight grades and 327 students enrolled.

The 1950s and 60s continued to bring changes to the parish with the liturgical reforms of Vatican II. Parish life included CCD classes, Adult Discussion Clubs, the Rosary Crusade, and more. In 1972, Father John Ilg became pastor. Changes include the creation of a School Board and Parish Council. Lay ministers were trained to serve at Mass, a soup kitchen began serving meals for the hungry on Sunday afternoons, and a house was purchased on the south corner of 54th and Knight Streets to provide a place for parish meetings and small socials. This house was later sold to help pay for the building costs of adding an administrative wing to the school.

By 1990, statistics gathered showed that 820 families were registered in the parish and 154 students enrolled in the school. However, times had begun to change and increasing costs and changing demographics were bringing increasing financial difficulty on the parish school.

In 2004, Father Wayne Dawson was appointed administrator, and many of the parish buildings and facilities were rejuvenated. The church once again underwent an extensive refurbishment with new carpeting, painting, lighting, new floors, etc., and the parish office, rectory, and convent were also renovated. Unfortunately, the school's financial difficulties had continued to increase, combined with decreasing enrollment. In July of 2007, after many attempts to try to save it, Our Lady of Sorrows School was closed just shy of the eightieth anniversary of its founding. In 2018, an all-school reunion was held in honor of its founding 90 years earlier.

In 2007, Father Ron Millican was appointed pastor, and began the daunting task of guiding Our Lady of Sorrows into a new era without the school. Improvements include restoring the stained glass windows and the pews in the church, and creating a prayer garden on the east side of the church. Parish offices were moved into the former school offices, and the school building was rented out. From 2008-2012, the convent was rented to the Franciscan Order as a home for their postulancy program. From 2014-2019, the convent was used by the Archdiocese as a House of Discernment, a place where men could temporarily live to discern vocation to priesthood.

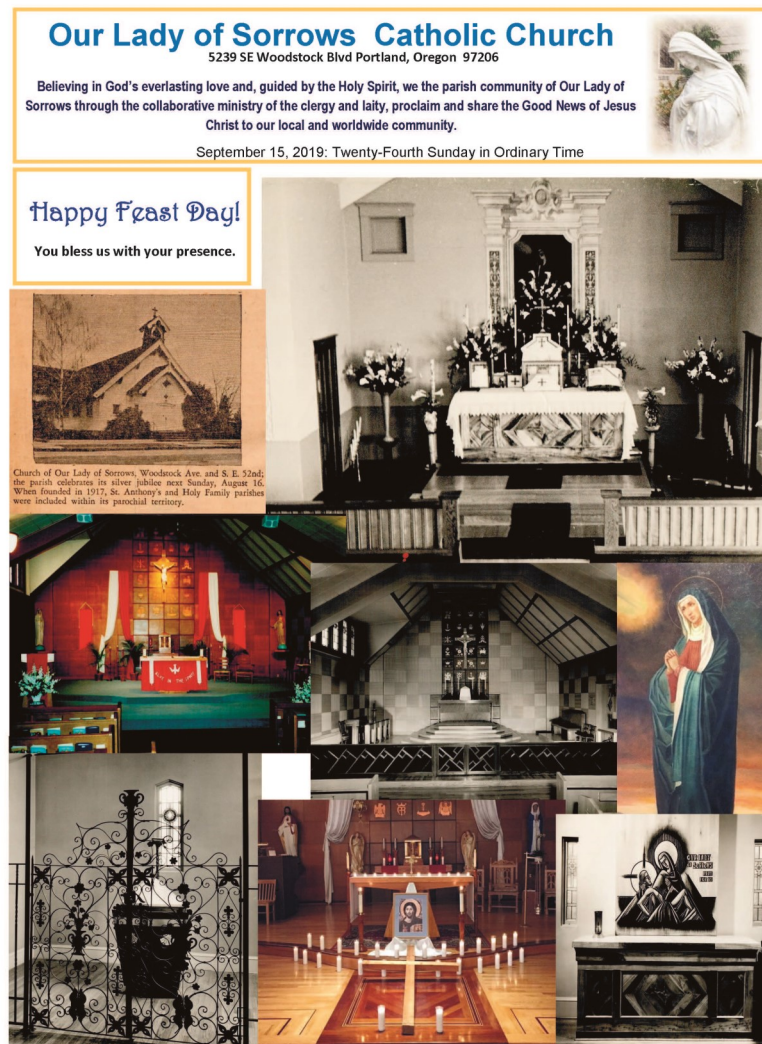
In 2017, the parish celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding with Mass in the church, followed by a champagne brunch in the gymnasium. Father Ron Millican died unexpectedly in February 2019. Fr. Joseph Heuberger administered the parish until a new pastor was appointed.

Today, Father Chrispine Otieno, a native of Kenya, is the pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows. Our parish continues to be blessed with great life and diversity. Parish life includes a vibrant St. Vincent de Paul conference, a renewed Altar Guild, and religious education programs for adults and children. The Family of St. Therese and the Divine Mercy and Our Lady of Fatima Crusades offer opportunities for prayer and service. By the grace of God, we will remain a strong Catholic presence in the Woodstock area, a beacon for prayer and worship, to all of Southeast Portland for many generations.



# Then and Now

Front Page of the September 15, 2019 Bulletin



Beloved fellow parishioners, this weekend we celebrate Our feast; the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. The feast Our Lady of Sorrows began in the 12<sup>th</sup> century to honor the seven sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In 1668, this feast was set for Sunday after the feast of the Holy cross (September 14) but later Pope Pius X fixed a permanent date of September 15 for this feast. As a parish under her patronage, we are allowed to transfer this feast to Sunday and that's why you noticed that we did not read the regular Sunday readings of the 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time. In the gospel this Sunday, we reflect on Mary standing at the foot of the Cross. The title Our Lady of Sorrows was given to Mary because of her suffering during the passion and death of her Son for our Salvation. Even during such passion, Mary maintained her courageous Yes (fiat) to God, *let it be done to me according to your will*. Because of Mary's compassion, St. John Paul II said, she is the loving consoler for those touched by many physical and

moral sorrows and pains. She is our spiritual mother who understands her children's plight and she not only consoles us but also intercedes for us and helps us. We, therefore as her children and members of a church under her protection, are a joyful people because we are a hopeful people. With her we stand at the foot of the cross contemplating the face of Jesus, not overwhelmed by the weight of our passions and sins but emboldened by our faith and our hope in the living Lord, the one who gave his life for us, who loves us and is with us always.

Thank you for being part of this small but beautiful and great parish. Thank you for all you do to support the mission of this parish so that together we can bring healing to people's lives, bring hope and joy to those despairing and above all, help each other grow in love and holiness on our journey to heaven. Happy feast to all of you dear parishioners (past and present), staff, volunteers and who love and support this holy house of God. May God bless you for supporting his ministry and his Church.

Fr. Chrispine Otieno

# What's Happening

## **Parish Directory**

We wanted to let you that we now have information for the parish directories. Check out the parish Facebook page or the parish website for a link to details on how to sign up. We will also offer assistance to those who need help signing up.

## **Save the Date—Parish Bazaar**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 21st 9 AM—4 PM & Sunday, October 22nd 9 AM—2 PM.

If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a vendor please contact Christina Simmons [csalvitelli@gmail.com](mailto:csalvitelli@gmail.com) or call Diane Salvitelli at 971-806-3147. The bazaar is quickly approaching and we are in need of donations of handmade craft items, baked goods and any unique items for our raffle. These items can be dropped off to the parish gym on Friday, October 20th, from 12—5 PM.

## **Chesterton Academy**

STILL TIME TO APPLY—GRADES 9-10 CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF BL. PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI A joyful classical high school in Portland offering a devoutly Catholic great books curriculum is still enrolling for this fall! For questions, application information, or to schedule a tour, please visit: [chester-tonfrassati.org](http://chester-tonfrassati.org), email: [info@chestertonfrassati.org](mailto:info@chestertonfrassati.org), or call: 360.355.3362

## **Archbishop's Catholic Appeal**

Thank you to all those who have sent in your donations for the Appeal. We are now at \$16,788 raised by our parish. We are only \$3,729 short of our goal of \$20,517, and there is still time to send in your donations. Thank you so much to those who have given already.

## **Parish Picnic**

This weekend we celebrate the feast day of our patroness, Our Lady of Sorrows. On Sunday, September 17th following the 11 AM Mass we will continue the celebration with a special picnic lunch in the gym in appreciation of all our wonderful parishioners. This year's event will feature a taco bar with all the trimmings.

## **Faith Formation for Youth and Adults**

Youth Faith Formation will begin again on Wednesday, September 27th, at 5:30 PM. Our RCIA class will start again this Wednesday 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](http://Formed.com)

## **Daily Masses**

As a reminder, Friday Masses will resume their 12 PM start times on September 22nd.

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



# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of September 17, 2023

### Sunday:

Sir 27:30–28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

### Monday:

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday:

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/  
Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday:

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

### Friday:

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/  
Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday:

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

### Next Sunday:

Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil  
1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

— Father John Muir