

December 10th, 2023

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

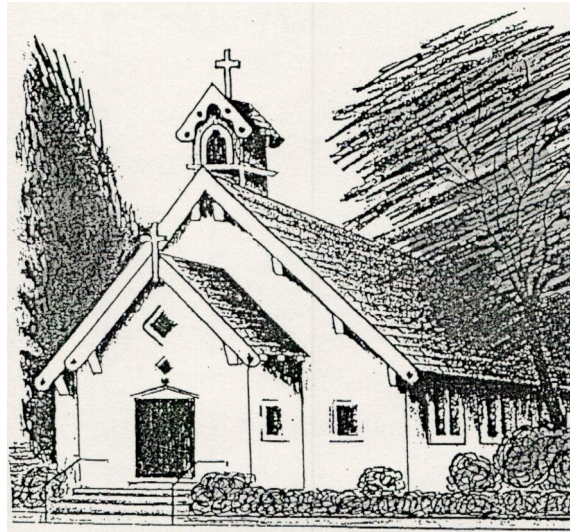
Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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

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

Parish Website: www.olspdx.org facebook.com/ourladyofsorrowspdx



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday:

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass:

Tuesday 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 6:00 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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Second Sunday of Advent

(Lec.5)

- 1) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
- 2) 2 Peter 3:8-14
- 3) Mark 1:1-8

FOCUS: Prepare for the coming of the Lord.

Today's readings speak to us of preparing for the coming of the Lord through repentance. Repentance requires us to be honest about the times we have fallen short in loving God and our neighbor as the Lord commands. Knowing that we are sinners is a necessary step in recognizing our need for the forgiveness God has graciously offered us through his Son, whose coming into the world we prepare to celebrate.

Collection Information for 11/28

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$2818.00
Coffee and Doughnuts	\$46.00
Votive Candles	\$32.53
St. Vincent de Paul	\$605.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$50.00
Christmas Wish List	\$1000.00

Pastoral Council

Cathy Perisich, Sue Stoeger, Marijana Skoro,

Tony Graham, Cynthia Roberti

Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn,

Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley



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 for the Intentions *Week*

Tues-12th 12pm		Lenny Liwanag <i>Louisa and Rudy del Rosario</i>
Wed-13th 12 PM	✠	Mario Tucak <i>Marijana Skoro</i>
Thu-14th 12 PM		Souls in Pergatory <i>Anonymous</i>
Fri-15th 12 PM		Souls in Pergaotry <i>Anonymous</i>
Sat-16th 5 PM	✠	Margarita Terrobias <i>Anita Terrobias</i>
Sun-17th 8:30 AM		People of our Parish
11 AM	✠	Thomas and Julia Scheck <i>Spencer Harrington</i>

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-11th	Office Closed
Tues-12th	Office Open 9-3 Mass 12pm
Wed-13th	Office Open 9-3 Mass 12pm Penance Service 7pm
Thurs-14th	Office Open 9-3 Mass 12pm
Fri-15th	Office Open 9-11 Mass 12pm
Sat-16th	Confessions, 3:30—4:30PM Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM
Sun-17th	3rd Sunday of Advent Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM 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 (12/05):

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 ✠Dick Johnson, ✠Merceline Dasius, ✠Shirley Franz,
✠Gordon Stadther, ✠Anton Skoro

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



3rd Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Body: Tony G.
Lector: Cynthia R.
Servers: Louis O.

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

Body: Susan P.
Lector: Leslie C.
Servers: Emeraude L., Jonathan S.

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

Body: jim B.
Lector: Helena P.
Server: Paul S., Milan S., Michael S.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



What's Happening

Advent 2023

Advent is here. A Christmas letter from Father Chrispine has been mailed to everyone in the parish. You can also read Father's letter on our Website, OLSPDX.ORG. If you did not receive a letter that means that we do not have an accurate address for you. Please contact the office and update your address or register so that we can communicate with you. During advent we will have Daily mass at 12pm Tuesday—Friday. Please come and celebrate the daily Mass with us, a great way "to make straight the way for the Lord". Wednesday December 13th at 7pm we will have our Advent Pennance service. We will have 4 visiting Priests to hear confessions as we prepare our hearts for the Coming of our Lord and Savior. We pray you have a wonderful Advent Season.

Parking Lot Campaign

Happy Holidays!

As I mentioned in my parish financial update last month, we are starting a parking lot campaign to redo the parish parking lot. Our goal is \$100,000 by summer of 2024. I am happy to report that so far we have collected \$5,437. This is a great start! To meet our target start date, we should aim for monthly collections of \$10,000. This seems like a large task, but actually works out to around \$2,000 a week. As a parish, I am confident that we can reach this goal and have a new parking lot by fall of 2024, just in time for the rainy season. Watch for monthly updates in the bulletin as well as charts in the back of the church and Father Carberry hall. Thank you for your support of our parish.

Carl D.

Old Convent

The Old Convent, the Blue House on 54th and Knight St., is available to rent. If you know of someone that may be interested in renting this property please contact us in the Parish office.

Decorating the Church

This weekend after the 11am Mass we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please Join us after the 11Am mass to help us set up Christmas trees and hang wreaths.

Our Family in Need

Thank you to everyone that so graciously gave to our Family in need. Your Generosity is greatly appreciated. We are confident our Family in need will be able to celebrate the coming of our Savior with their family because of your generous support.

Faith Formation for Youth and Adults

Wednesday evenings we continue to have Faith formation classes for our Youth seeking confirmation at 5:30pm, as well as Faith formation for Adults seeking Sacraments at 7:00pm. These classes are rich in content about our Faith. All are invited to attend.

Day Retreat for ministers

All Parish ministers are invited to register for a day retreat at the Fr. Bernard Youth Center in partnership with the Archdiocese of Portland. The retreat will include Mass, Adoration, formation, lunch, and time for fellowship! The retreat is Dec. 13th 9am-2pm. Cost is \$25. Register by Dec 4th Contact Emma Seiler Emma@fbyc.info

Archbishops Catholic Appeal

To date we have raised \$17,343 for the Archbishops catholic appeal. We are short of our goal by \$3,174. Keep in mind that a majority of the funds we raise make their way back to the parish. There is still time to donate, envelopes are available at both entrances of the church.

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 December 10, 2023

Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
(8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

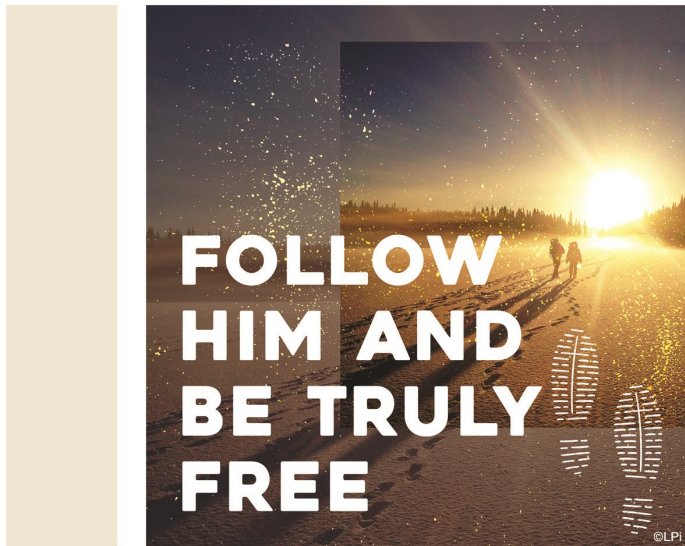
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
(Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors.

— Father John Muir