

December 17th, 2023

# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

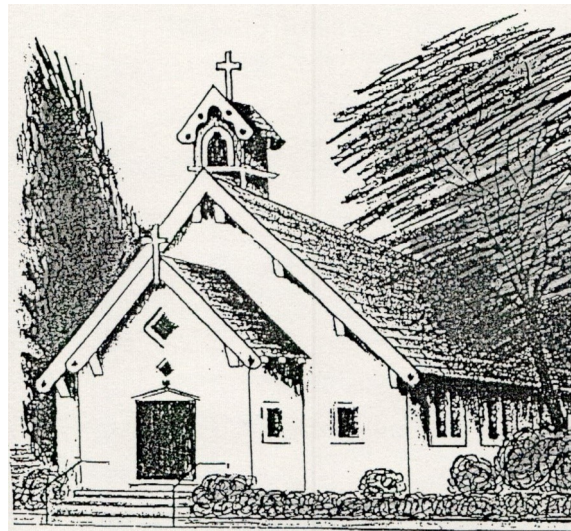
Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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

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

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

Parish Website: [www.olspdx.org](http://www.olspdx.org) [facebook.com/ourladyofsorrowspdx](https://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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Carl Duyn, Finance

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Phyllis Shelton, Book-keeper

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### **Third Sunday of Advent**

(Lec.8)

- 1)      Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
- 2)      1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- 3)      John 1:6-8, 19-28

**FOCUS:** Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing.

In today's readings Isaiah, Paul, and John the Baptist rejoice because they have Good News. God is with them and working through them. They are anointed, blessed, and sent to do God's will. On this Gaudete Sunday, we, too, find reason to rejoice. Let us rejoice in sharing the Good News of Christ.

### **Collection Information for 12/05**

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

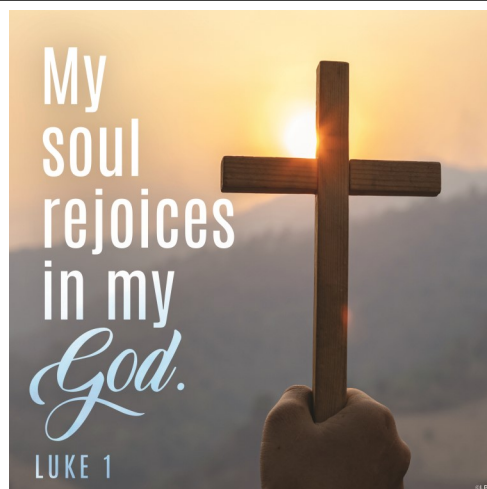
Offertory	\$3689.50
Coffee and Doughnuts	\$88.00
Votive Candles	\$21.85
St. Vincent de Paul	\$290.00
Property Dev.	\$751.00
Christmas Flowers	\$362.00
Christmas offering	\$180.00

### 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. Chrsipine to call me.

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week**



Tues-19th 12pm	San Louis Family <i>Maria Clara San Louis</i>
Wed-20th 12 PM	Souls in Purgatory <i>Anonymous</i>
Thu-21st 12 PM	Souls in Purgatory <i>Anonymous</i>
Fri-22nd 12 PM	Souls in Pergaotry <i>Anonymous</i>
Sat-23rd 5 PM	✠ Lourdes Kabigting <i>Maria Soantos</i>
Sun-24th 8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory <i>Anonymous</i>
11 AM	Pro Populo <i>Spencer Harrington</i>

**PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK**

Mon-18th	Office Closed
Tues-19th	Office Open 9-3 <b>Mass 12pm</b>
Wed-20th	Office Open 9-3 <b>Mass 12pm</b>
Thurs-21st	Office Open 9-3 <b>Mass 12pm</b>
Fri-22nd	Office Open 9-11 <b>Mass 12pm</b>
Sat-23rd	Confessions, 3:30—4:30PM <b>Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM</b>
Sun-24th	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM</b> Coffee and Doughnuts  <b>Christmas Vigil</b> <b>Masses 4:30pm and 7PM</b>

**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:



✠ 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.

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (12/12):**

Mary Ann, Jim, Holly

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**5:00 PM Vigil Mass**

Body: Rudy D.  
Lector: Audrey H.  
Servers: Louis O.

**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.

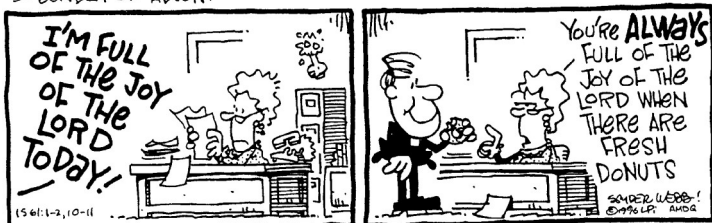
**4:30 PM Christmas Vigil**

Body: Rosy C,  
Lector: Rudy D.  
Servers: Emeraude L., Johnathon S.

**7:00PM Christmas Vigil**

Body: Louisa D  
Lector: Joan C.  
Server: Louis O.

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



# What's Happening

## **Advent 2023**

Next Sunday is the 4th Sunday of Advent, as well as Christmas Eve. This means that we will offer our regular masses, 5pm Saturday, and 8:30 and 11 AM on Sunday for the 4th week of Advent. We will then also offer two masses for the Christmas Vigil at 4:30 PM and 7:00PM on Sunday. In order to meet your obligation of attending mass on Sunday, one would need to attend any of these masses. However, this year is unique in that we have another obligation to fulfill. Christmas Day is a Holy Day of Obligation, and one must also attend a mass for that day. It is not allowed to attend a mass Sunday Night to fulfill both the obligation for Sunday and the Obligation for Christmas. To fulfill both Obligations one could attend Mass Saturday at 5pm to Fulfill your Sunday obligation, and then attend mass Christmas eve at 4:30 to fulfill your Holy day of Obligation. Or you could attend Sunday Morning, for the 4th Sunday of Advent and then Sunday Evening for Christmas. Or you could attend Mass Christmas Eve, and then attend Mass Christmas Day. If you have any questions in regard to fulfilling your obligation please contact us in the office and we will try to help explain this unusual circumstance this year.

## **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.

## **Parking Lot Campaign**

Happy Holiday's

I am pleased to report that the current balance in the parking lot fund is \$18,840.44. This represents about 20% of our goal of \$100,000.

As I step through the puddles & small lakes on my way to mass this Sunday

I am thinking how nice it will be next year to have a flat smooth parking lot and not have to worry about getting my shoes soaked with water before and after mass. Please continue to support this fund and help us meet the goal by summer of 2024.

Thank you

Carl C. Duyn

OLS Finance Chairperson

## **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.

## **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 17, 2023

### 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

### Monday:

Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

### Tuesday:

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

### Wednesday:

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

### Thursday:

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

### Friday:

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

### Saturday:

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

### Next Sunday:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,  
27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— *Father John Muir*