

August 31st, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

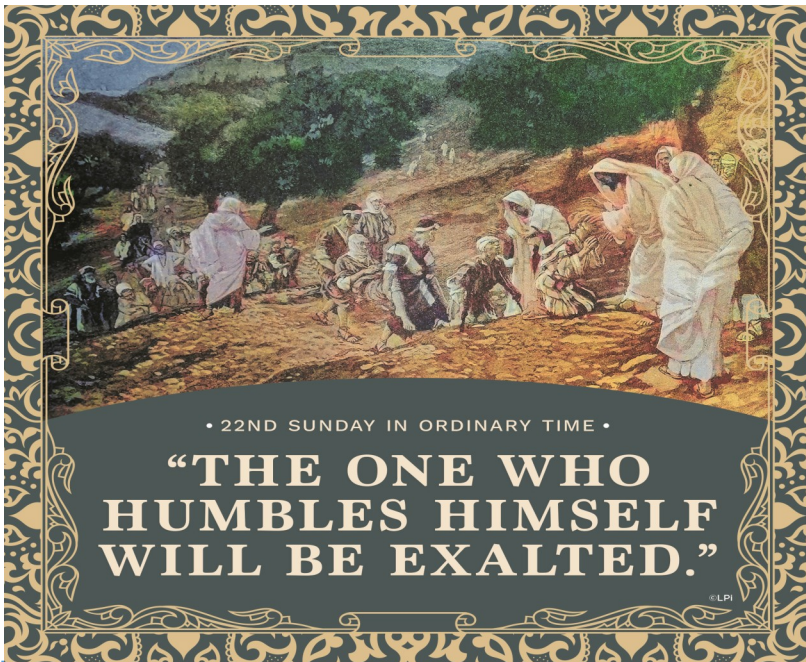
Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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

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



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.

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 6:00 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.

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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22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

(Lec.126)

- 1) Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
- 2) Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
- 3) Luke 14:1, 7-14

FOCUS: God calls us to humble service.

Humility helps us to see ourselves clearly and not to grasp at what is beyond our strength. Both the reading from Sirach and Luke's Gospel tell us that those who humble themselves will find favor with God. They also point to a connection between humility and service. Those who give alms – who give without expecting repayment – will receive their reward in heaven.

Pastoral Council

Cathy Perisich, Sue Stoeger,

Tony Graham, Cynthia Roberti, Rosy Casper

Collection Information for 08/26

Weekly Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$3177.25
St. Vincent DePaul	\$200.00
Coffee and Donuts	\$54.00
Candles	\$28.37
Assumption of BVM	\$10.00
Area of Greatest need	\$2.50
School Support	\$5.00
Total	\$3487.12

Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn,

Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley

PSALM 68
IN YOUR
GOODNESS,
O GOD,
YOU HAVE
MADE A
HOME FOR
THE POOR.



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 for the Intentions for the Week

Wed-3rd 12PM † **Dominique Ha**
Phan Hoang
 † **Ila Neulrich**
Samuel Czuba

Thu-4th 12PM † **Hoang Cong Kham**
Phan Hoang
 † **Peggy Passerell**
Meg & Arthus Moore

Fri-5th 12pm † **Agatha Czuba**
Samuel Czuba
 † **Ray Varner**
Meg & Arthur Moore

Sat-6th 5PM † **Eufrencia Garbes**
Rudy & West Del Rosario
Emily Miller
Maria & George Lee

Sun-7th
 8:30 AM † **Tran Thi Duong**
Phan Hoang
 † **Brian Cane**
Rosalina Marker

11AM **Pro Populo**



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:

Clint Dodge, Barbara Sheridan, Gary Hart,
 † Connie Whitmarsh, Cynthia Reis, †
 Patrick Hague, † Gloria Federici, Jenny Storey, Sally
 Allen, Rosana Gonzalez, † Adela Escobio, † Pillar
 Dizon, Jim Bachman, Maryann Hollinger, Brian Jud,
 Maria Beardall, Diana Voelker, Richard Ellingson

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



PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-1st **No Mass**
 Office Closed

Tues-2nd Office Open 9-3:00
No Mass

Wed-3rd Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Thurs-4th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Fri-5th Office Closed
Mass 12PM

Sat-6th **Confessions 3:30-4:30PM**
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sun-7th **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM
 Coffee and Doughnuts

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (09/02):

Mary Ann H., Jim B., Holly D.

Sept. 7th: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

EOM: Rudy D.
 Lector: Cynthia R.
 Servers: Louis O.

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Rosy C.
 Lector: Tony G.
 Servers: Jonathan S., Emeraude L.
 Anastasia S.

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Jim B.
 Lector: Helena P.
 Server: Paul S., Milan S., Michael S.

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



What's Happening...

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Parish Picnic

Sunday September 21st 12 pm

Join us Sunday September 21st after the 11 am mass for the Parish Picnic and Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

We will be providing the Main entrée for the picnic, and we encourage you to bring a dish or dessert to share with our parish family.

Why do we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows?

It commemorates the profound union of heart that existed between the Mother of the Redeemer and the Savior, through which she experienced many interior sorrows as a consequence of His Mission, but particularly during His Passion and Death .

Mary, under her title of “Our Lady of Sorrows”, is the patron saint of Slovakia, the Congregation of Holy Cross, Mola di Bari and the Molise region of Italy, Mississippi (in the United States), Dolores, Abra, (in the Philippines) and Lanzarote (in the Canary Islands), and in Portland the National Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows is at the Grotto, not to mention our Parish.

Let us all come together to celebrate and pray for our patroness to interceded for us, who never stops bringing us to her son.





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**Your gift to the
Archbishop's Catholic
Appeal empowers
Parishes Formed
to Evangelize**

Dear fellow parishioners,
I hope you are all well, especially in your families at home. You are always in my prayers. I write to simply remind you of the Archbishop's appeal collection. So far, we have pledged \$16,117 for this year's archbishop appeal. If you have not pledged or contributed, kindly participate in this noble collection to support the ministries of the Archdiocese of Portland. You can donate online, check, or call us in the office to assist you. Each parish has been allocated a goal amount. Just as we do every year, I am hoping we will meet our goal this year too. Our goal this year is \$24,000 and in order to meet our goal, whenever you contribute, please clarify that you are from Our Lady of Sorrows Portland Oregon. The ministries of the archdiocese depend on the generosity of each one of us! God bless you for your generous contribution and on behalf of the archbishop and all who will benefit from these funds, Thank you!
Fr. Chrispine

Join us for this year's annual

Fall Holiday Bazaar!



Looking for something to do? Want to help support a local parish and community? Come and join in on the fun and possibly get an early start on your holiday shopping! We will have many handmade items, treats and goodies, and so many more wonderful treasures!

Where: Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Gym (SE 52nd and Woodstock)

When: Saturday October 18th & Sunday October 19th

Time: Saturday 9am- 4pm Sunday 9am- 2pm

If you are interested in Volunteering or becoming a vendor please contact Christina Simmons csalvitelli@gmail.com or call Diane Salvitelli at 971-806-3147



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.

Save the Date...

Confirm your reservation right away!

Don't miss this opportunity to visit these most Holy and Sacred sites during the year of Jubilee 2025.



**Pilgrimage to
Fatima - Lourdes - Italy**
October 13 - 23, 2025
With Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

 **Fr.
Chrispine Otieno**
Your Chaplain

Join Fr. Chrispine for a Jubilee Year Pilgrimage!
Celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year with a spiritual journey to Fatima, Lourdes, Rome, and Assisi. Experience the beauty of these sacred sites with daily Mass, guided tours, and special moments of prayer and reflection.

 Scan the QR code to learn more and register or call: (800) 653-0017

Canterbury Pilgrimages
hello@canterburypilgrimages.com

New Parishioner!

Congratulations to Amanda and Brian Bardelazo on the birth of their second Child, Mason. Mason was born August 4th, Mom and Mason are doing very well. Not much sleep but we pray that they will find a new normal for their family. We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism for Mason later in September.

Faith Formation 2025-2026

Do you love the Catholic Church? Have you ever left mass and had questions? Have you ever tried to explain the Catholic Faith to a friend or Family member only to be at a loss for words?

We are all called to be well formed Evangelists of our Faith. What does that mean, and how can we get there?

Come to Faith Formation on Wednesday nights to learn something new about our faith. Share your personal experiences, in the faith, with fellow Parishioners.

We have programs for every age and every Catholic. See the Website for more details.

Faith Formation at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish



Catechism Classes for Children and Youth

- For kids in grades 1 – 8 whose families are registered parishioners
- Includes preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist in second grade
- **Sunday mornings at 9:45 am (between the 8:30 am and 11 am Masses), beginning Sunday, September 28th**
- To enroll your child, fill out the Religious Education registration form and return it to us at the Parish Office with the \$40 registration fee (\$50 for non-parishioners).

Confirmation for Teens

- **Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm, beginning Wednesday, September 24th**
- Prepares teens for the Sacrament of Confirmation by teaching them more about the important aspects of their Catholic faith (includes a service project)
- To enroll your student, fill out the youth Confirmation registration form and return it to us at the Parish Office with the \$50 fee.

Faith Formation for Adults

- **Wednesday nights at 7 pm, beginning Wednesday, September 24th**
- An opportunity for any interested adults to learn more about their Catholic faith
- Includes OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation) for those who wish to join the Catholic Church, and preparation for Confirmation for those adults who missed receiving the Sacrament as teens
- Registration is not required, unless you wish to join the Church through the OCIA, then you must fill out an OCIA registration form.



Reflection 22nd Sunday of ordinary Time, Humility...

Dear friends,

Greetings to you and your loved ones. Let us reflect on the readings for the 22nd Sunday. I hope this will help us delve deeper in God's message for us this week. We read this week from Sirach 3, Ps. 68, Heb 12 and Luke 14. The message revolves around humility demonstrated by our care for the vulnerable and the needy or the less fortunate.

A few weeks ago we read from the book of Ecclesiastes also known as Qoheleth, simply the preacher or head of ekklesia (of congregation)-Ecclesiastes. This should not be confused with another wisdom book we read this Sunday, Ecclesiasticus or Sirach. Sirach is the last of the wisdom books in the catholic order of the canon and may be regarded as a summary of the Israelite wisdom tradition. Sirach is a meditation on the old testament scriptures from the perspective of wisdom, basically drawing from them the practical knowledge of successful living. The author digests the moral message of the old testament books. The early church used it a lot for catechesis thus it earned the name, Ecclesiasticus, "the little book of the church." To avoid confusing Ecclesiastes with Ecclesiasticus, the title Sirach is now commonly used. Initially it had many names like "wisdom of Jesus the son of Sirach," shortened to "wisdom of Sirach," "proverbs of ben Sirach" and more. The title Ben Sira (son of Sirach) prevailed in the Jewish tradition but Latin tradition gave it the title the little book of the church (Ecclesiasticus). As we said above, to avoid confusion with Ecclesiastes (qoheleth), it is simply called the book of Sirach.

Sirach (Jesus ben Sira) was highly respected among rabbis and he highly stresses the virtue of humility as a key to entering in God's favor. His words on humility pre-echo the words of Jesus. For example, he says, humble yourself the greater you are and Jesus says, whoever is great among you must be the slave of all (Mark 10:44); let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves (Luke 22:26).

Our first reading ends by calling us to give alms, that is, material help to the poor. Psalm 68 stresses kindness to the poor by saying that God is the main provider for the poor, he cares about the orphans, widows and the disadvantaged, and so when we also show kindness to the poor, we are imitating God! But what does humility have to do with almsgiving or charity? It is all about considering the poor or the suffering person to be like me, they are fellow humans, our brothers and sisters. Pride on the other hand means looking down on others and placing ourselves above them so that their needs and pains don't bother me. When we give alms, we are acknowledging them as part of our family and people who deserve my love. We are moved with compassion, we care. This message is clearer in the gospel.

We all love high tables and where there is a high table there is also a low table. Maybe we love to show off or we seek higher positions so that we can be admired, saluted, bowed at, recognized by others. Jesus invites us to identify with the lowly, the simple souls and never ignore the plight of our weaker, less fortunate members of our larger family. Jesus himself did that: served, and even though God, humbled himself... (Phil 2:6-11). In a more spiritual sense, Jesus loves us though we too are lame, crippled, poor and blind-we all face the sting of sins. In one way or another, we are wounded therefore we need to be kind to our fellow wounded people and find ways to invite them to the banquet. In the end, God has prepared a banquet in heaven for all of us, and yes, you too are invited. Some will be slow in responding to the invitation to the banquet, but as I said last week, our pilgrimage to heaven is a marathon and we have to keep striving. This week we are reminded, the narrow door is narrow for all, be patient with others who are also striving and keep inviting and journeying with them. Let us be merciful and always pray for each other as continue with our pilgrimage. May I suggest for this week, consider someone who might be struggling closer to you. What practical way could you show your kindness, love and care to them? I wish you all a very blessed week.

Fr. Chrispine