

November 30th, 2025

# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

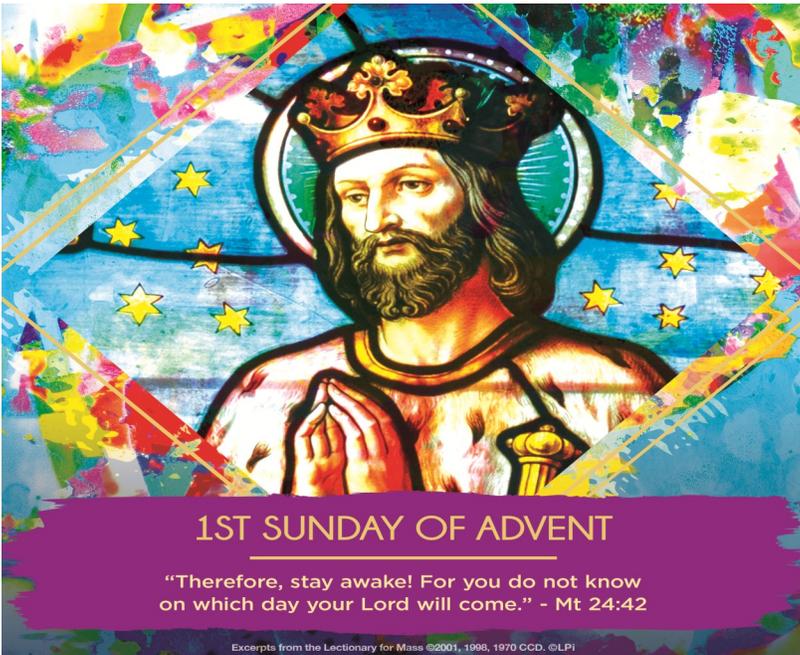
Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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Office Hours: Tuesday—Thursday 9:00 AM—3:00 PM Fridays 9:00AM-1:00PM

Parish Website: [www.olspdx.org](http://www.olspdx.org) [facebook.com/ourladyofsorrowspdx](https://facebook.com/ourladyofsorrowspdx)  
[www.FORMED.org](http://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:**

Tuesday-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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Jeanette Howell, Janitor

**First Sunday of Advent**

(Lec.1)

- 1) Isaiah 2:1-5
- 2) Romans 13:11-14
- 3) Matthew 24:37-44

**FOCUS:** Stay awake, for you do not know when the Lord will come.

The four weeks of Advent are meant for us to prepare our hearts for three comings of Christ: his birth in Bethlehem (which we celebrate on Christmas); his return at the end of time; and his coming to us here and now. Our preparations include prayer, reception of the sacraments, good works, and sacrifices. Although everyone's preparations will look different, they are all meant to cleanse us from sin and teach us to welcome Christ with love.

**Collection Information for 11/16 Weekly**

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

Offertory	\$3,291.75
Campaign for Human Develop-	\$435.00
Coffee and Donuts	\$88.87
Candles	\$26.60
Saint Vincent De Paul	\$87.50
Arch Diocese of Military	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,049.72</b>

**Pastoral Council**

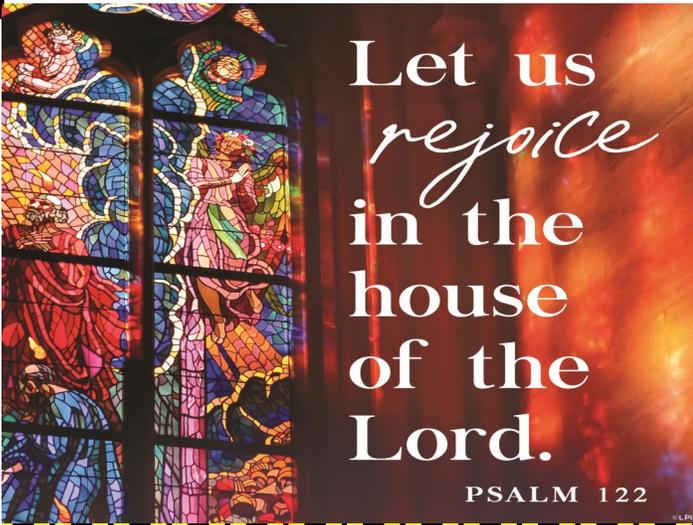
Cathy Perisich, Sue Stoeger,

Tony Graham, Cynthia Roberti, Rosy Casper

**Finance Council**

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn,

Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley



**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. Crispine to call me.

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

*Mass for the Intentions for the Week*

Tues-2nd 12PM † **Rosana Gonzalez**

*Roberti Family*

Wed-3rd 12PM **Helen McNiel**

*Helen McNiel*

Thu-4th 12PM **Carmela Valdez**

*Helena Polo*

Fri-5th † **Jim Keevers**

*Helen McNiel*

Sat-6th 5PM **Father Kamina**

*Tony Graham*

Sun-7th

8:30 AM

**Pro Populo**

11AM † **Henry & Nedra Bachman**

*Bachman Family*

† **Carol Romano**

*Bob Romano*

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, Greg Roberti



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	<b>No Mass</b> Office Closed
Tues-2nd	Office Open 9-3:00 <b>Mass 12PM</b>
Wed-3rd	Office Open 9-3:00 <b>Mass 12PM</b>
Thurs-4th	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>Mass 12PM</b>
Fri-5th	<b>Office Closed</b> <b>No Mass 12PM</b>
Sat-6th	<b>Confessions 3:30-4:30PM</b> <b>Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM</b>
Sun-7th	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM</b> Coffee and Doughnuts

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (12/2):**

Mary Ann H, Jim B., Holly D.

**December 7th: 2nd Sunday of Advent**

**5:00 PM Vigil Mass**

EOM: Cynthia R.

Lector: Maria L.

Servers: Louis O.

**8:30 AM Sunday Mass**

EOM: Rosie C.

Lector: Leslie C.

Servers: Jonathan S., Emeraude L.

Anastasia S., Kelcee A.

**11:00 AM Sunday Mass**

EOM: Don P.

Lector: Helena P.

Server: Paul S., Milan S., Michael S.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BEING READY FOR JESUS TO RETURN IS LIKE ALWAYS WEARING YOUR SEAT BELT...



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YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO NEED IT, AND WHEN YOU DO, THERE'S NO TIME TO PUT IT ON.



# Advent 2025

## **Daily Mass**

Tuesday – Friday at 12:00 pm

## **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ( A Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Monday Dec. 8th**

Masses at 12:00 & 6 pm

## **Advent Penance Service**

Wednesday, December 10th, at 7:00 pm – 5 priests available

## **Masses on Christmas Eve (December 24)**

4:30 pm and 7:00 pm

## **Masses on Christmas Day (December 25)**

10:00 am

## **Mary, Mother of God (January 1<sup>st</sup>)**

10:00AM

**Parish Office Closed** December 26<sup>th</sup>, December 31<sup>st</sup>, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

No Confessions Saturday December 27<sup>th</sup>

Educational Opportunities

## **Faith Formation for Adults**

**Wednesday nights at 6:30 pm in the Parish Office**

Topics during Advent and Christmas:

Symbolon Session 7: The Holy Spirit and the life of Grace

Symbolon Session 8: Why do I need the Church?

Symbolon Session 9: Mary and the Saints

Symbolon Part 2 Session 1: The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

*Have a blessed Advent Season everyone, and may the light of Christ burn brightly in your hearts all year long!*

## Advent Letter to Parishioners 2025

Fellow parishioners, love and greetings to all and welcome to the new year! Yes, with the first Sunday of Advent, we begin our preparation for Christmas (Christ's birth) but also a brand new liturgical year, Year A. In year A we read mostly from Mathew's gospel. The church year ends with the Solemnity of Christ the King which was the previous Sunday and it begins with the waiting for the birth of the savior whom the shepherds and the magi adored as King and Lord. This time of waiting and preparation is called Advent which basically means "coming".

On this first Sunday of Advent, you will notice some changes: we begin to use purple vestments, we have less flowers in church, the joyful "Gloria" is not sung during Advent, as it is a penitential season of preparation of our hearts. The hymn is withheld to help us Christians long for the joy of Christ's birth at Christmas. This is not just a beginning of a season but truly a time for renewed commitment to our Lord and our faith. It is a rich time for prayer and penance which can help us be renewed so as to welcome Him who took our flesh and dwelt among us. The big word for that is Incarnation. Just as Jesus was incarnated (became human) for us, the liturgy and all our practices should reawaken in us to live our Christian lives better and to let the gospel be real in our lives as we wait for his coming. It is a time for self-examination, of waking up and asking myself, am I aware of Christ's visitation, his presence among us and within me or have I let my life be swayed away by the winds and demands of the secular world? Am I following Christ closely by reading the scripture and meditating on his word, am I being enriched by the Sacraments especially confession and the Eucharist, am I faithfully observing the Sabbath or the Sunday mass has become less priority, how about my daily communication with Jesus (prayer) and finally how do I live this out there, letting Christ shine through me and through my charity, kindness and actions?

This Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate (Jesus), who is the 'Light' of the world. Jesus the true light came to the world through Mary and this light flows out and shines into our dark and sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, besides hanging up Christmas lights and spending time with decorations, let us live this time of waiting not just as a time to celebrate a historical truth that happened 2,000 years ago but to let us let Christ come in us again, in our lives and in our service of others. Practically in this time, there is focus on "being good and good for goodness's sake" as we hear

from the Christmas songs but for us Christians we become good and loving because we have embraced Jesus and his teachings and we want to be like Christ to others, good, loving and caring for and about each other. Above all, we see ourselves called to witness to the Love and light so that the world may live in peace, joy and hope. The angels sung "let there be peace on earth", and the world needs this peace, each one of us needs peace and this peace begins with me!

As we begin this season of advent, of waiting, Jesus invites us also to be aware of the last days. We read this on this Sunday's gospel (Mathew). Advent then is not just commemoration of the first coming of Jesus (and we tend to focus a lot on His birthday) but it is also a time for personal preparation for his second coming when he will come to judge the living and the dead. We don't know the time, ""Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come....you also must be prepared, for an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." Be vigilant. I pray that during this advent we may stay awake and continue letting Christ live in us and us in him and keeping darkness and sins out.

Finally, dear friends let us note that Advent is not a time of sadness, it is a time of joyful waiting, we are preparing to celebrate Christ who came among us and is always with us even now. So even as we will hear about death and final judgment during this advent, it is still a season of joy because God came to live among us so that we may live with God now and eternally. Let there be joy and peace, let there be love and hope! With those few words, I encourage you to commit to daily prayer during this season, don't miss a Sunday mass, celebrate sacrament of confession and clear any "shrubs" or weeds in your life, renew your faith and your spiritual life and then you will find peace and joy and be able to show genuine love and joy to all family and friends during these coming holidays. We have extra mass on Tuesdays, adoration Tuesdays and Thursdays just for you to stay before the Lord, we have confessions every Saturday and penance service on December 10, we also have some good books for your spiritual reading as well as formed.org subscription for spiritual formation. I kindly invite you to check out our Christmas Wishlist, in this time of charity, consider supporting our parish as we continue to proclaim the good news of our Lord. I wish you a very prayerful and peaceful advent season and joy filled Christmas season. May God bless you all.

Father Chrispine Otieno

# What's Happening

## 2025 OLS Christmas Wish list

Beloved parishioners. Merry Christmas! Every year we share a Christmas Wish list for our parish. These are gifts, necessities, or projects that the parish wishes to accomplish if it is able to get donations from well-wishers. Last year, with your generous gifts, we were able to install new security door for the Gym; we bought two new computers (a laptop and bookkeeper's desktop), we purchased new chalices and vestments for the church, made some renovations in the Blue house and installed Hvac system for heat and ac, we replaced the old fence beside the church along 52nd street and we have raised 50,000 toward our parking lot project. With our budget alone, we cannot do all this. If you wish your donation to be spent on a specific item, please indicate in the memo (check) or else we will spend it in areas of greatest need, school subsidies, maintenance or savings. We honor your intention and thank you for your love and generosity to your/our parish. Here are some of our needs and wishes:

New Security door for Carberry Hall \$14,000

Replacement of the Parish parking lot approx. \$70,000

Painting the interior of the Church (estimate to be given)

Replace school roof(1) along Woodstock Blvd (\*we have 3 roofs to replace-school and office). (estimate to be given)

Build our emergency savings for parish upkeep

Install a fence behind the office on 54th street (currently unfenced). \$15,000

\*Please expect tax letters from the church in January and if you have any questions, please call or email Carl in the office.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Fr. Chrispine Otieno



### **Bingo Night**

Join us for a fun-filled evening of fellowship, food, and friendly competition at our Parish Bingo Night! Bring your family, friends, and neighbors for 90 minutes of community spirit and great prizes.

📅 Date: **December 19th**

📅 Time: **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

📍 Location: **Gymnasium**

We'll enjoy a variety of bingo games—including a Grand Prize Round—plus delicious snacks for sale to support parish ministries. All ages are invited!

📅📅 Bingo Cards:

\$2 per card or \$5 for 3 cards

Proceeds support parish programs and outreach.

📅📅 Food & Snacks for Purchase:

Pizza, nachos, hot dogs, baked goods, popcorn, drinks & more!

📅 Prizes: Gift cards, themed baskets, and special surprises!

Come for the games, stay for the fellowship. We look forward to an evening of joyful community together!

For questions or volunteer opportunities, please contact Helena Polo at 503-784-8654 or the parish office.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

### Sunday:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

### Monday:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Mt 8:5-11

### Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/  
Lk 10:21-24

### Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/  
Mt 15:29-37

### Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/  
Mt 7:21, 24-27

### Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31

### Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/  
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

### Next Sunday:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/  
Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A few years ago, my house was broken into on Super Bowl Sunday. Turns out, it's a great day for burglars. If the TV isn't on, people are probably watching the game somewhere else, so ... easy pickins'. I'll never forget walking into my bedroom and realizing someone had been there. My stuff was thrown all over the floor. The closet was torn apart. It was disorienting and disturbing — someone had invaded the space I thought was secure. After that, I bought an alarm system. And every Super Bowl Sunday since, I'm extra careful to lock the doors and keep the lights on. That experience made me more alert. Not scared. Just attentive.

That's much like the spiritual place Jesus wants us to be on this first Sunday of Advent. He doesn't start the season with soft candlelight and cozy manger scenes. He starts with two brutal images: a flood and a thief. In other words, chaos and violation.

Why? Because life will flood us. Chaos *will* come. And in the midst of it, Christ will come like a thief — not to steal from us, but to steal us back. He is the intruder we should want. The one who breaks in, not to ransack, but to rescue.

Christ presents himself as the thief but also the new Noah. He builds the ark of the Church to carry us through the flood. And he invites us to join him. How? By participating fully in our parishes. By making our homes places of prayer. By guarding our hearts with truth. By refusing to let spiritual complacency leave us exposed. By repentance.

This Advent, don't just stay vaguely "awake." Prepare. Build. Watch. The flood will come. But so will he.

— *Father John Muir*