

December 7th, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

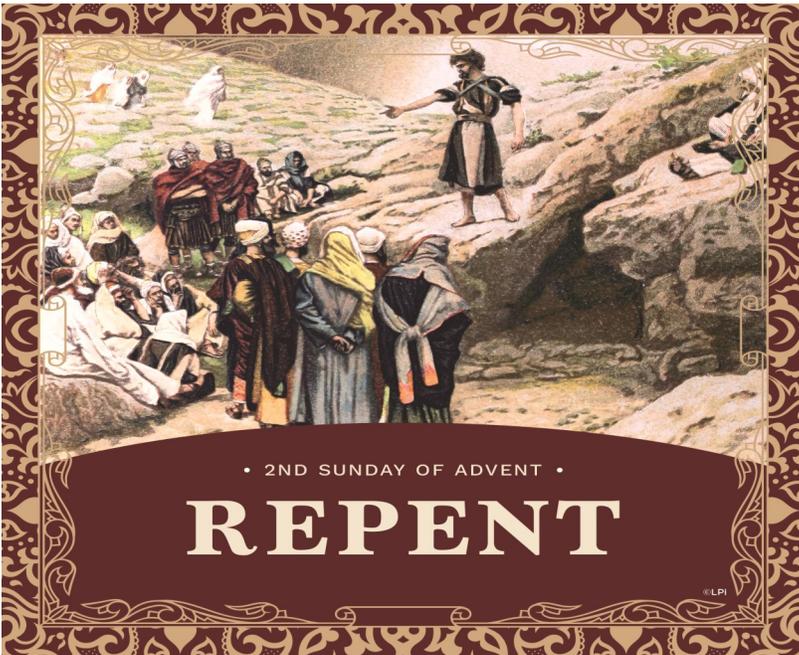
Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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

Parish Website: www.olspdx.org 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:

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

Second Sunday of Advent

(Lec.4)

- 1) Isaiah 11:1-10
- 2) Romans 15:4-9
- 3) Matthew 3:1-12

FOCUS: Christ will bring us to new life and new growth.

Through Jesus, God fulfilled the promise he made to his people to bring them salvation. Christ's death and resurrection opened the way for eternal life for all who believe, including the Gentiles. Let us prepare the way of the Lord by asking for God's healing, listening for God's voice, and raising our hearts to him.

Pastoral Council

Cathy Perisich, Sue Steeger,

Tony Graham, Cynthia Roberti, Rosy Casper

Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn,

Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley

Collection Information for 11/23 Weekly

Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$1,952.46
Coffee and Donuts	\$65.00
Candles	\$23.50
Saint Vincent De Paul	\$50.00
Total	\$2090.96



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



Mon-8th
12pm **Wilfredo Santos**
6pm **Pro Populo**
Tues-9th 12PM † **Darrell Graham**
Tony Graham
Wed-10th 12PM **Wendy Gonzalez**
Thu-11th 12PM **Maria Santos**
Fri-12th **Jim Bachman**
Sat-13th 5PM † **Joe Poufs**
Sun-14th
8:30 AM **Pro Populo**
11AM **Greg Roberti**
Bachman Family
† **Rosana Gonzalez**
Bachman Family



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-8th **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Office Closed
Mass 12 PM and 6 PM
Tues-9th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM
Wed-10th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM
Pennance Service 7PM
Thurs-11th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM
Fri-12th **Office Open 9-1:00**
Mass 12PM
Sat-13th **Confessions 3:30-4:30PM**
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM
Sun-14th **Third Sunday of Advent**
Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM
Coffee and Doughnuts

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

Mary Ann H, Jim B., Holly D.

December 14th: 3rd Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

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

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Sonie D.
Lector: Leslie C.
Servers: Jonathan S., Emeraude L.
Anastasia S., Kelcee A.

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Don P.
Lector: Tony G.
Server: Paul S., Milan S., Michael S.

2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOW, LET US JOIN IN SONG TO GLORIFY GOD WITH ONE HEART AND ONE VOICE!

ROM 15:4-9



OH, BY THE WAY, "ONE VOICE" DOESN'T MEAN ONLY ONE PERSON SINGING

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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 1st)

10:00AM

Parish Office Closed December 26th, December 31st, January 2nd

No Confessions Saturday December 27th

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 December 7, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/
Mt 18:12-14

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:

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

Saturday:

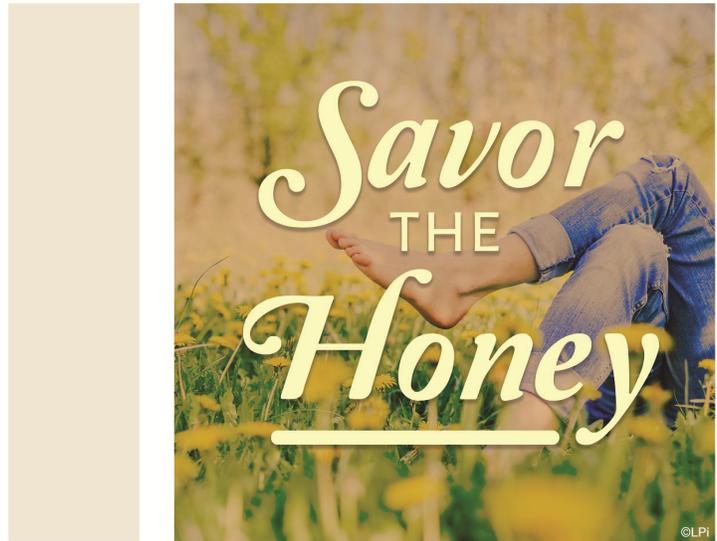
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sunday:

Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating **“locusts and wild honey” (Mark 1:6)**. It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ.

— *Father John Muir*