

December 14th, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

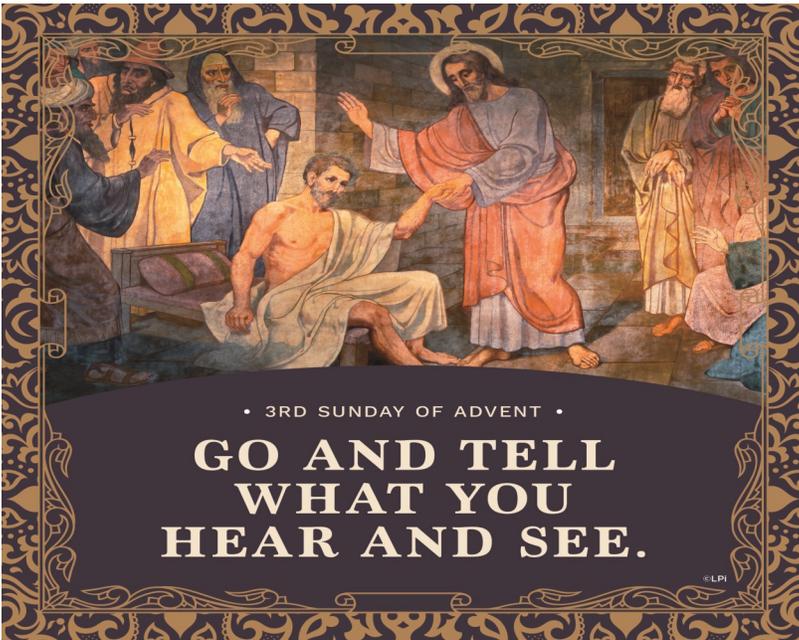
Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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

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

Office Hours: Tuesday—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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Gina Piroli, Cantor

Mary Ann Colrud, Church Custodian

Jeanette Howell, Janitor

Third Sunday of Advent

(Lec.7)

- 1) Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
- 2) James 5:7-10
- 3) Matthew 11:2-11

FOCUS: Lord, come and save us.

Jesus' actions speak for themselves: The blind see; the lame walk; the poor receive the Good News. John the Baptist need not look for another, for God has arrived in human flesh, bringing the kingdom of God with him. Today, we carry on Jesus' work, allowing our words and actions to embody the love of God in the world.

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	\$2,819.25
Coffee and Donuts	\$58.00
Candles	\$23.05
Saint Vincent De Paul	\$212.50
Thanksgiving	\$599.00
Area of Greatest Need	\$460.00
Total	\$4,171.80



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-16th 12PM **Frank Silvagina**
George & Maria Lee

Wed-17th 12PM **Greg & Cynthia Roberti**
George & Maria Lee

Thu-18th 12PM **† Dr. Emerita Evangelista**
Elenita Revelo

Fri-19th **† Mario Tucak**
Marijanna Skoro

Sat-20th 5PM **Pro Populo**

Sun-21st
 8:30 AM **Pro Populo**
 11AM **† Carol Ramano**
Cheryl Sandholm
† Danilo Valle
Ysabel Schuld

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-15th **Office Closed**
 No Mass

Tues-16th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Wed-17th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Thurs-18th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Fri-19th **Office Open 9-1:00**
Mass 12PM

Sat-20th **Confessions 3:30-4:30PM**
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sun-21st **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM
 Coffee and Doughnuts

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (12/4):

Mary Ann H, Jim B., Holly D.

December 21st: Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

EOM: Rudy D.
 Lector: Maria L.
 Servers: Louis O.

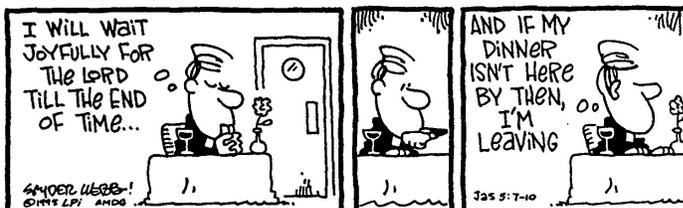
8:30 AM Sunday Mass

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

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

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

9X SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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!

Save the Date...



BINGO NIGHT



Bingo fun, bingo fun,
Come and play with cheer!
Join us at Our Lady's Hall—
It's the best night of the year!

Games and laughs, prizes too,
Snacks for everyone...
Bring your friends and family
For a night of Christmas fun.

Our Lady of Sorrows

December 19 at 6:00 PM

5239 SE Woodstock Blvd,
Portland, OR 97206



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.

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)

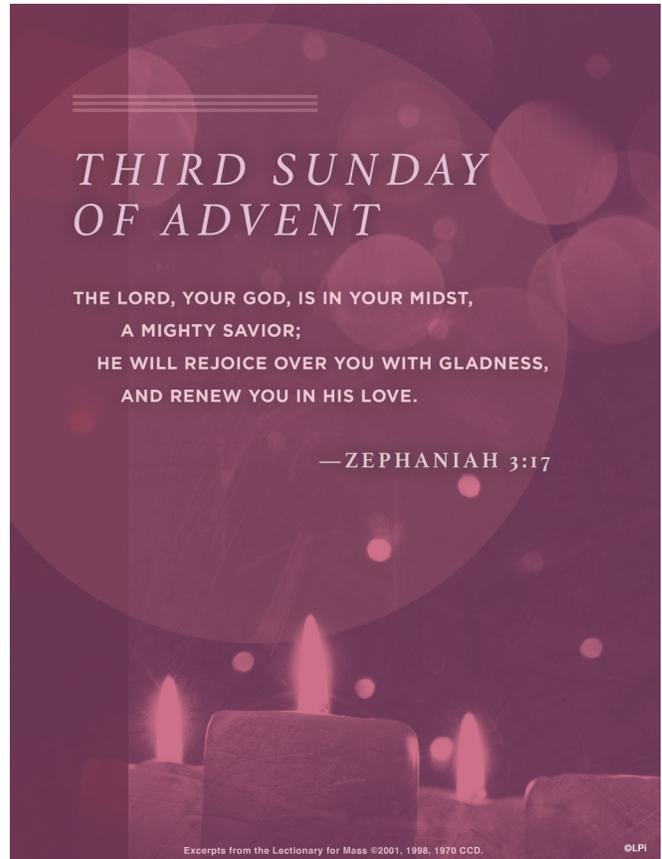
Build our emergency savings for parish upkeep

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



Gaudete Sunday

1) Why is the third Sunday of Advent known as Gaudete Sunday?

Its name is taken from the entrance antiphon of the Mass, which is:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

This is a quotation from Philippians 4:4-5, and in Latin, the first word of the antiphon is gaudete (Latin, "rejoice"; it's also pronounced with three syllables: gau-de-te)

Advent is the season of preparing for the arrival of the Lord Jesus (both his first coming and his second coming), and by the third Sunday of Advent, we are most of the way through the season.

Thus it is appropriate to rejoice as we see the goal of the season approaching: "The Lord is near."

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

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

Monday:

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and
7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday:

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18,
19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday:

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/
Mt 1:1-17

Thursday:

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

Friday:

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

Saturday:

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

Next Sunday:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/
Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 11, I was riding my bike on a Friday night in Scottsdale, Arizona. I saw giant spotlights swirling in the sky. Something amazing had to be happening. I pedaled after them with excitement. Sweaty and tired, I arrived, only to find a used car lot. Bright lights, flapping banners, inflatable balloon men swaying wildly in the wind. I stood there, heart sinking. All that spectacle, and all my effort ... for this?

As life proceeds, we learn what it is like to pursue promising but fruitless searches. This week we hear Jesus ask the crowds regarding John the Baptist: **“What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?” (Matthew 11:7)**. He’s not just describing the crowd’s mis-aimed pursuit. He’s naming our tendency to chase after what’s flashy but flimsy.

What are our swaying reeds? For me, it is endless video reels on my phone, worldly pleasures, entertainment in sports, and the good opinion of others. Inflated distractions that bend whichever way the wind blows. But they can’t satisfy my soul. What are your flimsy reeds?

John the Baptist wasn’t a swaying reed. He was rooted, grounded, unafraid to speak the solid truth. The people went to see him because, deep down, they were starving for something real.

This Advent, the Church asks us to reassess: What are we really looking for? Are we chasing the dazzling but hollow? Or are we seeking what is solid and lasting — that which points to Christ?

— *Father John Muir*