

December 21st, 2025

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

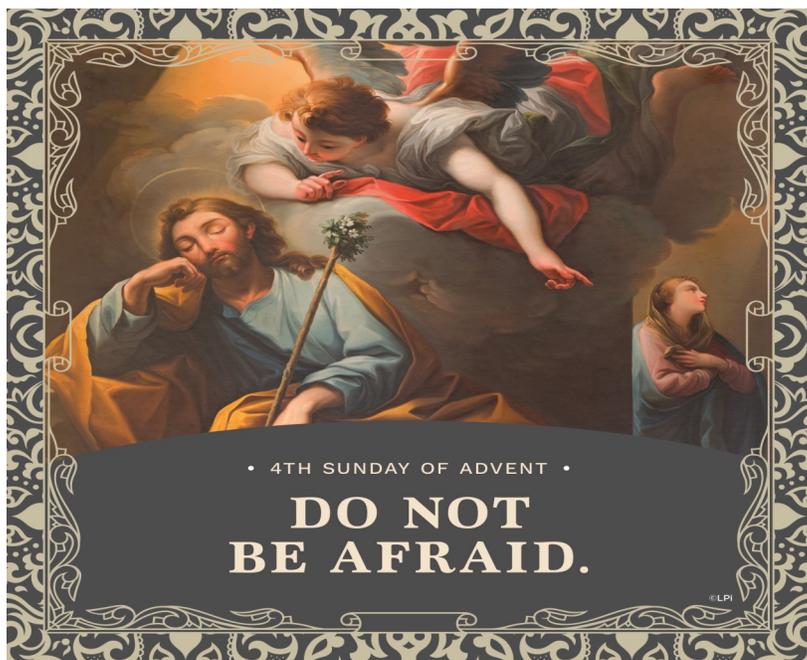
Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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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Mary Ann Colrud, Church Custodian

Jeanette Howell, Janitor

Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Lec.10)

- 1) Isaiah 7:10-14
- 2) Romans 1:1-7
- 3) Matthew 1:18-24

FOCUS:Through [Jesus] we have received the grace of apostleship.

The coming of Jesus Christ is the sign of our salvation. He is "God with us" and has invited us to turn our lives over to him. Are we ready to accept this sign? Will we, like Joseph, put aside our fears and enter into a completely new reality, a new way of life?

Collection Information for 12/09 Weekly

Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$3,853.00
Coffee and Donuts	\$53.00
Candles	\$27.79
Immaculate Conception	\$627.00
Property Development	\$616.50
Area of Greatest Need	\$535.00
School Subsidy	\$86.00
Christmas Flowers	\$370.00
Christmas Offering	\$31.00
Total	\$6,199.29

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-23rd 12PM † **Linda Panza**
Panza Family

Wed-24th 4:30PM † **Vivian Hawkins**
Arlene Graham
 7:00PM † **Skoro Family**
Marijana Skoro

Thu-25th 10AM † **Eulogia Nunez**
Leticia Enriquez
Souls in Purgatory
Marijana Skoro

Fri-26th † **Thelma Williams**
Tony Graham

Sat-27th 5PM † **Joe Pfaff**
Johnson Family

Sun-28th 8:30 AM † **Danilo Valle**
Ysabel Schuld
 11AM † **Carol Ramano**
Cheryl Sandholm

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-22nd **Office Closed**
 No Mass

Tues-23rd Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Wed-24th Office Closed
 Christmas Eve
Mass 4:30PM and 7:00PM

Thurs-25th Office Closed
 Christmas
Mass 10AM

Fri-26th **Office Closed**
Mass 12PM

Sat-27th **Confessions 3:30-4:30PM**
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sun-28th **The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary**
Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM
 Coffee and Doughnuts

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (12/23):

Leslie C., Chuck S., Caroline H.

December 28th: The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

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

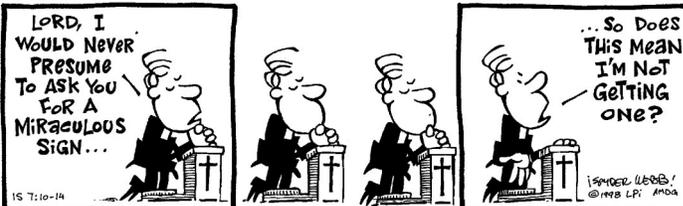
8:30 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Susan P.
 Lector: Leslie C.
 Servers: Jonathan S., Emeraude L.
 Anastasia S., Kelcee A.

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Don P.
 Lector: Audrey H.
 Server: Paul S., Milan S., Michael S.

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Christmas 2025

Daily Mass

Tuesday – Friday at 12:00 pm

Masses on Christmas Eve (December 24)

4:30 pm and 7:00 pm

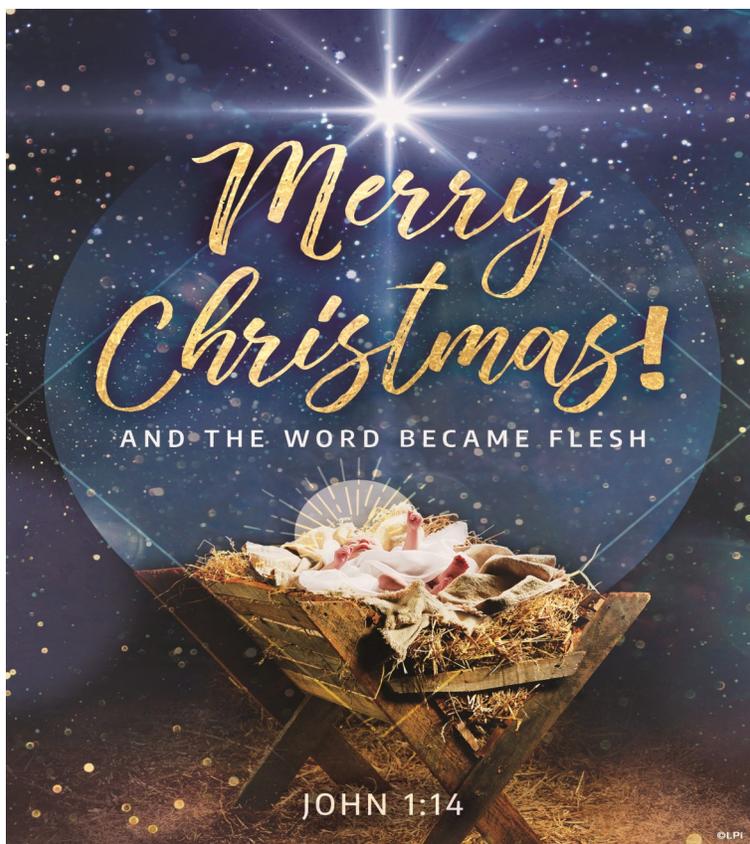
Masses on Christmas Day (December 25)

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



On this blessed Christmas day,

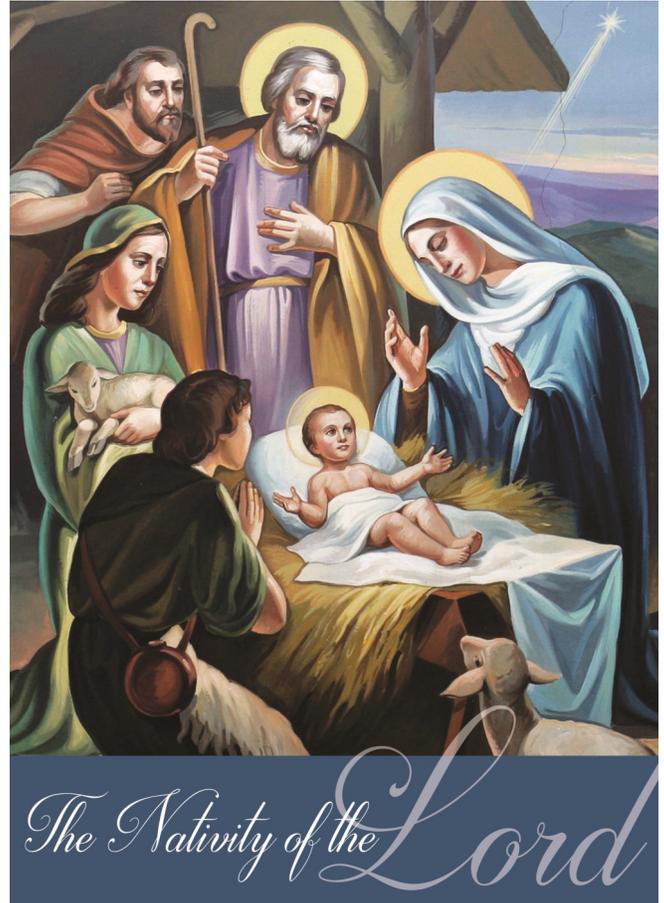
may the joy and goodness of the sweet baby Jesus fill our home and our hearts. Jesus, bless every member of our family, near and far. May peace prevail, goodness reign, and love triumph. Amen.

What's Happening

Christmas

The 25th marks the end of the Advent season and the beginning of the Christmas season. We have lighted four candles these past four weeks and asked God to help us be present to our neighbors and friends. Now in the Christmas season we are called to be Christ in the flesh to our world.

Let us pray... God, you became human through the obedience of a simple young woman named Mary. Mary is our model of faith. May we be faithful to your word as Mary was. Give us the courage to face each day with the yes that Mary gave to you. We ask this through the incarnate God, who comes to us again during this Christmas season. Amen.



Prayer for Christmas Visitors

God bless us all this Christmas season, those who enter and exit our home, those near and far away, those who will visit and those who cannot. Fill our lives with the peace that comes from You.

Amen.

Save the Date...

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)

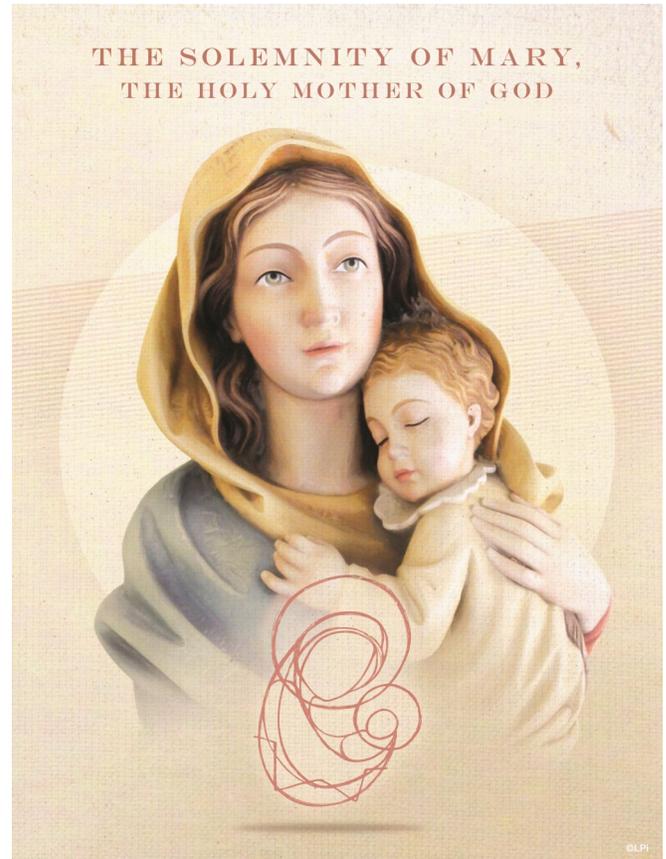
Build our emergency savings for parish upkeep

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



January 1st

Join us New Years day at 10am for the Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God. Start the New year with Peace and Prayer for happy and healthy New Year through intercession to our Blessed Mother!

Christmas Letter

A Christmas letter has been mailed to every parishioner based on the address that you provided when you registered with the parish. If you have not received a letter, it means that we do not have your correct address. Just and Joseph & Mary had to travel to Bethlehem for the yearly census, Please remember to register with the parish or update your address if you have moved. The end of year contribution statements will be mailed to the address we have on file. If this is not the Correct address it will be returned to the parish and you will not receive a statement. If you have any questions please call us in the Parish office, 503-775-6731.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 21, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday:

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps
89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Thursday:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
(2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or
1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13
(Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/
Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Saturday:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Next Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend recently told me a remarkable story. One of his cousins reported having a vivid dream in which an angel told him the family needed to exhume their grandmother's body from a cemetery in New York and return it to her birthplace in Romania. She had been dead nearly ten years. As you might expect, the family thought it was, well, crazy. But astonishingly they exhumed her body. It was incorrupt, showing no signs of decomposition. That experience sparked healing, faith, and reconciliation throughout the family.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Joseph also receives a dream. He's confused, afraid. But in the quiet of sleep, God speaks: **"Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home" (Matthew 1:20)**. When he wakes, Joseph acts. He doesn't overanalyze or dismiss the message. He trusts, and acts.

God still speaks — not necessarily through literal dreams but through those deeper intuitions of the heart. St. Ignatius of Loyola taught that God's voice draws us into peace, courage, and love. But we have to listen to it. Advent is a time for stillness. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we're invited to enter that quiet space where God's voice can be heard.

When and how do you become most receptive to God? Is it in silence? In prayer? In nature? At Mass? This week, go there. Be still. Listen. And like Joseph, have the courage to act on what God shows you.

— *Father John Muir*