

December 28th, 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
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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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph, and Mary

(Lec.17)

- 1) Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
- 2) Colossians 3:12-21
- 3) Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

FOCUS: The Holy Family models a foundational community of love.

Jesus was born and grew up within a family which was marked by holiness, love, and fidelity to the will of God. Their example calls us to strive to do the same. Today's readings provide an example of ideal relationships among families. Even in the midst of broken relationships, the virtues that Paul names can send all of us on the road to healing and reconciliation.

Collection Information for 12/16 Weekly

Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$2,481.07
Coffee and Donuts	\$65.75
Candles	\$18.25
St. Vincent DePaul	\$877.50
Property Development	\$20.00
Area of Greatest Need	\$135.00
School Subsidy	\$75.00
Christmas Flowers	\$20.00
Christmas Offering	\$1,470.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$478.00
Total	\$5,640.57

Pastoral Council

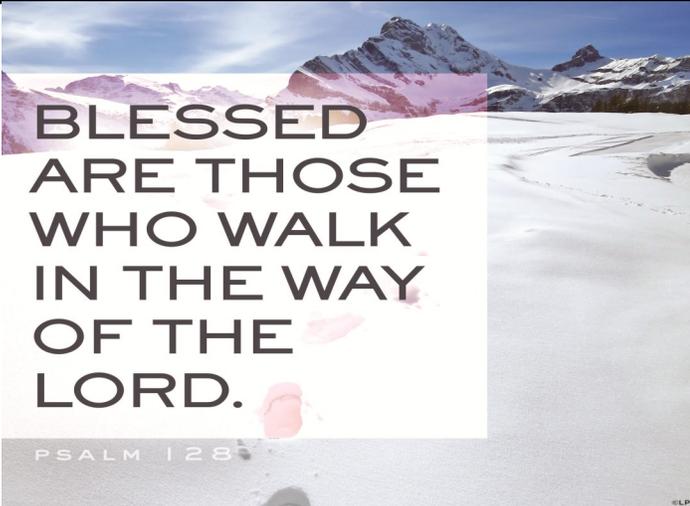
Cathy Perisich, Sue Stoeger,

Tony Graham, Cynthia Roberti, Rosy Casper

Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn,

Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley



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. Chispine to call me.

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



Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Wed-31st 12:00PM **Patrick Silvagnia**
George & Maria Lee

Thu-1st 10AM † **Barbara Sheridan**
Sr. Joan Flynn

† **Jagoda Tucak**
Marijana Skoro

Fri-2nd **Karmela M.**
Marijana Skoro

Sat-3rd 5PM † **Joe & Linda Panza**
George & Maria Lee

Sun-4th
8:30 AM **Ellen Bradley**
Tony Graham

11AM **Pro Populo**

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-29th **Office Closed**
No Mass

Tues-30th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Wed-31st Office Closed
Mass 12PM

Thurs-1st Office Closed
Mass 10AM

Fri-2nd **Office Closed**
Mass 12PM

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

Sun-4th **The Epiphany of the Lord**
Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM
Coffee and Doughnuts

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (12/30):

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

January 4th: The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

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

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Sonie D.
Lector: Tony G.
Servers: Jonathan S., Emeraude L.
Anastasia S., Kelcie A.

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

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

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.



HOLY FAMILY



Mary, Mother of God (January 1st)
10:00AM
Parish Office Closed , December 31st , January 2nd

Daily Mass at 12PM Wednesday through Friday

She Kept All of These Things in Her Heart

“What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?”

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her “origin story,” as they say in the movies.

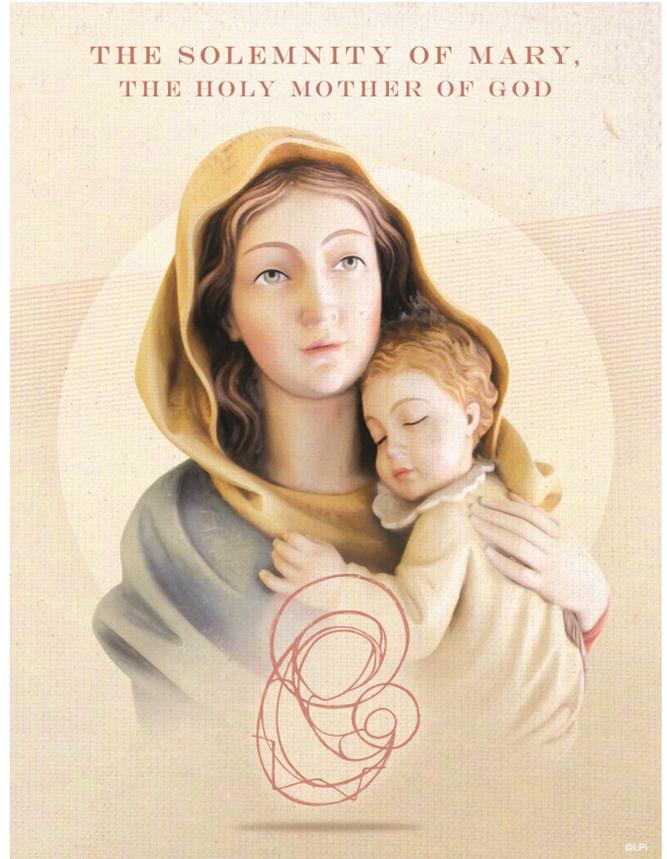
I’ve got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it’s a detail that wasn’t scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it’s a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I’m the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19



What's Happening

New Years Day! 2026

As we enter into this New Year, let us with gratitude look back at the last 12 months and give thanks for the grace that we have received as children of God. We are so grateful for our parish Family. The love, the support, the fellowship, and the prayers that we all benefit from makes our Urban Parish with a small town feel, so special. In this time of resolutions, let us ask God to help us be renewed in him. Amen.



Prayer for the New Year

Dear God,

Be with us as we begin our journey into a new year.

We know that You hold us and go ahead of us.

Help us to experience this year in Your grace.

Amen.

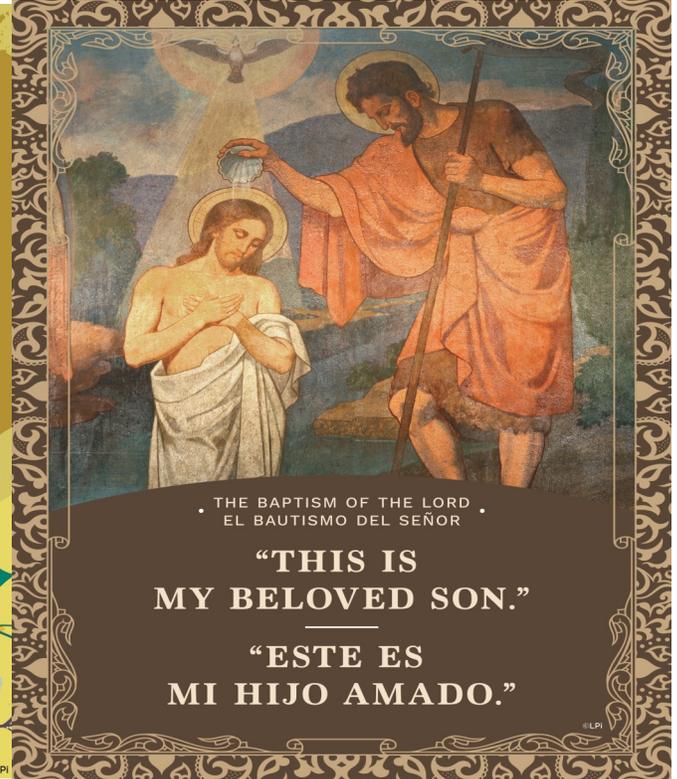
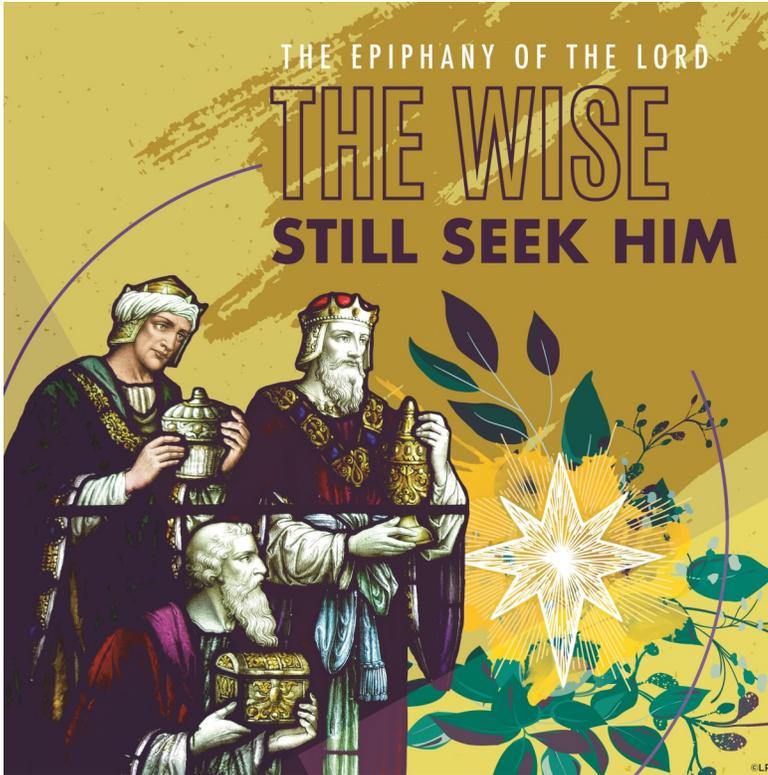
Save the Date...

January 4th

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 11th

The Baptism of the Lord



While the hustle and bustle of Christmas ends for many people on Dec. 26, throughout Christian history Christmas lasts for much longer. The feast marking the end of Christmas is called “Epiphany.”

In the Latin rite of the Catholic Church, Epiphany celebrates the revelation that Jesus was the Son of God. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men, but it also focuses on his baptism in the Jordan and at the wedding at Cana.

While the traditional date for the feast is Jan. 6, in the United States the celebration of Epiphany is moved to the Sunday between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8

Today’s Gospel offers a differing vision of greatness. Jesus steps into the Jordan River. He hasn’t preached, healed, or performed a single miracle. Then the heavens open, and the Father speaks: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” It’s not a reward for success. It’s not earned. Before he does anything “great,” Jesus receives the greatness of his identity from the Father.

And so do you. At your baptism, God said the same thing over you: “You are my beloved.” That is your true identity, not constructed or earned but received. When we see ourselves and others this way, everything changes for the better. We discover a greatness that can never be taken away.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday:

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

Monday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/
Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/
Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Jn 1:19-28

Saturday:

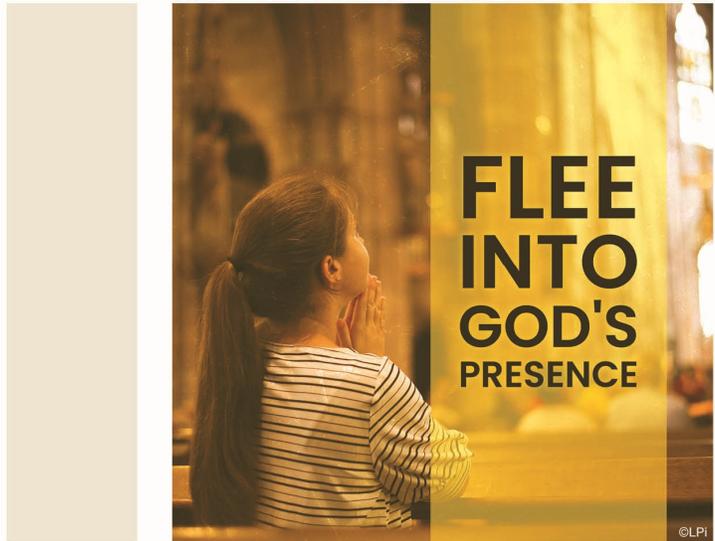
1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/
Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20)**. First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence

— *Father John Muir*