

January 4th, 2026

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

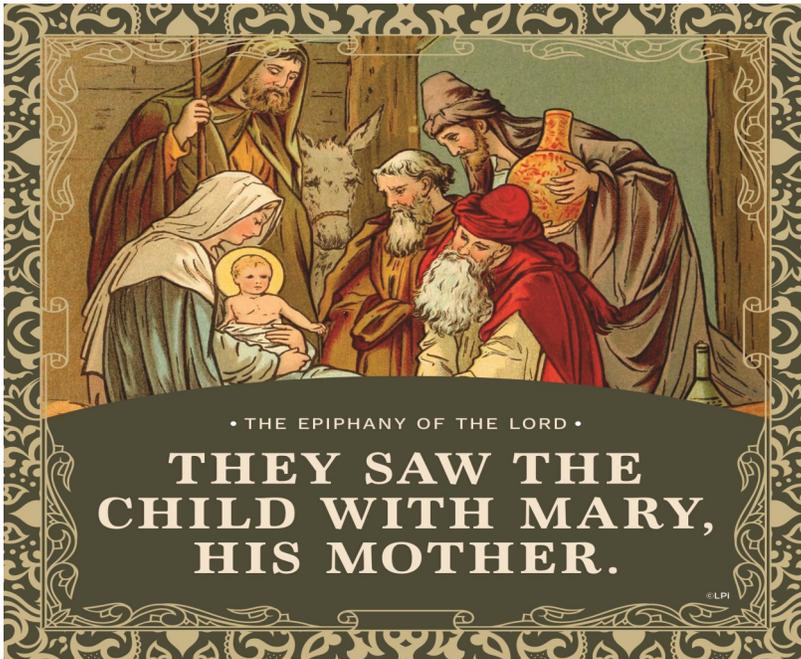
Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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

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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:

Wednesday-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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The Epiphany of the Lord

- (Lec.20)
 1) Isaiah 60:1-6
 2) Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 3) Matthew 2:1-12

FOCUS: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The Magi undertook an arduous journey to see Jesus. For us, sometimes even a short trip to Mass can feel like a challenge. Yet the God who set the stars in in the sky desires an intimate relationship with each of us. This year is a good time to renew our commitment to grow closer to God. A star revealed Jesus' birth to the Magi; let us ask God to reveal himself to us today.

Pastoral Council

Cathy Perisich, Sue Stoeger,
 Tony Graham, Cynthia Roberti, Rosy Casper

Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn,
 Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley

Collection Information for 12/23 Weekly

Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

Offertory	\$3,297.15
Coffee and Donuts	\$87.50
Candles	\$47.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$150.00
Property Development	\$102.00
Christmas Gift	\$480.00
Christmas Flowers	\$101.00
Christmas Offering	\$120.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$100.00
Total	\$4,484.65



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

Wed-7th 12:00PM ✠ **Adela Escobio**
Maricel Beaman

Thu-8th 12PM **Delores Lorenzen**
Tony Graham

Fri-9th 12PM **Mary Ann Colrud**
Tony Graham

Sat-10th 5PM **Jeanette Howell**
Tony Graham

Sun-11th
 8:30 AM **Leslie Carr**
Tony Graham

11AM **Pro Populo**

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-5th **Office Closed**
 No Mass

Tues-6th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Wed-7th Office Open
Mass 12PM

Thurs-8th Office Open
Mass 12PM

Fri-9th **Office Open**
Mass 12PM

Sat-10th **Confessions 3:30-4:30PM**
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (1/6):

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

January 11th: The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

EOM: Tony G
 Lector: Rudy D.
 Servers: Louis O.

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Rosy C.
 Lector: Leslie C.
 Servers: Jonathan S., Emeraude L.
 Anastasia S., Kelcie A.

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Don P.
 Lector: Audrey H.
 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:

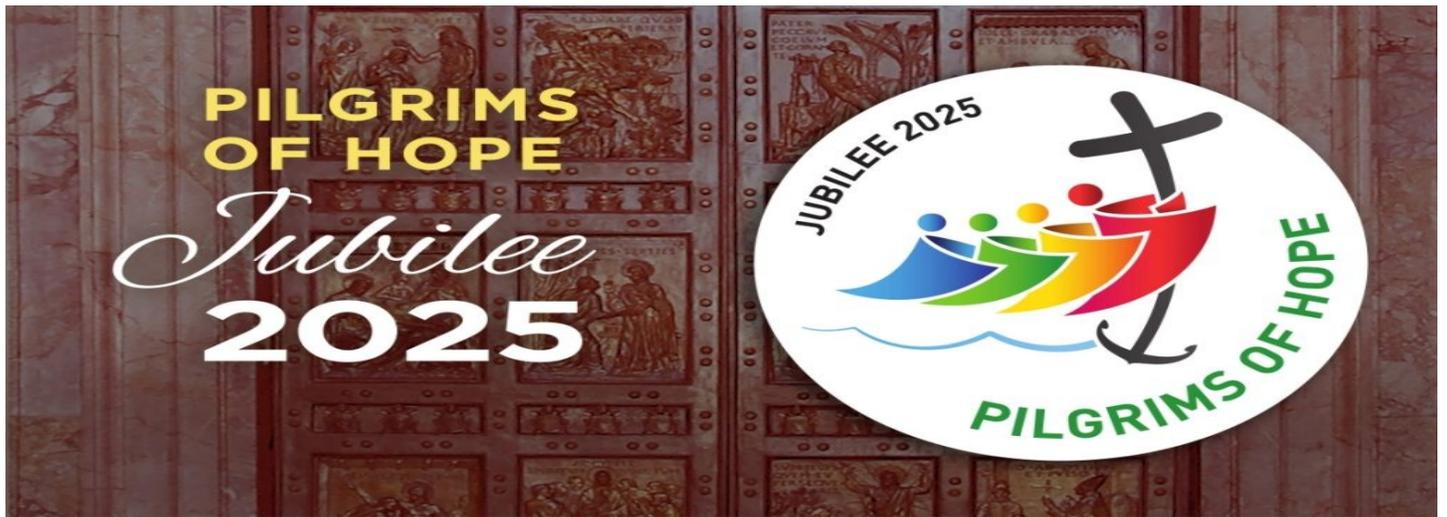
Clint Dodge, ✠Barbara Sheridan, Gary Hart,
 ✠Connie Whitmarsh, Cynthia Reis, ✠Patrick Hague,
 ✠Gloria Federici, Jenny Storey, Sally Allen,
 ✠Rosana Gonzalez, ✠Adela Escobio, ✠Pillar Dizon,
 Jim Bachman, Maryann Hollinger, Brian Jud, Maria Beardall,
 Diana Voelker, Richard Ellingson, Greg Roberti



may you find consolation in knowing that you are thought of and prayed for in this time of need.

EPIPHANY





Just a few weeks remain until the closing of the holy year, which was inaugurated by Pope Francis on Dec. 24, 2024. On Jan. 6, 2026, Pope Leo XIV will be the one to close the enormous bronze door of St. Peter’s Basilica in the Vatican, through which nearly 30 million pilgrims have passed during the last 12 months seeking a plenary indulgence.

This Holy Door is slated to be reopened in 2033, when the Church celebrates the Extraordinary Holy Year of the Redemption.

The schedule for closing rites of the Holy Doors of the main papal basilicas in Rome is as follows:

The first Holy Door to be closed — and which will remain walled up until the next jubilee — is that of St. Mary Major Basilica. The rite will take place on Dec. 25, as reported by the Holy See Press Office. The ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. local time, followed by Mass celebrated by the cardinal archpriest of the basilica, Rolandas Makrickas. Two days later, on Dec. 27 at 11 a.m. local time, the closing ceremony at St. John Lateran Basilica will be presided over by the cardinal vicar of Rome, Baldassare Reina, who will celebrate the Eucharist, and will feature the participation of the diocesan choir, directed by Monsignor Marco Frisina.

On Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. local time, the Holy Door of St. Paul Outside the Walls Basilica will be closed. The solemn event will be presided over by Cardinal Archpriest James Michael Harvey.

Finally, on Jan. 6, 2026, the solemnity of the Epiphany, Pope Leo XIV is scheduled to close the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica before celebrating the Mass that will mark the concluding act of the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. On that occasion, the pontiff will invite pilgrims to return to Rome in 2033 for the Extraordinary Holy Year of Redemption. The Holy Doors, as is tradition, have been solely those of the four papal basilicas of Rome: St. Peter’s in the Vatican, St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. However, on Dec. 26, two days after officially inaugurating the holy year, Pope Francis made an exception by traveling to the

Rebibbia prison in Rome to repeat this gesture at another door as a symbol of hope.

The late pope wanted to extend this gesture of grace to prisoners by opening the door of this correctional facility in the Italian capital.

The date on which the closing ceremony for this fifth Holy Door will take place has yet to be announced.

By Victoria Cardiel

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Detail of the bronze panels on the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica, highlighted during the nocturnal opening for the Jubilee of Artists, Feb. 16, 2025. Credit: Daniel ...

What's Happening

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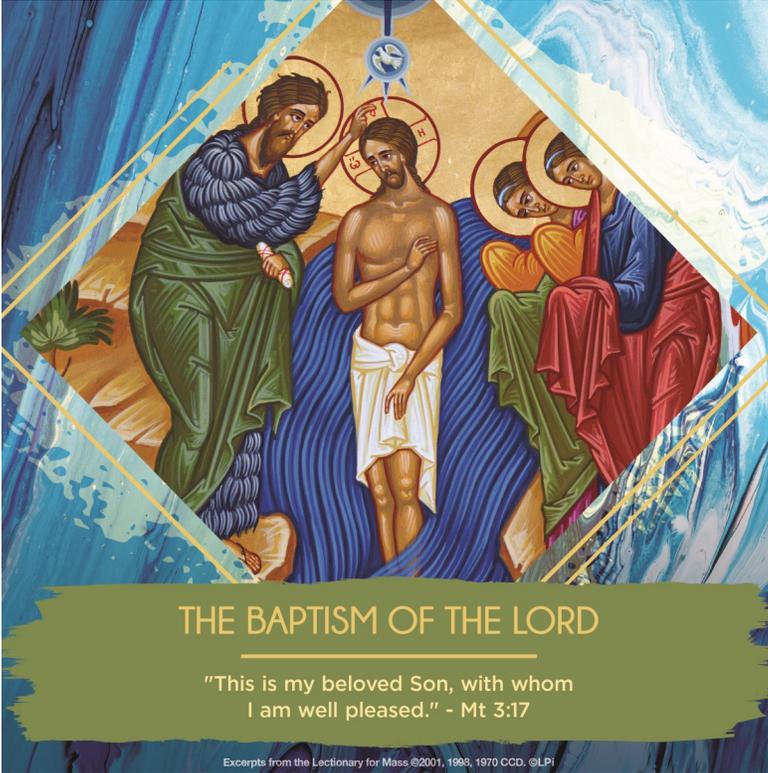
Mon-Fri | 9am – 5pm ET



Save the Date...

January 11th

The Baptism of the Lord



When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening.

Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

When Jesus came to John for baptism, he transformed the baptism of repentance that John was practicing into a baptism of redemption. And although we are called to repentance over and over in our life, redemption comes to us only once. We cannot get baptized again in the Jordan or Sea of Galilee because of romantic notions, or come into the Catholic Church by a second baptism so we can start all over. Our baptism, whether we can remember it or not, is a one-time deal. But it is the real deal. Whether you feel it or not, you are sealed for Christ, and the stain of original sin has been washed away.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

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

Monday:

1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday:

1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday:

1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday:

1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday:

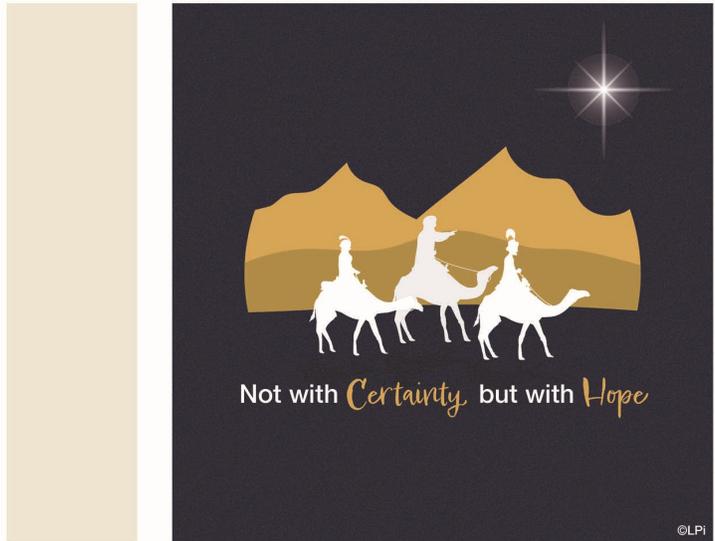
1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and
9b/Jn 3:22-30

Next Sunday:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/
Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was 22, I went on a pilgrimage to Rome for the Jubilee Year of 2000. I was traveling light with just a backpack, one blue shirt and black pants, little money, and no Italian. I had a few close friends and one goal: to reach the Eternal City. Despite the challenges and deprivations, I felt alive in a way I had never known before.

When do you feel most alive? I'd wager it's not when you're most comfortable or surrounded by stuff. Rather, it's when your life is aimed at something great; when you're on a meaningful and challenging journey with good friends.

That's the image the Magi give us in today's Gospel. They set out from the East not with certainty, but with hope. They study the signs, discipline their attention, and journey together, offering the best they have when they find the newborn King.

The Church gives us their story at the start of the year to reawaken something in us. We are not meant to drift. We're meant to journey as pilgrims. The Jubilee Year of 2025 may have ended, but our pilgrimage has not. Like the magi, the closer we get to Christ, the more alive we become.

— *Father John Muir*