

COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER.

*Inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world.*

*Whatever you did for
one of these least ones,
you did for me.*

Matthew 25:34, 40



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 22, 2020

Our Lady of Sorrows

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Monday - Friday
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Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days

8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Rectory closed on all Holy Days

Sunday

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Confessions

Tuesday 6:45—7:00 a.m.; Saturday 4:00—4:45 p.m.

By appointment anytime

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Eucharistic Adoration: The Adoration Chapel, located in the South Sacristy, is open on weekdays; call the rectory for specific hours. Please come & spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Sacramental Policies:

For details on sacramental policies for infant baptism, adult initiation, anointing of the sick, Christian marriage, or religious vocations, stop by the rectory or visit our website: www.olsorrows.org.

Bulletin Articles:

Should be submitted by 9am Tuesday morning prior to the weekend the article is to run. Articles may be emailed to bulletin@olsorrows.org, faxed to 314.351.1602, or dropped off at the Rectory office.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today's Scripture Readings revolve around the Last Judgment scene of Jesus Christ coming in glory and power. It was Pope Pius XI who brought the Feast of Christ the King into the liturgy in 1925 to bring Christ as Ruler, and Christian values, back into lives of Christians, into society, and into politics. The Feast was also a reminder to the totalitarian governments of Mussolini, Hitler and Stalin that Jesus Christ is the only Sovereign King. Although Emperors and Kings now exist mostly in history books, we still honor Christ as the King of the Universe by enthroning Jesus in our hearts, surrendering our lives to God. This feast challenges us to see Christ the King in everyone, especially those whom our society considers the least important, and to treat each person with the same love, mercy and compassion Jesus showed.

Scripture lessons: The **first reading**, taken from the Prophet Ezekiel, introduces God as the Good Shepherd reminding us of Christ's claim to be the Good-Shepherd-King, leading, feeding and protecting his sheep. In today's **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 23), we rejoice in Jesus, who is our Good Shepherd. In the **second reading**, St. Paul presents Christ as the all-powerful Ruler-King Who raises the dead and to Whom every form of power and authority must eventually give way. Today's **Gospel** describes Christ the King coming in Heavenly glory to judge us, based on how we have shared our love and blessings with others through genuine acts of charity in our lives. Jesus is present to us now, not only as our Good Shepherd leading, feeding and healing his sheep, but also as dwelling in those for whom we care. In the parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats at the Last Judgment, every person to whom we give ourselves, "whether hungry, thirsty or a stranger, naked, sick or in prison," is revealed to us as

having been the risen Jesus. Our reward or punishment depends on how we have recognized and treated this risen Jesus in the needy.

Life messages:

#1 We need to recognize and appreciate Christ's presence within us and surrender our lives to Christ's rule. Since Christ, our King, lives in our hearts with the Holy Spirit and His Heavenly Father and fills our souls with His grace, we need to learn to surrender our lives to Him, live in His Holy Presence, and do God's will by sharing His forgiving love with others around us. Aware of His presence in the Bible, in the Sacraments, and in the worshipping community, we need to listen and talk to Him.

#2 We need to learn to be servers. Since Christ was a Servant-King we are invited to be His loyal citizens by rendering humble service to others and by sharing Christ's mercy and forgiveness with others.

#3 We need to use our authority to support the rule of Jesus. This feast is an invitation to all those who have power or authority in the public or the private realms to use it for Jesus by bearing witness to Him in the way we live. Parents are expected to use their God-given authority to train their children in Christian ideals and in the ways of committed Christian living.

#4 We need to accept Jesus Christ as the King of love. Jesus, who came to proclaim to all of us the Good News of God's love and salvation, gave us His new commandment of love: "*Love one another as I have loved you*," (Jn 13:34) and demonstrated that love by dying for us sinners. We accept Jesus as our King of love when we love others as Jesus already loves us -- unconditionally, sacrificially and with *agape* love.

Join us for our special Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday,
November 26, at 9:00 a.m.

Come pray with your parish family as we give thanks for our
many blessings.

Mass will also be live streamed.





This Week @ OLS

Monday, November 23 Weekday

Readings: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4

7:00 a.m. Special Intention (SB)

Tuesday, November 24 St. Andrew Dũng-Lac, priest, and companions, martyrs

Readings: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11

7:00 a.m. Special Intention (MC)

Wednesday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr

Readings: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19

7:00 a.m. †Walter Gerar

Thursday, November 26 Thanksgiving Day

Readings: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28 Thanksgiving Day (suggested): Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

9:00 a.m. †Jerry Duffey

Friday, November 27 Weekday

Readings: Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33

7:00 a.m. †Walter Gerar

Saturday, November 28 Weekday

Readings: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36

5:00 p.m. Special Intention (LV)

servers: L. Meyer, J. Christians, G. Christians

lectors: Jean Gengler & Emily Zesch

Sunday, November 29 First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

10:00 a.m. †Dan Reinerman

servers: J. Wright, E. Zimmerman, A. Granadillo

lectors: Denise Klevorn & Phil Klevorn

SUN 11/22			
MON 11/23	Southside Basketball	6:00 pm	Faenger Hall
TUE 11/24	Girl Scouts Christmas Rehearsal St. Vincent de Paul Parish Council	6:15 pm 6:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Cafeteria Church Band Room S/S Rooms
WED 11/25	Boy Scouts	7:00 pm	Cafeteria
THU 11/26	THANKSGIVING Office Closed		
FRI 11/27	Office Closed Wedding	4:00 pm	Church
SAT 11/28			
SUN 11/29			

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Parish Mission Statement: We, the Catholic community of Our Lady of Sorrows, are disciples of Jesus Christ through our Baptism. Nourished by Word and Sacrament we seek to form adults, teens, and children in the ways of the Gospel, while welcoming new members to our parish and our Catholic faith. As a Eucharistic people, guided by the Holy Spirit, we minister to all, especially the ill, elderly, and those in need, through works of fellowship, charity and justice. We strive to continue the mission of our parish begun a century ago through the prayerful intercession of Mary, Our Mother.

SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, November 15, 2020

Envelopes: \$ 3,728.
Loose: \$ 43.
Online: \$ 2,605.
\$ 6,376.

**Thank you for your sacrificial gifts
to our parish!**

Welcome!

We welcome our devoted and faithful parishioners, neighbors who come regularly to support our mission, all St. Louisans of all faiths, and our visitors. Serving you in this beautiful church of Our Lady of Sorrows is a great privilege.

- Fr. Sebastian Mundackal, pastor
- Fr. Andrew Sigmund, retired in residence
- Deacon Dan Skillman, permanent deacon

E-mail Account for Bulletin Submissions

If you wish to submit content to the bulletin via e-mail, please use the new address: bulletin@olsorrows.org. This account will strictly be for bulletin articles. Please direct all other inquiries for the parish staff to rectory@olsorrows.org or olscan@sbcglobal.net.



Baptismal Preparation

The next Baptismal Preparation Evening is **MONDAY, DECEMBER 14** from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Rectory. If you need to have your child (under 7) baptized, please call 351-1600 to sign up for our next preparation opportunity.

Online Giving

Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.olsorrows.org and selecting the online giving link. If you need technical support, you can contact Our Sunday Visitor at 1-800-348-2886, option 4, or contact Anna Barringer in the rectory at 351-1600.



Contributions

In lieu of dropping your contribution envelopes in the collection basket at Sunday mass, you can mail them to the rectory, drop them in the mail slot located on the interior rectory door, or set up Online Giving. If you need technical support to set up Online Giving, you can contact Our Sunday Visitor at 1-800-348-2886 option 4. Thank you for your continued generosity, prayers, and patience.

Our Lady of Sorrows, Pray for Us

Pray for the Sick

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Carl Brown	Kenny Mehring	Rose Rehagen
Mike Cebulski	Richard Messmer	Bob Reichelt
Mary Ann Chibnall	Julia Michalka	Audrey Sambo
Henrietta Frederick	John Moran	Robert Seeber
Gary Harbstreet		

Join us in praying for the deceased members of our parish community:

John Hunt
Sophie Rehagen
Peter Schibler

To all who mourn their loss, we extend our deepest sympathy and prayers during this difficult time. We call on Mary, Our Lady of Sorrows, to comfort you in your grief.



Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

The Eucharistic Adoration Chapel **will be open every first Friday from 8am-5pm** with the Blessed Sacrament exposed. On other days when the Blessed Sacrament is not exposed, you may access the sanctuary through the chapel for quiet prayer.

Thank you.



The rectory office will be closed Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen at its regular time on Monday, November 30. Thank you.



Holiday Mass Times at Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday, November 26: Thanksgiving Day. Mass at 9 a.m. Mass will also be live streamed.

Sunday, November 29: First Sunday of Advent. Blessing of the advent wreath at all masses.

Tuesday, December 8: Immaculate Conception. Mass at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Friday, December 11: Christmas caroling prayer service at 7 p.m. in Church. Prayer service will also be live streamed.

Thursday, December 24: Christmas Eve Mass. Celebrated by Fr. Sebastian at 4 p.m. in Church and by Fr. Sigmund in the gym. Christmas carols at 11:30 p.m. followed by solemn nativity mass at 12 a.m. Midnight candlelight mass.

Friday, December 25: Christmas Day. Mass at 9 a.m. Mass will also be live streamed.

Friday, January 1: Mary Mother of God. Holiday Mass at 12 noon. Mass will also be live streamed.

Please mark your calendars and be a part of this wonderful, spiritual time

We all will take extreme precautions to keep you and your family safe when you are visiting Our Lady of Sorrows. Please do the same with us too.

If you have any special intentions that you would like to include at Mass, please fill out the form at the back of the bulletin. Thank you.

Christmas Carol Prayer Service

December 11, 2020

7:00 p.m. in Church

Please join us as we celebrate the joyful season of Christmas. Music will be provided by **Sounds of the Season** comprised of some of our very own parishioners.

The prayer service will also be live streamed for those who cannot attend in person.

All are welcome!!



Pro-Life Christmas Cards

Pro-Life Christmas cards are now available for sale to benefit Missouri Right To Life.

Please call Mary at 352-3620 if you are interested or if you need more information.

Thank you.



Pro-Life Missouri Life Caravan

Missouri Life Caravan is now accepting applications for our bus trip to the annual March for Life in Washington, DC. The **annual March for Life will be January 28-30, 2021.** Until ALL LIFE is protected, the MARCH FOR LIFE trip to Washington, DC will meet with representatives and peacefully protest against the Supreme Court's decision to legalize abortion. This trip is open to anyone age seven (7) or older. CHAPERONES ARE NOT PROVIDED. There will be several departure locations in the St. Louis area. We will not be staying in hotels, we will sleep on the buses. Seating is LIMITED because of COVID-19. The cost is \$230/person. For more information, to register or to sponsor a rider, go to www.missourilifecaravan.org or contact them at 314-434-4900 or mrl.eastern@yahoo.com.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for US!!

Respect Life December Collection

Help make Christmas brighter for children in foster care! We will be collecting items to bless foster families on December 5 and 6. There are two ways you can help.

1. Purchase any of the items below and bring them with you to Mass on Dec 5 or 6.
2. Purchase an item on the Fostering Further Amazon Wish List and your gift will be automatically delivered to the project's shipping address. Visit www.faithstl.org/fosteringfurther for more details.

We will be accepting the following donations in person at all Masses on Dec. 5 and 6

- Children's Shampoo and Conditioner
- Adult Shampoo and Conditioner
- Infant Bath Soap
- Adult Bath Soap
- Laundry Detergent
- Restaurant Gift Cards
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New Parishioners

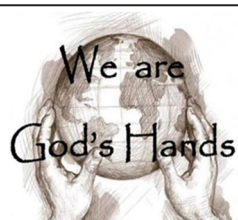
Our Lady of Sorrows welcomed the following new parishioners at Mass on **Sunday, November 1:**



**Alec Bland and fiancée
Hanna Mothesky**

We are so happy to have you join our parish family! We believe you will find OLS to be a welcoming, faith-filled, and tradition-rich community.





WINTER OUTREACH A MINISTRY OF MERCY

Encouraged by our Catholic Social Teachings:

"Option for the Poor and Vulnerable", many Parish Communities are committed to St. Louis Winter Outreach as a Ministry of Mercy.

"As long as you did it to one of these the least of my brethren, you did it to me." (MT 25:31-46)

As Winter approaches, our homeless "brethren" will spend cold days and nights on the streets of St. Louis. In an effort to give them some comfort, **we ask your help in providing meals** to an overnight shelter during the coldest months.

Drivers are also needed to deliver the meals to Americorps Shelter (1315 Ann Street) on the following days.

DATES: SATURDAYS (1pm drop off)
DECEMBER 12, 2020
JANUARY 16, 2021
FEBRUARY 13, 2021

Please consider joining our Ministry of Mercy by providing one or more of the following:

9 x13 Casserole (meat, vegetable or breakfast)

Dessert- 12 to 24 servings

(Food items may be store-bought)

All dishes must be brought baked, frozen, wrapped, and marked... due to COVID-19.

Food is to be dropped off at Our Lady of Sorrows Parking Lot at 1pm. If needed, arrangements can be made to drop off or have picked up from your home ahead of time.

For more information, to share a dish and/or be a driver, please contact Mary Ellen Mueller at 314-374-1712 or email maryem@brick.net.

Christmas Tree Decorating

In the coming weeks we will be putting up the lights around the parish grounds. This year we have decided to go a different route with the trees along Rhodes Avenue. Every tree will be lit this year and instead of decorating the trees, we are asking for parishioners to sponsor a tree. There will be a sign put on each tree that will say, "This Tree Sponsored by the Smith Family" or "This Tree in Memory of John Smith." We are asking for a \$25.00 donation to help offset the cost for the lights on the trees, so please contact the parish office to secure your tree today.

Also, new this year is our "Tree of Hope." This tree will be erected in the courtyard and decorated with ornaments. If you are interested in purchasing an ornament with your family's name on it to be placed on the tree, please contact the parish office. The cost for each ornament will be \$10.00.

Thank you!



**Next Healing Mass
Saturday,
December 5**



Special Intentions

If you would like Fr. Sebastian to announce any special intentions during our holiday or weekend Masses, please write them below and return them in the collection basket or you can drop them off through the mail slot at the Rectory.



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