

FIRST SUNDAY

OF

Advent

Watch therefore: you do not know
when the lord of the house is coming,
whether in the evening, or at midnight,
or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35



NOVEMBER 29, 2020

Our Lady of Sorrows

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Business Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Fr. Sebastian Mundackal



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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St. Vincent de Paul (assistance line)	289-6101 mailbox 1123

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

The central theme of today's readings is Jesus' warning to us to be alert, watchful, and prepared because Christ's Second Coming, coinciding with the end of the world, can occur at any time. People, in general, used to have a paranoid fear about the end of the world. They expected it in A.D. 204, 999, and 2000. The title of a best-seller published in 1988 was *101 Reasons Why Christ Returns by 1988*. A very popular film released in 1999 about Christ's Second Coming was *Omega Code*, and another film released in 2005 was *Left Behind*. Excessive fear of the tribulations accompanying the end of the world led the followers of a religious cult led by Jim Jones (in 1978) and followers of another cult called Heaven's Gate (in 1997) to commit mass suicide. But Jesus, in today's Gospel, gives us the assurance that we need not be afraid of the end of the world, Christ's Second Coming, and the Last Judgment if we remain alert and prepared. The Church invites us on this first Sunday of Advent to prepare for Christ's Second Coming, first by properly celebrating during this Christmas season the fond memory of Christ's first coming 2000 years ago; second, by experiencing Christ's daily advent or coming in the Eucharistic celebrations, in the Holy Bible and in the worshipping community; and third, by preparing for Jesus' Second Coming, which for us, will happen at the moment of our deaths or at the end of the world.

Scripture lessons: In the **first reading**, the prophet

Isaiah prays for God's active presence so that the Jewish community, returned from Babylonian exile, may remain faithful to their God. In the **second reading**, St. Paul prays for the reconversion of Christians in Corinth who have misused their gifts and charisms and remain ill-prepared for Christ's Second Coming. In today's **Gospel**, using the short parable of the servants and gatekeeper of an absentee master who could return at any time, Jesus instructs his followers to be alert and watchful while doing their Christian duties with sincerity. The gatekeeper and the household servants are expected to be ever-vigilant because their master is sure to return. The time of his return is uncertain, but the reward or punishment is sure and certain.

Life message: We should live in the living presence of Jesus every day waiting for his Second Coming. We can experience Christ's living presence in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in our worshipping community in our parish, in our family, in our own souls, and in everyone around us. The early Christians experienced it, and that is why the mutual greeting among Christians was not "Hi!" or "Good Morning!" but the Aramaic "Maran Atha" which means "Come, Lord Jesus." This greeting acknowledged Jesus present in each of them and about to return. God bless you and keep you ever prepared for Christ's Second Coming.



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This Week @ OLS

SUN 11/29			
MON 11/30	Southside Basketball	6:00 pm	Faenger Hall
TUE 12/1	St. Vincent de Paul	7:00 pm	Band Room
WED 12/2	St. Gabriel's Basketball Boy Scouts	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Faenger Hall Cafeteria
THU 12/3	Legion of Mary RCIA	8:45 am 7:00 pm	S/S Rooms Rectory
FRI 12/4			
SAT 12/5			
SUN 12/6			

Monday, November 30 St. Andrew, apostle

Readings: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

7:00 a.m. †Lois Wyman

Tuesday, December 1 Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

7:00 a.m. †Frank Loubek

Wednesday, December 2 Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

7:00 a.m. †Francis Schmitt

Thursday, December 3 St. Francis Xavier, priest

Readings: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

7:00 a.m. †Susie DeBarry

Friday, December 4 St. John Damascene, priest and doctor of the Church

Readings: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

7:00 a.m. †Tina Benner

Saturday, December 5 Advent Weekday

Readings: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

5:00 p.m. †Hazel Feldt

servers: E. Nims, B. Nims, S. Wilkinson

lectors: Katie Svejkosky & Kristina Pluff

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

10:00 a.m. †Mike & Rajta Sokol

servers: F. Kalhorn, E. Kalhorn, E. Zimmerman

lectors: Ann Garavaglia & Brigid Kappel

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Caring for our Community, Building on Tradition**



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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.

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

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

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.



Christmas Flower Offering

For those who participate in **online giving** and would like to make a donation for Christmas altar flowers, please contact the rectory after you have completed your offering online. Let us know the name of your loved one(s) so that we may include them in our memorial listing.

You may contact Anna at 314-351-1600 or by email at olscan@sbcglobal.net. Please do so **before December 8**.

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

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.



September Income & Expenses

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Income:

Offertory:	\$33,316
Unrestricted Funds:	\$ 325
Restricted Funds:	\$ 6,033**
All Other Revenue:	\$ 7,823
	\$47,497

Operating Expenses:

Personnel Costs (salaries & benefits):	\$17,522
Supplies:	\$ 4,675
Fees & Services:	\$ 1,118
Occupancy (utilities, repair, maintenance):	\$12,762
Payment to Archdiocese incl. SCCA subsidy:	\$28,607
	\$64,684

Net Income:

-\$17,187

****\$515 of the net income is restricted for roof repairs**

Holiday Mass Times at Our Lady of Sorrows

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.



LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—St. Nicholas

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
- Gas Station Gift Cards
- Walmart or Target Gift Cards
- Grocery Store Gift Cards



Healing Mass @ OLS

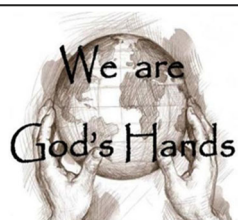


1st Saturday of the month at 10:00am

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**Next Healing Mass
Saturday,
December 5**



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 over-night 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.

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!





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Special Intentions

If you would like Fr. Sebastian to announce any special intentions during our holiday or week-end 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.

Parish Registration

Are you new to our neighborhood or parish community? We'd love to welcome you into our parish family! Fill out the form below, drop it in the collection basket, and our staff will reach out to you soon.

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