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Our Lady of Sorrows

5020 Rhodes Avenue
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Business Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Pastor

Fr. Sebastian Mundackal



Mass Schedule

Daily

Monday—Friday 7:00 a.m.

Holy Days

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

Rectory closed on all Holy Days

Sunday

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 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 is located in the South Sacristy; call the rectory for specific hours.

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 9 a.m. Monday morning prior to the weekend the article is to run. Articles may be emailed to bulletin@olsorrows.org or dropped off at the rectory office.

Baptismal Preparation:

The next Baptismal Preparation Evening is **MONDAY, AUGUST 14** from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Rectory. If you need to have your child (under 7) baptized, please call 314-351-1600 to sign up for our next opportunity.

From the Pastor's Desk

Today's readings are about the transforming power of the Word of God when read, preached, and lived. They also warn us not to be disappointed at the absence of immediate results. We must take a positive and optimistic view of our missionary efforts, as we keep on bearing witness to Christ's Gospel. The parable of the sower in today's Gospel challenges us to listen intently to God's Word, to be open to it, and to allow our lives to be shaped by its power. The parable reminds us that man's reception of God's Word is determined by the condition of his heart.

Scripture lessons summarized: In the **first reading**, Isaiah consoles the Jewish slaves in Babylon, assuring them that, like rain and snow which water the earth so that seeds may sprout and grow, God's Word will accomplish its purpose, in this case by returning the exiles to their homes in peace as God promised. In the **second reading**, St. Paul reminds us that just as seeds must fall into the earth and die to produce abundant crop, the pain and sufferings God permits in our lives help our redemption. Paul wants us to wait for our eternal reward while we continue sowing the Word of God diligently and suffering for the Lord, as he did. Today's **Gospel** teaches us that the Word of the Lord is the seed, and our hearts and minds are the soil. The seed's good spiritual yield in one's life depends on how fully one willingly accepts and responds to the Word of the Lord. The yield arising from the positive response will be abundant beyond all imagining. The parable tells us to do our part by preparing fertile soil in our hearts in which the Word of God can germinate, grow, and yield 30-, 60-, or 100-fold.

Life messages:

#1 We need to assess our use of the Word of God. We need to read the Word of God every day, starting with a prayer to the Holy Spirit for the gifts of attentive reading and the ability and willingness to apply the message we receive to our daily living. When we listen to the Word of God as read and preached in the Church during the Holy Mass, we need to pay full attention to the message given by God Who uses the priest as His instrument. We also need to ask God's special grace to remove all types of blocks, like laziness, anxiety, worries, and the burden of unrepented sins, any of which can prevent the Word of God from influencing and transforming our lives. When we receive Jesus, the Word of God and the source of the Word of God, in Holy Communion we need to ask him to transform our lives so that we may see Jesus in all of us (for we are all brothers and sisters in Him), and share with each of them Jesus' unconditional love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.

#2 We need to keep our spiritual soil fertile and prepared for the Word of God. We need to keep our hearts open to the Word of God instead of closing it with pride, prejudice, fear, or laziness. We have to remove from our hearts the weeds like evil habits and addictions, evil tendencies, hatred, jealousy, fear, and greed. We should not allow the trials and tribulations of this world, the cares of this world, our ambitions, or our desires for worldly success and happiness to choke out the messages that God gives through His Word.



Please share your memories, a story or sentiment of Fr. Sebastian via email, with subject line: "Fr. Sebastian memory." Please send your memories/stories to ragdalemaureen@gmail.com

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church 1907-2023

In addition to celebrating Father Sebastian and thanking him for his Pastoral guidance over the past 6 years, we will be celebrating our last Mass as the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows. While the changes we are encountering bring some sadness, let us come together as a community to remember and honor all that came before us and had a vision of forming a beautiful church in south St. Louis; Archbishop Glennon, Monsignor Stolte, the original 77 parish families, the 8 pastors that have led the people of OLS since 1953, and the people that made and currently make up the parish of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Let us gather once more and celebrate all that Our Lady of Sorrows has been to the neighborhood and to so many individuals and families throughout the past 116 years.

For this special celebration **we will have one Mass the weekend of July 29 – 30, 2023, which will be Sunday, July 30, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

Please remember to **RSVP** for the celebration of Father Sebastian and Our Lady of Sorrows **by July 20, 2023.**

SUNDAY OFFERING

Recent Collections

June 25, 2023	\$ 7,621.
July 2, 2023	\$16,553.
July 10, 2023	\$ 4,684.
	\$28,858.

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

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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 parishoffice@olsorrows.org.

Rosary

We are praying the rosary before the 7:00 a.m. weekday Masses. We begin at 6:30 a.m.

Please join us as we gather in prayer.



Pray for the Sick

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Patty Anton	Gary Harbstreet	Gary Pace
Justin B.	Kathleen Hendren	Carol Padberg
Mary Bayer	Joy Kullman	Jeff Pagano
Emma Bullock	Susan Langton	Shirley Pelly
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Rick Gahn	Julia Michalka	Ethan Wagner
Audrey Hacker	Marsha Nixon	Krissy Wilson
Jay Hahn	Emily Oster	Charlie Yanko

Rosary

On the **third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.**, a rosary is prayed for individual requests and for our parish. We will enter church through the Eucharistic Chapel door.

All are welcome to join us, whether it be monthly or periodically.

Temporary Mass Schedule

This Mass schedule will be temporary from August thru December of 2023:

Monday thru Friday: 7am Mass @ Our Lady of Sorrows campus; 8am Mass @ St. Joan of Arc campus.

1st Saturday of the month: 10am Mass @ Our Lady of Sorrows campus, includes Anointing of the Sick after Mass.

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm Mass at St. Joan of Arc campus

Sunday: 7am @ St. Joan of Arc campus

9am @ St. Mary Magdalen campus

10:30am @ Our Lady of Sorrows campus;
PSR follows Mass

Holy Day Mass schedule (August 15th, November 1st, December 8th):

5:30 pm Vigil Mass @ St. Mary Magdalen campus

7 am @ Our Lady of Sorrows campus

8 am @ St. Joan of Arc campus

Adoration: Wednesdays following the 8am Mass @ St. Joan of Arc campus, closing at 7pm, deacons to repose Blessed Sacrament.

1st Friday of the month following the 7am Mass @ Our Lady of Sorrows campus, closing at 5pm (continue to get lock code from parish office).



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This Week @ OLS

Monday, July 17 Weekday

Readings: Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34-11:1

7:00 a.m. †Jack & Debbie Reilly

Tuesday, July 18 St. Camillus de Lellis

Readings: Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

7:00 a.m. †Frances & Jim Shuttleworth

Wednesday, July 19 Weekday

Readings: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

7:00 a.m. †Paul Turner

Thursday, July 20 St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr

Readings: Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

7:00 a.m. †Nancy Jordan

Friday, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of the Church

Readings: Ex 11:10-12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

7:00 a.m. †Robin Gutting

Saturday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

Readings: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

5:00 p.m. †Tom Manning

servers: B. Mangum, L. Richter

lectors: Annie Stilinovic & Carol Sykora

Sunday, July 23 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

8:00 a.m. †Greg Newhouse

servers: L. Meyer, C. Meyer

lector: John Asbury

10:00 a.m. †Robert & Bernadette Gebken

servers: J. Christians, G. Christians

lectors: Mike Cline & Mary Cline

SUN 7/16	Pickleball	6:00 pm	Faenger Hall
MON 7/17	Pickleball/Exercise	9:00 am	Faenger Hall
	Meeting	5:30 pm	Notre Dame Rm
TUE 7/18	Volleyball	7:00 pm	Faenger Hall
	Pickleball/Exercise	9:00 am	Faenger Hall
WED 7/19	Pickleball	6:00 pm	Faenger Hall
	St. Vincent de Paul	7:30 pm	Band Room
THU 7/20	Quilting	8:00 am	Rectory
	Pickleball/Exercise	9:00 am	Faenger Hall
	Quilting	5:00 pm	Rectory
FRI 7/21	Legion of Mary	8:45 am	Notre Dame Rm
	Pickleball/Exercise	9:00 am	Faenger Hall
	Parish Council	5:00 pm	Band Room
	Parish Pickleball	5:30 pm	Faenger Hall
	Respect Life Ministry	7:00 pm	Notre Dame Rm
	Parish Basketball	7:30 pm	Faenger Hall
SAT 7/22	Pickleball/Exercise	9:00 am	Faenger Hall
	Respect Life Movie Night	5:30 pm	Band Room
SUN 7/23	Private Event	3:30 pm	Band Room
	Private Event	12:00 pm	Faenger Hall
	Pickleball	6:00 pm	Faenger Hall

***Sharing our Faith in Jesus,
Caring for our Community,
Building on Tradition***

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.



Summer is in full bloom! As we enjoy the blossoms in summertime, may we reflect on the garden of our Faith with its many blessings. Cultivating a beautiful garden takes some time and effort. Likewise, tending to the garden of our Faith will be enriched by tuning in often to [Covenant Network Catholic radio](#). Our programming, which includes daily Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, live call-in shows and much more, will help nourish the garden of your Faith.

Listen to WRYT 1080 AM or 92.7 FM or on the Covenant Network app or anytime at [OurCatholicRadio.org](#).



Please join us at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary for the upcoming Fiat Women's Group session on Thursday, July 20. Our speaker will be Dr. Andrew Chronister, Associate Professor of Patristics and Ancient Languages. His topic is "The Fathers of the Church and the Eucharist."

Schedule:

- 7:30 a.m. - Doors Open
- 8:00 a.m. - Rosary in the Chapel of St. Joseph
- 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. - Talk by Dr. Andrew Chronister
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Fellowship in the Fireside Lounge

Participants are welcome to attend any part of the morning. We can't wait to see you!

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Happy Anniversary!

Join in congratulating all our couples who are celebrating their milestone wedding anniversaries this month. Others will be recognized in the coming months for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc. anniversaries. If any of the below information is not correct, or if your anniversary has been left off the list, please let the rectory know.

Tim & Nicole Kellen	July 3	30 years
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**Live The Liturgy
Inspiration For The Week**

We are all sowers in the field. Our time, our money, our attention: these finite resources are the seeds, and the choice is ours where we scatter them.

Do we focus our efforts on soil that will bear fruit for the kingdom?



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PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

We are accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year for children in 1st-8th grade.

Please visit the OLS website at olsorrows.org or e-mail at psr@olsorrows.org for a registration packet or more info.

PSR will meet on **Sundays after 10:30am Mass from 11:45am-1:00pm at the OLS campus school building beginning September 17, 2023 through May 12, 2024.**

PSR is looking for full or part-time teachers to help educate our young children about Jesus and his teachings. If interested, **please contact Marty Zimmerman at 314-973-8225.**



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