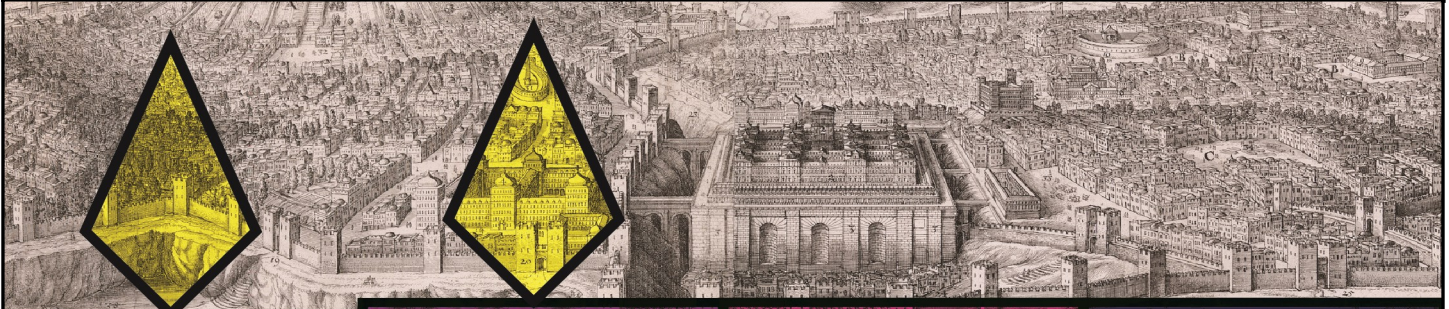




# Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

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Parish Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9AM-4:00PM



Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east  
and see your children gathered from the east and the west  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that they are remembered by God. *Baruch 5:5*

*Prospect of Jerusalem*  
Wenceslaus Hollar  
(Bohemian, 1607-1677)  
1660  
Metropolitan Museum of Art  
New York

## Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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### Mass Times

Weekdays 8AM - English  
Thursday 7PM - Spanish  
Saturday 5:30PM - English (Vigil)  
Sunday 8AM - Polish  
9:30AM - English  
11AM - English  
12:30PM - Spanish

### Adoration

Thursday 9AM - 7PM  
First Friday 5PM-6PM

### Confession Times

Thursday 6 - 6:50PM  
Saturday 5 - 5:20PM  
Sunday 9:30 - 10:30AM  
(except 1st Sunday)

### Our Parish Staff

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## Mass Intentions

<b>DEC 05</b>	8:00AM	Polish Intentions
	9:30AM	+Debbie Vara
	11:00AM	+Armand Sanchez + Henry Lopez
	12:30PM	+Eddie Lopez
<b>DEC 06</b>	8:00AM	+Ronald & Charlis Kalcic Estella Lowak
<b>Dec 07</b>	8:00AM	In Honor of Virgen de San Juan Latourney Family
<b>Dec 08</b>	8:00AM	Irene Rodriguez
	7:00PM	Christopher & Javier Vasquez
<b>Dec 09</b>	8:00AM	+Joe Martinez Paul & Michelle Anguiano
	7:00PM	Holy Souls of Purgatory
<b>Dec 10</b>	8:00AM	+Guadalupe Concepcion Covarrubia
		Juan & Nina Ramirez
<b>Dec 11</b>	5:30 PM	Veronica Estrada

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## UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Thursday - Dec. 9 - Adoration 9am-7pm -**

**5:30pm** Devotion to seven sorrows of Mary

**7:00pm** Spanish Mass

## Presider Schedule

### Monday Dec. 6th

8:00am Fr Dennis

### Tuesday Dec. 7th

8:00am Fr Dennis

6:00pm(Bi-lingual)

### Wednesday Dec. 8th

8:00am Fr Dennis

6:00pm Fr Marian

7:00pm(Spanish) Fr Dennis

### Thursday Dec. 9th

8:00am Fr Dennis

7:00pm(Spanish)

### Friday Dec. 10th

8:00am Fr Dennis

### Saturday Dec. 11th

5:30pm Fr Jorge

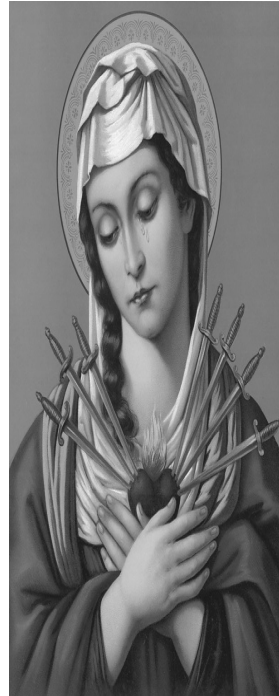
### Sunday Dec. 12th

8:00am Fr Marian

9:30am Fr Dennis

11:00am Fr Dennis

12:30pm Fr Dennis



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14;  
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3,  
10ac, 11-13;  
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps  
98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9  
-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6;  
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:  
2ac, 3b, 15-16,  
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3,  
4, 5-6;  
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## Palabras de Nuestro Vicario Parroquial

Queridos feligreses,

Hoy celebramos el segundo domingo de Adviento. La liturgia nos presenta a San Juan Bautista proclamando "Preparad el camino del Señor, enderezad sus caminos". (Lc.3:4) Él dice que Dios llenará cada valle, y aplanará cada colina. Debemos llenar de confianza en Dios los valles de nuestra desesperación, Debemos bajar las colinas de nuestro orgullo, para hacer un camino para nuestro Salvador, que viene en humildad y silencio. Continúa diciendo que "el Señor guiará a Israel en medio de la alegría y a la luz de su gloria, escoltándolo con su misericordia y su justicia." (Baruch 5,9). Nuestro Salvador enderezará sus caminos hacia Él, hacia nuestra salvación. Nosotros complicamos la vida, buscando a Dios donde no se encuentra. Pasamos por los caminos llenos de baches de nuestros hábitos poco saludables que no nos permiten estar en un camino recto hacia Dios. San Pablo, en la carta a los Filipenses, dice: "que el que comenzó una buena obra en Uds. continuará completándola hasta el día de Cristo Jesús". (Fil.1:6) Esta es una fuente de alegría. Dios quiere que su obra de arte, que es cada uno de nosotros, sea perfeccionada y terminada. Su gracia nunca nos faltará. Depende de nosotros colaborar con su gracia, y colaborar con el Espíritu Santo para que Él nos haga hombres y mujeres santos, otros Cristos. San Francisco de Sales lo interpreta de esta manera: "Cada momento del tiempo viene hacia ti con una tarea que completar, y también con la gracia de completarla bien; luego regresa a la eternidad para permanecer eternamente, tal como tú la has dejado". Pídele a Nuestro Señor que nos llene de gozo durante este tiempo de Adviento. Él hará todas las cosas bien. Él nos mostrará el camino hacia la paz y la prosperidad. Pidamos a la Santísima Virgen María que nos ayude a prepararnos para la Navidad, con esta alegría, y nuestro trabajo espiritual de sacrificio y oración. Ella nos enseña cómo descubrir detrás de cada persona, cada circunstancia y cada dificultad, la Santísima Voluntad de Dios.

P. Dennis Venegas

# Advent

## Reconciliation Service and Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, December 10th, 2021  
6:00pm - 8:00pm

*Preparing the way for the Lord...*



DECEMBER 12th

Feast of Our  
Lady of  
Guadalupe



The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe will be on **Sunday Dec 12th**, with an English Mass at 11:00AM and procession of Flowers will be presented by our students of the Religious Education Program. The mass in Spanish is at 12:30pm. Following by a Lunch Reception with Mariachis and Matachines. It will be held in the Chavez Center. Please join us for this celebration.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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**Advent Gathering for Parents:** On **December 12th at 9am** we are inviting the parents of the Religious Education program to stay after dropping kids off for a "party" celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Gaudete Third Sunday of Advent with refreshments & snacks in the Parish Hall. We will finish by joining the 11am mass where our students will do a procession of flowers in honor of Our Lady. Please come and spend an Advent morning and learn about new and fun ways to prepare for Christmas with your family while we celebrate Our Blessed Mother!

Adoration

of the

Blessed Sacrament



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,** begins every **Thursday following the 8:00am Mass until 7:00pm.** If you would like to sign up for an hour of Adoration please contact the parish office or sign up page in the back of the Church. Come and pray with us in the most Holy presence of our Lord. **Devotion to Seven Sorrows of Mary on Thursday, 5:30pm**

Altar  
Flowers



### Sponsor Altar Flowers

Sponsor flower arrangements for the altar and for Blessed Virgin Mary, to honor a loved one, \$40 x 1 arrangement, contact Church Office. In each week's bulletin we thank all those who sponsor the altar flowers.

ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE @ [olssa.org](http://olssa.org) then click on ONLINE GIVING



# Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

## Mass Times

December 7 6pm | Bilingual

Vigil Mass

December 8 8am | English

6pm | Polish

7pm | Spanish



## Our Lady of Sorrows Lectors Schedule

DECEMBER 2021

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS SCHEDULE  
PLEASE CONTACT MARY ESTHER GROSS AT 936-537-1841 | [one144@me.com](mailto:one144@me.com)

12/04/21 & 12/05/21	Sat 5:30 Pm	Sun 9:30 Am	Sun 11:00 Am	Sun 12:30 Pm
Lector 1	Sylvia Pena	Ben Tobin	Jackie Ortiz	
Lector 2	Dolores Cruz	Maggie Villarreal	Desirae Ortiz	Catalina Santiago
12/11/2021 & 12/12/21	Sat 5:30 Pm	Sun 9:30 Am	Sun 11:00 Am	Sun 12:30 Pm
Lector 1	Dolores Cruz	Maggie Villarreal	Desirae Ortiz	Sofia Garcia
Lector 2	Sylvia Pena	Ben Tobin	Jackie Ortiz	

**Lector 1: Announcements and Prayers of the Faithful — Lector 2: First and Second Readings**



### Las Posadas are back!

Our Lady of Sorrows is having Las Posadas celebration from December 15th thru December 23rd. If you and your family are still interested in hosting a Posada gathering outside your home, we still have four days available to sign up; 12/16, 12/19, 12/21 & 12/23. Please let one of the parish council members know or you may call the parish office.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

#### Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated every second Saturday of every month at 11:00 a.m. Baptismal Preparation Class will be held the third (English) and fourth (Spanish) Thursday of every month, at 6:30 pm. You must be registered a week before the class begins. Contact the parish office or visit [www.olssa.org](http://www.olssa.org)

#### Weddings

For Marriage, please kindly contact the office at least six months in advance, and before any plans for reception halls have been made. We will be happy to help you prepare to enter into the Sacrament of Marriage!

**Anointing of the sick / Sacramental Emergencies/ Funerals Arrangements** - Call the parish office at 210.732.6295 at any time. After hours messages can be left with the parish answering service.

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## From our Parochial Vicar

*Dear Parishioners,*

*Today we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent. The liturgy presents to us St John the Baptist proclaiming "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." (Lk.3:4) He says God will fill every valley, and every hill made flat. We must fill the valleys of our despair, filling it with trust in God. We must lower the hills of our pride, to make a path for our Savior, who is coming in humility and silence. He goes on to say that He will straighten winding roads and make rough roads even. Our Savior will straighten our paths to Him, to our salvation. We tend to complicate life, looking for God where He is not found. We go through the bumpy roads of our unhealthy habits that don't permit us to be on a straight path to God.*

*St Paul in the letter to the Philippians, says: "that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil.1:6) This is a source of joy. God wants His work of art which is each one of us to be perfected and finished. His grace will never be lacking to us. It is up to us to collaborate with His grace, and to collaborate with the Holy Spirit so that He may make of us holy men and women, other Christs. St. Francis de Sales interprets it this way: "Every single moment of time comes toward you with a task to complete, and also with the grace to complete it well; it then returns to eternity to remain eternally, just as you have left it."*

*In the first reading of Baruch, we read: "God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company." (Bar.5:9) Ask Our Lord to fill us with joy during this Advent season. He will make all things right. He will show us the path to peace and prosperity. Let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to help us to prepare ourselves for Christmas, with this joy, and our spiritual work of sacrifice and prayer. She teaches us how to discover behind each person, each circumstance, and each difficulty - the most Holy Will of God.*  
*Fr. Dennis Venegas*



### SAINT OF THE DAY -

**St. Juan Diego**, canonized July 31, 2002; (feast day December 9); was visited by the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of Guadalupe). Juan Diego experienced his first vision of the Virgin Mary on December 9, 1531. While on his way to mass, he was visited by Mary, who was surrounded in heavenly light, on

Tepeyac Hill on the outskirts of what is now Mexico City. She spoke to him in his native language and asked him to tell the bishop to build a shrine to her on the hill. The bishop did not believe Juan Diego's story and asked for proof that Mary had appeared to him. On December 12, while searching for a priest to administer last rites to his uncle, Juan Diego was visited by Mary again. He told her of the bishop's answer, and she instructed him to gather roses and take them to the bishop as a sign. She also informed Juan Diego that his uncle would recover from his illness. Juan Diego found many roses on the hill even though it was winter. When he opened his *tilma* (cloak) while appearing before the bishop, dozens of roses fell out, and an image of Mary, imprinted on the inside of his cloak, became visible. Having received his proof, the bishop ordered that a church be built on Tepeyac Hill in honour of the Virgin. For the rest of his life Juan Diego lived in a hut next to the church built in honor of Mary. He was buried in the church, and his *tilma* can still be seen in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Juan Diego was beatified on May 6, 1990, and canonized on July 31, 2002, by Pope John Paul II.

### Collection November 20 & 21

First Collection	\$ 1,710.05
Second Collection	\$ 458.75
Candles	\$ 124.58
Building Fund	\$ 200.00
Rental Income	\$ 150.00
Donations	\$ 500.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 268.00
Chili Cook Off	\$ 1,023.00
Flowers	\$ 50.00

#### Second Collections:

Dec 5th	Church Maintenance Fund
Dec 12th	For the Retired Men and Women Religious

#### Mass Attendance:

Week of	278
Nov 27 & 28	