

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

December 8, 2019

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses:

Saturday at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 7:30, 8:45 & 11 AM

Week Days:

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
at 9:00 AM**

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Rev. Francis J. Daly

Administrator:

Rev. George "Jerry" Hogan



Today's Readings are on : 994

Scripture for the week of December 8, 2019

Sunday, December 8th

Is 11:1-10 / Rom 15:4-9 / Mt 3:1-12

Monday, December 9th

Gn 3:9-15, 20/ Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10th

Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18: 12-14

Wednesday, December 11th

Is 40:25-31 / Mt 28-30

Thursday, December 12th

Zec 2:14-17 / Lk 1:26-38

Friday, December 13th

Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14th

Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 / Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 15th

Is 35:1-6a, 10 / Jas 5:7-10 / Mt 11:2-11

Music

Mass Parts: #320, #333, #358, #359, #360, #389

Gathering

#418 ~ On Jordan Bank

Responsorial Psalm 72

"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever."

Gifts

#396 ~ Comfort, My People

Communion

#930 ~ Taste And See

Sending Forth

#401 ~ O Come, Divine Messiah!

Penance Service
Thursday, December 12th
at 7:30 PM.
All are welcome

Mass Intentions

December 8th at 7:30 AM

Patricia Glancy

December 11th at 9 AM

Josephine Coughlin

Don't Forget About The Grand Annual Campaign

Pastor's Desk

Over the past few weeks, I have talked quite a bit about the sacrament of Reconciliation. I am encouraging you to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in this sacrament as part of our Advent preparation. On this coming Thursday evening, December 12 at 7:30 pm we will have a parish celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Such a celebration usually includes introductory prayer, scripture readings, a brief homily and time for making an examination of conscience and the opportunity for personal confession. We will have multiple priests available. (See elsewhere in the bulletin for Confession times that Fr. Jerry is offering.)

Let's focus on the word Reconciliation and the reality it represents. We reconcile accounts which means making assure they come together as one. We reconcile with someone with whom we have had a break in our relationship caused by a dispute, an argument or a feud. It may be some other event in which we don't feel we were treated with respect or fairness or recognize that we have not done the same for another. I have known people that have had an issue with a family member that has gone on for years. In fact, it has occupied a space in their mind that bothers them or, at least, reminds them from time to time that they miss their relationship or that it would be good to clear this up.

Friends of mine have recently gotten the courage, put aside the stubbornness and taken the long view and begun the process of reconciling. There is relief, thanks that the other party responded and even joy in their telling of it.

We used to call the Sacrament of Reconciliation "Penance" and in popular parlance "Confession." To be sure those elements are still in it as they are in any reconciliation. But the emphasis has changed from a tribunal like recounting of sins to an expression of sorrow for those things in our lives including sins but also other imperfections that hurt our relationship with the Lord. The sacrament is not so much a judgment as it is an encounter with our friend, Jesus who loves us even when we are sinners and is constantly inviting us, calling us, beckoning us to repair the relationship. Unlike the family member above, He doesn't respond in kind. He is always with us on the way, on the pilgrimage where eternal union with Him is the ultimate destination. Reconciliation is his assurance that "we are still good with Him." The sacrament is his all-encompassing act of mercy because where we are concerned, He can be no other way.

So, we encourage you to try it. What I have said above may resonate in your life. If it does, or even if you just want to prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas, join us on Thursday evening. You'll be glad you did. For God's mercy and love will be palpable for you. That's how He wants it.



Weekly Collection ~ Dec. 1, 2019

The average cost to run the parish is \$9,800 per week. Our expectation is that 70% or \$6,860 will come from the weekly offertory. Parishioners contributed \$6,550 for the week ending December 1, 2019. Thank you.

Prayers for the Sick

Fr. Frank Daly, Robert Miller, Chuck Ashley, Christopher Neault, Robert Jacobs

Prayers for the Deceased

Alissa Porcaro, Richard Lyman, Kathryn Driscoll, William Connors, Mary Fitzgerald, Carlos Aguilera, Kevin Keaney, Bunni Parilla, Robert Parilla, Robert Parilla Jr., Patricia Spaulding, Patricia Durgin, George Russell, Larry Russell, Paul Baro, Kathleen Minerva, Michael Minerva, Michael Minerva Jr., Margaret Farretta, Jeanne Kerzner, Ralph Generazzo, Anthony Garst, Cynthia Corrado, Donna Prado, Teofilo "Teo" Salema, Brandt Henderson, Patricia Glancy, Mary Ellen Bonfiglio

MUSIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Mass Music

We will celebrate Advent Masses with *Missa Emmanuel* based on the familiar tune "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Our Advent Responsorial Psalms composed by Jeff Ostrowski are elaborations of the beautiful and contemplative chants from the Jogues Illuminated Missal.

Christmas Adult Choir

Adults are invited and welcome to sing with the Adult Choir at the 8:30 PM special concert and the 9 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Those who would like to sing for this Mass are asked to participate in at least three rehearsals. If you are interested, please contact the music director, Daesik Cha (dcha@olossharon.org), if you have any questions or need additional information.

Christmas Youth Choir and Ensemble

We are looking for teen singers and musicians who can join the Teen Choir and Ensemble for the celebration of the 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. If you are interested, please contact Daesik Cha (dcha@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265). We will accommodate individual schedules.

Pageant Children's Choir

All children and young people are invited and welcome to sing in the Christmas Pageant at the 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the church. Those who would like to sing should plan on coming to the following rehearsals:

Sunday, December 8 at 12:00 PM

Sunday, December 15 at 12:00 PM

Sunday, December 22 at 12:00 PM

Saturday, December 24 at 4 PM

Please contact Daesik Cha (dcha@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265), Claire Sullivan (cmsullivan529@aol.com), or Carla Guenette (cguenette@ucpboston.org), if you have any questions or need additional information.

From Senior Deacon Mike:

This is the Second Sunday in Advent.

NOTE: Although Dec. 8 is the date of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, the church recognizes the primacy of the Advent celebration and the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday, Dec. 9.

On the Second Sunday in Advent, we listen to the Gospel account of John the Baptist at the Jordan River announcing the time for repentance and Baptism. Be alert for the sound of his voice!

My Brother's Keeper Gift Return

Thank you to everyone who took a My Brother's Keeper gift tag from the Giving Tree. Please return the items to the tree in the alcove unwrapped with the gift tag by **Sunday, December 8** at the latest.

Shopping with Social Impact!

OLOS Catholic Relief Services' Ethical Trade Fair will "open the store" in O'Connell Hall one more time before Christmas. On **December 8th at Coffee Hour** (8:45-10:00 AM), check out our remaining unique items from all over the world. Your purchase secures fair wages and safe working conditions for rural artisans and farmers. Please consider stopping by.

Fr. Jerry will be available for Confession in the Church on the following days and times:

Saturday, December 14th from 10 AM to Noon

Monday, December 16th from 5 to 6 PM

Tuesday, December 17th from 6 to 7 PM

Wednesday, December 18th from 9:30 to 10:30 AM

Friday, December 20th from 5 to 6 PM

Saturday, December 21st from 10 AM to Noon

Advent Evening Prayer

Advent Evening Prayer will be held on **December 19th at 7:30 PM**. Come together to pray, listen and find quiet during this pre-Christmas season. The prayer for this evening will be lead by a parish women's group. Please join us.

The Giving Tree

The tags on the Giving Tree this weekend request gifts to support the Salmeron family. The **Salmeron family** of 6 is seeking asylum in the US after fleeing death threats and gang violence in their home country. Their ages range from 30 years of age to 3 and we are collecting gift cards for them. When returned to OLOS, gift cards should be placed in the locked black drop-box located in under the Giving Tree. **All gifts and gift cards should be returned to OLOS by next Sunday, December 15th and placed in the box under the tree.**

Youth Commission Christmas Party

Monday, December 16th, 7-8:30 PM in O'Connell Hall

Bring a "Secret Grinch" gift (a goofy gift that costs no more than \$5) for a silly swap and a bag of candy to share for a cookie decorating contest. All high school students are invited to this festive and fun event!

Bagged Lunch Brigade

Sunday, December 29, 11:30 AM, in the Bullock Center

We are preparing bagged lunches and need your donations and your help. Mainspring House, a homeless shelter in Boston, depends on bagged lunches to serve to hungry men, women and children who are unable to make it to specific meal times at the shelter. Items needed include: cases of small (8oz) bottles of water, fruit (apples, bananas, oranges), lunch meat, loaves of sandwich bread and undecorated sugar cookies. All items should be labeled "Bagged Lunch Brigade" and brought to the Bullock Center kitchen by noon on **Friday, December 27**. Please sign up for items that you'll be donating by clicking on the link provided on the Service Opportunities page under the Ministries tab on the parish website. Volunteers of all ages are also needed on **Sunday the 29th** to assemble the lunches. Please contact Monica LaFond (781-784-2265 or mlafond@olosharon.org) for more information.

Christmas in the City



Volunteers age 16 and older are needed for our annual trip to Christmas in the City on **Sunday, December 22**. Christmas in the City is the largest Christmas party in Massachusetts, serving approximately 3,000 homeless children. As "Santa's Helpers" for the day, we will serve food, distribute Christmas gifts and care for children at "Winter Wonderland," an event filled with fun activities. Each volunteer is asked to bring an unwrapped Christmas gift to donate. We will carpool from OLOS, departing at 8:40 AM and returning at approximately 5 PM on **December 22**. To sign up, please visit <https://www.olossharon.org/service-opportunities> and click on the sign up link where Christmas in the City is listed.

Volunteers Needed For Coffee Hour

We need volunteers to run the coffee hours on **December 22nd**. The time commitment is from 8:15 AM to approximately 11:30 AM. Take this opportunity to meet your fellow parishioners and enjoy some Holiday cheer. For more information or to sign up please contact Lynn Jacobs in the Parish Office (ljacobs@olossharon.org or 781-784-2265).



Christmas Flower & Music Memorial Donations



We are accepting memorial donations for Christmas flowers and the music program for the Christmas season. Please use the envelopes at the back of the church. Names will be published in the bulletin on Dec. 22nd and 29th. **Deadline: December 16th.** *Please write names legibly so they will be accurately spelled in the bulletin.*



Help Decorate For Christmas

Please join us on **Tuesday, December 24th** at 10 AM to decorate the inside and outside of the church for the birth of Christ! For more information please contact Lynn Jacobs at the parish office (781-784-2265 or ljacobs@olossharon.org). **MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!!!!**

OLOS Book Group

All are welcome to join the OLOS Book Group, which will meet from 2-3 PM on the following Sundays in the Bullock Center. Come just once or twice, or come for every gathering! Please come ready to discuss the book each month.

December 15: *A Prayer Journal*, Flannery O'Connor

OLOS Youth Ministry Alumni Reunion

All college-aged students home for winter break are invited to a Youth Ministry Alumni Breakfast on **Thursday, January 2nd at 10:30 AM** in the Bullock Center. Come catch up with old friends and let us know how you're doing over bagels and coffee. Spread the word!

Evelyn House Christmas Gifts

If you have any Christmas gifts for the Evelyn House, please leave them under the Giving Tree at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your generosity! ~ Christian Services Commission

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Sacraments

We welcome those seeking the sacraments of the Church. For information on celebrating the sacraments, please contact the Parish Office.

Baptism

4th Sunday of Each Month

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:45 PM or by appointment

Connecting

If you are housebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, if you are in need of prayer or if you need assistance from our community, please call the Parish Office or send us an email. We want to hear from you.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday ~ 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM

The Rosary

Fridays after the 9 AM Mass

Bible Study:

Wednesday at 10 AM in the Bullock Center
All are Welcome!

Contact Us:

We welcome your ideas and involvement. Please contact us. We also invite you to visit and contribute to our prayer book in the back of the church.

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Our Vision

We welcome all to our community as we celebrate and explore our Catholic faith. We embrace the unique religious composition of Sharon. We proclaim the Risen Lord who gathers us as a community. We pursue open dialogue as we follow the teachings of Jesus Christ through lifelong learning and faith formation. We practice and promote social justice that affirms the Dignity of every human being. We call upon the grace and talents of all parishioners to strengthen our living church.

Please visit our full Vision Statement at our website.

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TBA

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Jim Spoto ~ Chair

Welcome to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish. We encourage all our parishioners who worship with us to register. Our registry is a vital source of connection we use to communicate and build community. Please call the Parish office at 781-784-2265, or return this form to the Parish Office via the collection basket, mail, or in person. Thank you.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____