

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish

November 27, 2022



1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses:

Saturdays

4:30 PM

Sundays

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

Week Days:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9:00 AM

To Contact Us:

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Pastor:

Rev. Robert Cullen



Weekly Offertory

The average cost to run the parish is \$9,600 per week. Our expectation is that 73% or \$6,980 will come from the weekly offertory. Parishioners contributed **\$6,371** for the week ending **Nov. 21, 2022**. Thank you.



Prayers for:

Sick

David Bowlby, Stephen Zrike,
Mike Methot, Katherine Howley

Deceased

Pamela Ali, Thomas Lennon,
John Risser, Antonina Triolo,
Dinh Quoc Nguyen, Douglas

Sullivan

Weekend Readings

1st Reading: Is 2:1-5

2nd Reading: Rom 13:11-14

Gospel: Mt 24: 37-44

Music

Mass Parts ~ #335, 364, 365, 366

Gathering ~ #395

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Responsorial ~ Psalm 122

“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the
Lord”

Offertory ~ #396

Comfort, My People

Communion ~ #62

Lord, Let Us See Your Kindness

Sending Forth ~ #423

Awake! Awake, And Greet The New Morn

Mass Intentions

Saturday Nov. 26th at 4:30PM

Sabina & Martin Aranha

Sunday Nov. 27th at 8:45AM

Lilly Noronha

Wednesday Nov. 30th at 9AM

Paul & Pauline Aranha

Saturday Dec. 3rd at 4:30PM

Thomas Lunney

Rental Needed

A parishioner and her adult son are in need of a place to rent in Sharon. If you have a rental or know someone who does, please contact Lynn at the parish office for more information at ljacobs@oloss Sharon.org or 781-784-2265.

Pastor's Desk

I'm sure you've started your shopping for the Christmas presents that will show your loved ones that you care for them. Like our giving tradition at Christmas, God lets us know that he loves and cares for us by giving us a Christ of compassion, healing, mercy, forgiveness, peace and love. And in the Advent season we recall the anticipation of that gift.

Imagine the almighty son of God being born in a broken down stable and then laid in a manger where animals come for their food. But, how fitting. How fitting that the one who came to proclaim God's love to his people was born simply and silently, as that's how God's love abides within us. How fitting and symbolic it is that **he** who would become the bread of life for all of us in the Eucharist was laid in the vessel in the stable that holds the food for its creatures. These are some of the first thoughts I want us to have as we begin to prepare for the coming of Christ in this Christmas season. These are some of the images that should rest in our hearts as we decide what Christmas is going to be like this year for us. We have passed now from ordinary time to the Advent Season, a time of reflection and preparation. And the readings this week are gently trying to nudge us from the mechanic and sometimes apathetic ways of our day to day lives to enter into in a new way of living our faith, not only recalling the coming of Christ the Lord two thousand years ago, but also to be mindful of the part of our faith that proclaims Christ will come again.

-Fr. Bob



Christmas Giving Tree

Nov. 4 - Nov 30, 2022

Share your Holiday Spirit with a gift for
a resident at the Evelyn House,
a temporary home for displaced families.

**Take an instruction tag from the Giving Tree in the
church alcove. Bring gifts to the Giving Tree by Nov 30.**

Gifts will be delivered on December 8.

For details and to sign up online, scan the QR Code with a phone
camera or go to <https://tinyurl.com/bdevxk9y>

Questions? Michelle Davenport 617-962-5519 or
Mary Ann LaHive 781-784-1394
mdavenport2121@gmail.com

Thank you! The OLOS Christian Services Commission



Our Lady of Sorrows

Equal Exchange Fundraiser

Support the OLOS Youth Commission by purchasing delicious and environmentally healthy Equal Exchange products grown by small-scale family farmers around the world.

All proceeds benefit the OLOS Youth Commission and help us pay our sponsorship fees for Rolando, the boy we support through Children International. Thank you for your support!

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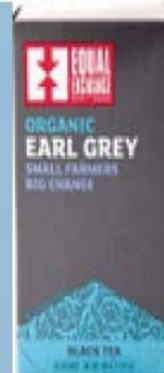
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caffeinated)



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\$5 per box



Place an order by emailing Monica LaFond at mlafond@olossharon.org
by December 1st

Continental Breakfast Item Donations Needed for MainSpring House



We are collecting continental breakfast items for donation to the MainSpring House in Brockton, which provides shelter and meals to homeless men, women and children. We need muffins, bagels, cereal in individual serving containers, yogurt in single servings, bread and juice. Donations should be dropped off in the Bullock Center any time **Monday, November 28** or before noon on **Tuesday, November 29**. Please visit the parish website to sign up.



The Bagged Lunch Brigade Needs You!

Saturday, December 10, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
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), sandwich baggies, brown paper bags, loaves of sandwich bread and individually sized bags of chips/pretzels. All items should be labeled "Bagged Lunch Brigade" and brought to the Bullock Center kitchen by noon on Thursday, December 8. Please go to the Service Opportunities page of the parish website to sign up for items that you'll be donating in advance. This helps us to know which items we still need to purchase. Contact Monica LaFond (781-784-2265 or mlafond@olssharon.org) for more information.



Advent Evening of Reflection with Mother Olga

Please join us for an Advent Evening of Reflection, Prayer and Music Lead by Mother Olga of the Daughters of Mary of Nazareth, **December 7th at 7pm** in the Church.

Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart is the founder and mother servant of Daughters of Mary of Nazareth.

She came to the United States in 2001 for her studies where she received her master degree in Pastoral Ministry from Boston College. From 2002- July 2011 she was involved in the campus ministry of the Catholic Center at Boston University. From July 2010- July 2011 she was named the University Chaplain for the Roman Catholic community at Boston University.

She was received into the Roman Catholic Church on September 8th 2005, in the Archdiocese of Boston. Cardinal Séan Patrick

O'Malley, OFM. Cap. received her perpetual vows on December 8th 2005.

In summer 2009, Cardinal O'Malley gave her the permission to start a new apostolate on the Boston University campus called the Nazareth House. It was a house of prayer and discernment for young women. In April, 2011, Cardinal Séan Patrick O'Malley, entrusted to her the mission of establishing a new religious community of sisters in the Archdiocese of Boston, Daughters of Mary of Nazareth.

Please Join A Special December 1 Advent Service

To prepare for the Christmas season, please join a women-led Advent Service on **Thursday, December 1,**

at 7:30 pm in the church. Centered on Mary, the 45-minute service offers spoken and musical reflections on the Annunciation of Gabriel and the Visitation to Elizabeth. It finishes with shared Advent blessings. All are welcome to join this beautiful event!



Parents' Night Out

Youth Commission Babysitting Night

The OLOS Youth Commission is hosting a Babysitting Night for children in grades PreK through 5 on **Saturday, December 10 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm in O'Connell**

Hall. We'll be showing a Christmas movie and providing games and activities as well. The suggested donation is \$15 per child (maximum \$30 per family). The proceeds benefit the Youth Commission's sponsorship of Rolando through Children's International. Please RSVP to Monica LaFond by email mlafond@olossharon.org or phone 781-784-2265.



Children's Christmas Pageant & Angelic Choir

A beloved OLOS tradition, the children's Christmas Pageant and Angelic Choir, is returning this Christmas! Children are invited to make the Nativity story come alive at the family Mass on Christmas Eve. To participate, please contact Monica LaFond at mlafond@olossharon.org. Rehearsals will start in early December, so sign up soon!



Father Bill's & MainSpring

NOBODY SHOULD BE HOMELESS

Prepare and Serve a Meal at the Table on December 3

High school students and adults are invited to join us for a trip to The Table **from 9:15 am to 2:45 pm on Saturday, December 3.** We will be serving a hot lunch to approximately 100 homeless men and women at MainSpring House in Brockton. Your help is needed! To sign up, visit the service opportunities page on the parish website or contact Monica LaFond at mlafond@olossharon.org.

The Blessing of an Advent Wreath

The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. The blessing of an Advent Wreath takes place on the First Sunday of Advent or on the evening before the First Sunday of Advent. When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

All make the sign of the cross

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Response (R/.): Who made heaven and earth.

Reader: Let us listen to the words of the Prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 1-2 and 5-6) (Alternately, Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) may be used).

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; Upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, As they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as men make merry when dividing spoils. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, From David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains By judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

Leader:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light



be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

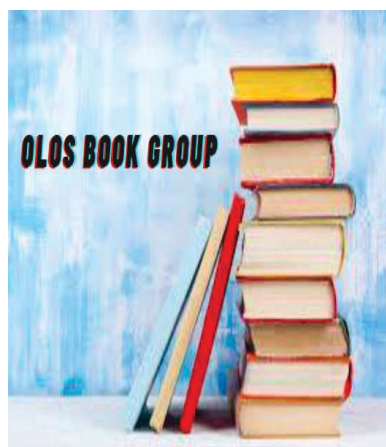
R/. Amen.

The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":

O come, desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of humankind;
bid ev'ry sad division cease
and be thyself our Prince of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From "Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers"

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The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, December 18, 2-3 pm via Zoom. We will discuss *Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted* by Suleika Jaouad. The Book Group continues to meet one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes.

For our December meeting, we will meet via Zoom. Please contact Teresa Coda at tcoda@olossharon.org for the Zoom link. All are welcome. We spend a few minutes at the beginning of each meeting introducing ourselves, so if you haven't come before, don't be shy! We

are always glad to see new faces.



Books we will discuss during upcoming meetings include:

January 22, 2023 (online): *River of Fire* by Sister Helen Prejean

February 26, 2023 (online): *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship* by Gregory Boyle

March 26, 2023 (TBD): *My Sisters the Saints: A Spiritual Memoir* by Colleen Carroll Campbell

April 23, 2023 (in person): *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom

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 or email

parish@olossharon.org. Names will be published in the bulletin on Dec. 18th and 25th. Deadline: Dec. 12th.



Please write names legibly so they will be accurately spelled in the bulletin.



OLOS Prison Ministry

Our Catholic faith calls us to care for people who are imprisoned and to support systems that uphold the dignity of all humans. In light of these teachings, OLOS is seeking to start a Prison Ministry. This ministry would charitably serve persons who are or have been incarcerated, raise awareness about the U.S. Criminal (In) Justice system, and possibly advocate for legislative changes. If you are curious and would like to find out more, please contact Marlene DeLeon (lionpike@verizon.net). We will plan a general education session, hear guest speakers, and discuss possible works accordingly.

Dear Fellow Parishioner:

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. Mt 18:20. How blessed we are!

As the holidays approach it's that time of year again when we begin our Grand Annual appeal. I've only been here for five months but have already witnessed the generosity of the people here both with their time and their treasure. And I want to acknowledge and commend you for all you have shared in the past. The Grand Annual appeal is important to our parish in that historically it has supplemented the weekly collections so we can meet all of our budget goals. We also rely on this collection to support the ongoing projects that the age of the buildings here necessitates. Soon you will see new carpeting in our church which will really beautify our worship space. But the sound system, the ventilation system and additional electrical upgrades are projects that we need to keep in our sights for the future.

The Grand Annual is especially important this year as we have continued to return our liturgies, evangelization, and religious education to a pre-pandemic in-person reality. Last year you increased your giving to the Grand Annual such that we had our strongest ever collection, eclipsing the \$100,000 mark for the first time. An amazing accomplishment in what have surely been difficult times for everyone. Thank you!

In the past couple of years, we had help from government sponsored grants to continue our payroll through the reduced income we experienced as the result of the shutdowns. We don't have the benefit of those grants this year; and with the increase in our ability to gather comes additional costs. Most specifically are the costs of compensation for our wonderful staff to facilitate the in-person gatherings and build on the community that we love so much. And just as everyone is experiencing the negative impacts of inflation, so too is our parish. We have seen sharp increases in many of our costs, particularly in utilities and insurance. However, even with careful stewardship our budget for this year shows a shortfall in excess of \$50,000. Therefore, if you are able, we are asking for your prayerful consideration of increasing your Grand Annual gift from last year to help close the gap. Anything will help ensure that we can continue to be the vibrant welcoming community that makes OLOS so welcoming.

We have included a pledge card in this mailing for your convenience. You can also donate stock or give directly from an IRA for a tax advantage. Donating electronically is also encouraged. It is convenient and adds predictability for the parish revenue stream.

Please contact the parish office at 781-784-2265 or by email at parish@olossharon.org for more information.

The return of more and more people is a cause for joy and highlights for me the importance of community and the gift of faith that we share. Bless you and your families for your generosity in your support of this campaign and thank you for helping to make OLOS the place where Jesus gathers with us.

In his name,

Rev. Robert J. Cullen

James Spoto, Chair of Parish Finance Committee

"To Help Other People At All Times"

Scout Oath



Hunger, it's a way of life for an increasing number of families, especially during these times. Many face hopeless decisions around paying for medicine, heat, or food. With kids in virtual classrooms, access to subsidized meals has become a widespread issue. Groups providing assistance struggle with increasing requests and shrinking resources. The Boy Scouts of America answer this call by collecting food and supporting community agencies that fight hunger.

Help us provide food and hope to our neighbors

Date: December 10, 2022
Time: 10am-12pm
Location: First Congregational Church (29 North Main Street)

Please place the donation items in a paper or plastic bag and place it in the trunk. Please use the driveway at the front of the church where the Troop 95 scouts will be collecting the supplies.

Suggested Items:

- Canned meat
- Lunch box snacks
- Baking goods
- White rice, pasta, mac&cheese
- Pasta sauce
- Condiments
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Beverages (coffee, tea, shelf stable milk, fruit juice, juice boxes)
- NO canned soup, vegetables, or beans
- Personal care items
 - Shampoo/conditioner
 - Soap
 - Deodorant
 - Toothpaste/brush
- Cleaning products
 - Laundry detergent
 - Toilet paper
 - Paper towels
 - Dish soap

Any other non-perishable food items.

Please do not include frozen foods, glass jars, open containers, or expired items.



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59 Cottage St, Sharon MA 02067

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

Adoration

Fridays from 9:30 AM to Noon

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.

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.

Parish Office: 781-784-2265

Web: www.olossharon.org

Email: parish@olossharon.org

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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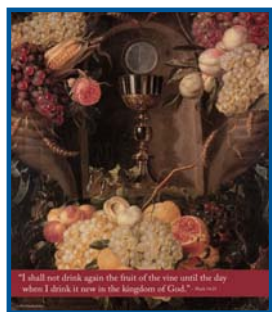
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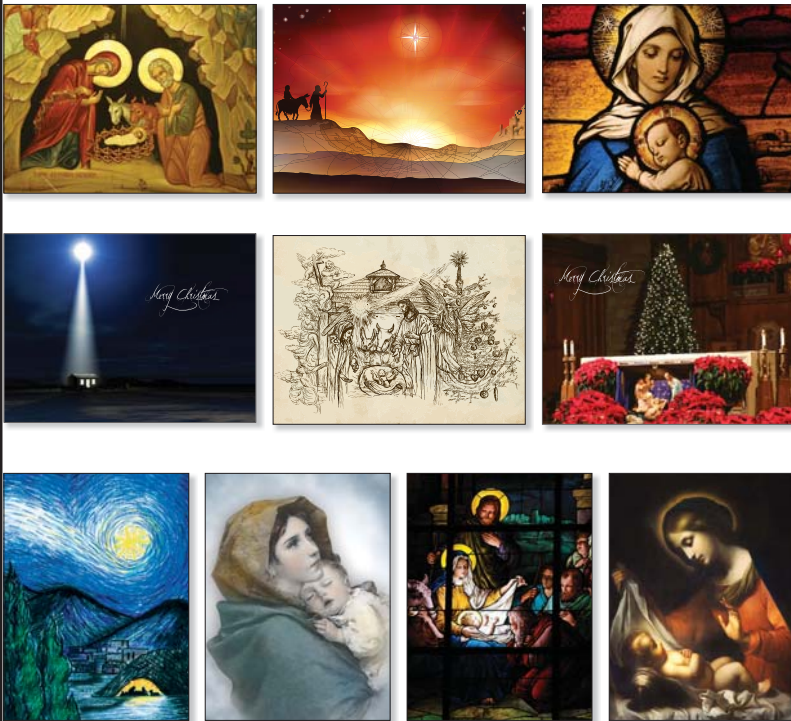
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