

December 10, 2023

*Our Lady of
Sorrows Parish*

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 8:45 & 11 AM

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday

7 AM and 9 AM

Thursday and Friday

9 AM

Adoration

Friday after the 9 AM Mass

Benediction at Noon

To Contact Us:

Parish: 781-784-2265

Website: www.olossharon.org

Parish Email:

parish@olossharon.org

Pastor:

Rev. John Chen

2ND SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

Behold, I am sending my
messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.

Mark 1:2

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

Friday at 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.

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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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Parish Pastoral Council:

Pastor

Parish Finance Council:

Jim Spoto ~ Chair



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 \$ 6,291 for the week ending **December 3, 2023**. Thank

Weekend Readings ~ #995

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 10th at 11 AM
Lois Staula

Mass Intentions Welcome

Memorial Masses can be scheduled for a weekend or weekday Mass except for Holy Days of Obligation and Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Easter Vigil and Easter Day. The suggested offering for a Memorial Mass is \$10. Please call the office at 781-784-2265 for assistance.



Please pray for those in need of our prayers, that God's healing and comforting presence will be with them.

Sick:

Mike Methot, Lauren Nagobabs, Owen Devlin, Douglas Devlin, Jeanne Bruner, Joe Kurtzer, Kathleen O'Brien, Eden Glover, Sarah Pasternack, Pamela D'Arcy, Marie D'Arcy

Deceased:

Edward Connors, Francis Fox, Paula Pariseau, Edith Isidro Chan, James Delaney, Augustus "Gus" Spano, Robert Reilly

Music

Mass Parts

#333~358~359~360~391

Gathering ~ #766

City of God

Responsorial Psalm ~ Psalm 85

"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Offertory ~ #396

Comfort, My People

11AM ~ "How Beautiful upon the Mountain" *By John Stainer*

Communion ~ #941

Eat This Bread

Recessional ~ #409

People, Look East



Do You Enjoy Decorating at Christmas Time?

Join us on December 23rd at 10 AM in the church and we will put the church in a festive spirit. Come with nothing but your hands and imagination.

We will be also preparing the bows for the wreaths during the December 10th coffee hour.

Please contact Lynn Jacobs at the parish office if you plan on helping (781-784-2265 or ljacobs@oloss Sharon.org)

Knights of Columbus Wreath SALE

After the Masses this weekend the Knights of Columbus will be selling pine wreaths outside the church. Supplies are limited.

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Pastor's Note

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady's,

A teaching Mass was offered to our 4th through 8th grade faith formation students and their families at 5 pm this last Sunday, the first Sunday of Advent. Deacon Matthew Harrington gave a beautiful explanation of the entire Mass to those who were present. He explained everything: the prayers that the priest says while dressing for the celebration of the Mass, the purpose of listening to the readings, the meaning of the Eucharist, and the mission we are undertaking as we leave after the Mass. His talk not only refreshed my understanding of the entire Mass, but also helped me deepen my love for the Eucharist. In the Eucharist, God and ourselves become one.

The image of the Cross that Deacon Matthew used to explain our relationship with God and with one another in the celebration of the Mass reminds me of the importance of the Eucharist in the life of Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her community. In the sacristy of every community in Mother Teresa's order, there is a sign with these words: *"Priest of God, celebrate this Mass as if it is your first Mass, your last Mass and your only Mass."* Mother Teresa's life was not her own life, but rather Jesus lived in her and worked through her. Because of her daily reception of the Eucharist, Mother Teresa was able to do all things in Jesus, for Jesus, and with Jesus. Over the years, I have recalled Mother Teresa's example often, both as a way of reminding myself of the importance of the Eucharist and as a way of stirring up love of and devotion to the Eucharist among the seminary students I taught in China.

Friends, although as Catholics we have a good intellectual understanding of the Church's teaching that the Holy Mass and Communion are inseparable from our everyday life, many of us still lack physical and spiritual enthusiasm for coming to church to participate in that very celebration. In order for us to make some progress in putting our faith into action this year, I want to invite all of us to pay some attention, first of all, to the meaning of the four candles on Advent Wreath. The first candle is called the Prophet's Candle and represents HOPE; the second candle is called the Bethlehem Candle and represents PEACE; the third candle is called the Shepherd's Candle and represents JOY; and the fourth candle is called the Angel's Candle and represents LOVE. The burning of these candles inspires us to bring Hope, Peace, Joy and Love into our world which greatly needs all of these things. I also invite us to think of Mary and John the Baptist this Advent. As the expectant mother of Jesus, Mary was humble and obedient. As the herald of the coming Messiah, John was fearless as he prepared people for the first Advent. They were real people in action. With God's blessing, we can also be people who put our faith into action.

God bless,
Fr. John Chen



Children's Christmas Pageant & Angelic Choir

A beloved OLOS tradition, the children's Christmas Pageant and Angelic Choir, needs you. Children are invited to make the Nativity story come alive at the 5 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be:

Sunday, December 10 at 12:00 pm

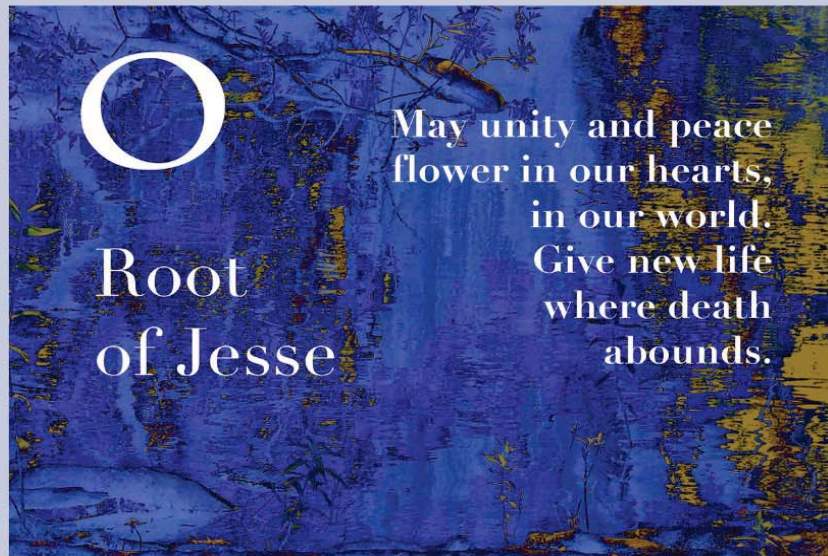
Sunday, December 27 at 12:00 pm

Saturday, December 23 at TBD

To participate, please contact Music director Daesik Cha (dcha@olssharon.org) or Pageant Directors Carla Guenette (cguenette@ucpboston.org) or Claire Sullivan (cmsullivan529@aol.com).

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

This Advent, let's come together to pray for peace during this time of war.



We invite you to join us in Evening Prayer

*Thursday, December 7 and Thursday, December 14
at 7 p.m.*

The Church's most ancient prayer form, the Liturgy of the Hours, is grounded in the worship of the synagogue. All are welcome at this 45-minute service.

During Evening Prayer, we praise God in hymns and psalms, listen to sacred readings, lift up the needs of the Church and the world and conclude by singing the Magnificat and the Our Father.

December 10, 2023

Boston Concert Artist Society
presents



Music of Christmas, Hanukkah, Winter Holiday

December 16, Saturday at 7:30 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows in Sharon

Freewill Donations at the Door, \$20 per person suggested

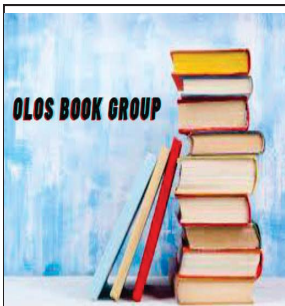


Thatcher Harrison (guitar).



Michael Gonzalez (tenor) **Susan Glancy** soprano)

Second Sunday of Advent



The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 from 2-3 p.m via Zoom. We will discuss *Bittersweet: How Sorrow and Longing Make Us Whole* by Susan Cain. The Book Group meets 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 Monica LaFond at mlafond@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.



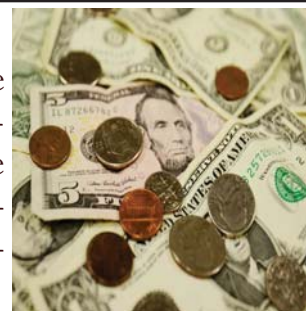
Breakfast Donations for Mainspring House



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 anytime **Monday, November 27th or before noon on Tuesday, November 28th.** Please visit the parish website to sign up.

Weekend Money Counters Needed

The parish is looking to add four money counters to its current roster. The money counters are responsible for counting the weekly offering that is collected during each weekend Mass. Money counting takes place during the 11am Mass each Sunday and lasts a little over one hour. If you are interested, please contact Sara Barbera at smhbarbera@gmail.com or 781-201-9304. Thank you!



My Brother's Keeper Donations

Many thanks to all who took tags to provide Christmas gifts for the needy children served by My Brother's Keeper, a Christian ministry with locations in Easton and Dartmouth, Mass. Please return your unwrapped gifts to the Tree by Sunday, December 10.

The gift tags are provided to give suggestions and ideas; please do not feel obligated to purchase specific items or everything on the tag.

Thank you for helping families in need this Christmas!



My Brother's Keeper Service Trip on Tuesday, December 12:

For those that signed up, please arrive by 4:30 in the lot between O'Connell Hall & OLOS



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Secret Grinch gift swap!**

Second Sunday of Advent

Middle School Socials: Chaperones Needed!

URGENT

The revival of youth nights is in your hands!

Please consider
volunteering
for one or more
youth nights.



Future Dates:

December 15
January 12
February 9
March 15
April 26

To sign up, visit the parish website.
Under Youth Ministry, click link to chaperone.

Any questions, contact Tzipora Stessman at tstessman@olossharon.org

Can you drive a family to church?

Three families who are new to Sharon and who do not yet speak English would like to attend Mass, but they lack transportation. Do you have space in your car? To help, please contact Louise Marcoux, lmarcoux37@gmail.com.

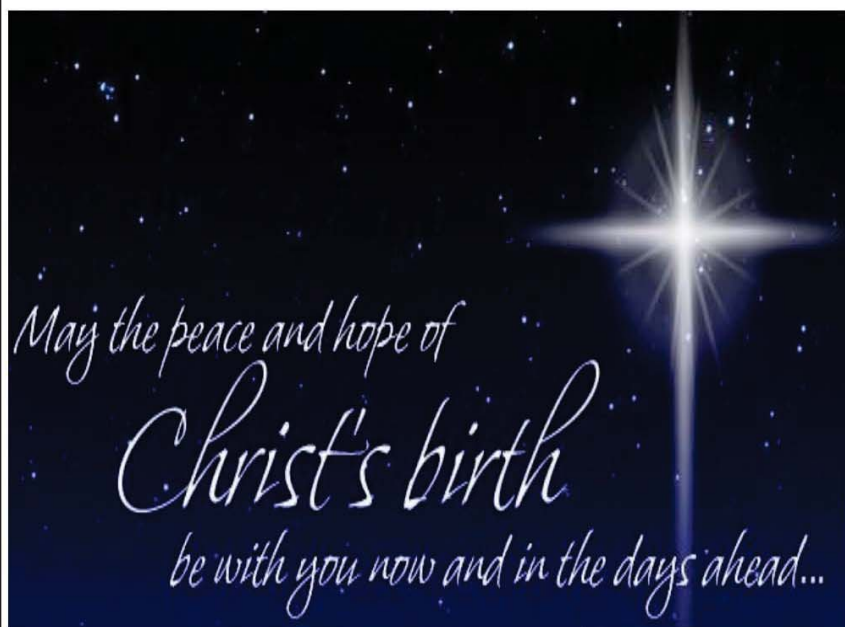
A BIG thank you to everyone who helped out and participated in the Advent Workshop. Our donors and volunteers worked tirelessly to share their Advent Spirit!!



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Holiday Cards for Seniors

Help us let our senior neighbors know we are thinking of them! We are extending a simple cheerful message to those in our parish and surrounding communities during the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. These cards will be colored during faith formation Sunday coffee hours during October, November, and December. We will have a table set up with printed cards, stickers, markers, and crayons for all to create and decorate. We need two people to attend and help with the activity. To sign up, please [click here](#). Please contact [Tzipora Stessman](#) (781-784-2265) for more information.



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th ~ Sunday Morning
Masses at 7:30 AM & 11 AM

Christmas Eve ~ Dec. 24th

5 PM Masses

(Children's Pageant in the Church)

7 PM: Mass

9 PM: Mass

(Choir Prelude begins at 8:30PM)

Christmas Day ~ Dec. 25th

7:30 AM & 11 AM

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@oloss Sharon.org. Names will be published in the bulletin on December 24th/25th and December 31st/January 1st.

Deadline: Dec. 18th

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



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Fr. Tom Nestor has served as pastor at the Collaborative Parishes of Resurrection and Saint Paul in Hingham for the past ten years, and previously served at St. Eulalia's in Winchester for 17 years. A Harvard graduate and native of West Roxbury, Fr. Nestor is known for fostering a sense of community wherever he goes.

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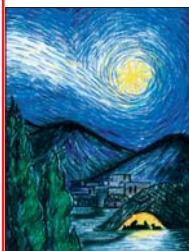
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