

December 24, 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

Christmas

*The true light, which enlightens
everyone, was coming
into the world.*

John 1:9

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.

Staff:

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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 \$ 5,927 for the week ending

December 17, 2023. Thank you.

Weekend Readings

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ 1001

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

CHRISTMAS EVE

1st Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5

2nd Reading: Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Gospel: Matthew 1:1-25

CHRISTMAS DAY

1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Mass Intentions

December 28th at 9 AM

Cesar Barbegelata

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



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 ~ #413

Comfort, Comfort, O My People

Responsorial Psalm ~ 89

"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Offertory ~ #457

Sing of Mary, Pure and Lowly

Communion ~ #415

Me soul in Stillness Waits

Recessional ~ #401

O Come, Divine Messiah

SEE HANDOUT FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24th ~ Sunday Morning

Masses at 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve ~ Dec. 24th

5 PM Masses

(Children's Pageant in the Church)

7 PM: Mass

9 PM: Mass

(Adult Choir Prelude at 8:30 PM)

Christmas Day ~ Dec. 25th

7:30 AM & 10:30 AM



Pastor's Note

Dear parishioners and friends of Our Lady's,

Happy Advent
and
Merry Christmas

"Hail, Full of Grace! The Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28). Such is the greeting that Mary gets from the angel Gabriel. *"Do not be afraid, Zechariah, because your prayer has been heard"* (Lk 1:13). These are the first words Zechariah hears when he encounters the angel from God.

What beautiful greetings from the angel of God to the people of faith! I pray that I can hear this every day. Truthfully, the same greeting from God comes to us all the time, and our lack of faith causes us not to pay much attention to it. The hustle and bustle of life might be a factor, and our deliberation to reject it might be a real factor because of our reluctance to have God over us. Mary heard it and asked for clarification because she was convinced that *"nothing is impossible for God"* (Lk 1:37). As a result, Mary became blessed, and Jesus was born. Zechariah heard it, however, and asked for proof because he knew that, realistically, he and his wife were too old. As a result, Zechariah was silenced until he wrote down John as the name of his son.

Friends, though this year's Advent season is short, I am convinced that our preparation for the birth of the Messiah is sufficient: the Word becomes flesh and dwells within us. Here is a lesson for us from Mary and Zechariah: as we hear more of God's words through prayer, meditation, the celebration of the Eucharist and reading the Bible, we become knowledgeable, and as a result, we ought to be like Mary, who *"kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart"* (Lk 2:19). As members of Our Lady of Sorrows, we are always reminded by Our Lady that we are blessed; we are not afraid; we are filled with God's grace and the Lord is with us. Faith is about our relationship with God and, therefore, nothing shall stand between us. As Isaiah states in our Gospel reading from the 2nd Sunday in Advent: *"Every valley shall be filled in; every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley"* (Is 40:4). Emmanuel is His name. The coming of the Messiah will Increase Our Faith and Strengthen Our Community.

God bless,
Fr. John Chen

Christmas Eve Musical Prelude at 8:30 PM

The OLOS adult choir and festival instrumental ensemble have prepared a special Christmas gift for our parishioners. They will perform a special concert at 8:30 PM before the 9 PM Christmas Eve Mass. The choir will present the deeply touching French carol "Whence Is That Goodly Fragrance Flowing" and the joyful English "Sussex Carol." You will hear Joe Kaigler and his daughter's magnificent duet "Mary Did You Know." The OLOS barbershop quartet "O Holy Night" and the OLOS women's ensemble "Angels' Carol" by J. Rutter will not fail to amuse you. In addition, they will invite you to sing several famous carols with them. It will be a magical night. Please join us for this special celebration of the birth of our Lord.

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In Honor of:

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Vera Ventura

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7:30 pm, Saturday, January 6

Our Lady of Sorrows Church



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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



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, December 25th or before noon on Tuesday, December 26th.** Please visit the parish website to sign up.

CHRISTMAS *Caroling*



Please join us for Mass and Christmas Caroling at CareOne Assisted Living and Memory Care Community on December 31st at 2:00pm.

Everyone of all ages are invited to carol and to share their Christmas spirit!

For more information, contact Tzipora Stessman at tstessman@olossharon.org



December Saints Party

Thank you to our wonderful catechist who work hard to educate our children in the faith! They are truly “saints in the making!”

A special thanks to Santa for visiting our party!



OUR LADY OF SORROWS
ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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Rabbi David Jaffe and Michaela Lauture
to learn about
the School of Prophetic Action**

School of Prophetic Action

Leadership Training

Sundays and Wednesdays starting 2/4/24

We are pleased to announce that the trainings will be held on both Sunday afternoons and Wednesday evenings, allowing attendees flexibility in choosing the session that best fits their schedule. Please note that participants must commit to attending one session per week.

The School of Prophetic Action is a series of in-person, interactive trainings on the skills and knowledge at the core of interfaith community organizing. These trainings will be a great way to build relationship with other leaders in the greater Brockton community and learn critical skills that you can use to advocate for social change.



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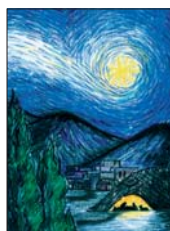
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