

**December 21, 2025**

**Our Lady of  
Sorrows Parish**

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

**Mass Schedule**

**Fall/Winter Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 8:45 & 11 AM

**Weekday Masses:**

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
7 & 9 AM

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**To Contact Us:**

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Pastor: Rev. John Chen

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

8 AM to Noon

Tuesday & Friday

12:30 to 3:30 PM



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*Emmanuel*



### **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.

### **Bible Study:**

Wednesday at 10 am in the Bullock Center.  
All are welcome!

### **Staff:**

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### **Associates**

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**Parish Pastoral Council: Pastor**  
**Parish Finance Council: Jim Spoto ~ Chair**

### **PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS**

On average, it costs **\$12,100** per week to run the parish. There are two sources for this amount: the Grand Annual Campaign and the weekly offertory. Last week's offertory amount was **\$7,550**, inclusive of the average weekly electronic giving of \$4,000. We are pleased to report that over half of the weekly offertory is given electronically. Thank you to all who contributed.

For those of you who are not contributing at this time but would like to begin and for those of you who are able to increase your amount, there are two easy ways to donate:

- 1. If you have online banking, you can set up Our Lady of Sorrows as a regular "payee." While this is not an electronic funds transfer (we still get a paper check directly from your bank), it does allow you to make regular gifts to the offertory on a weekly or a monthly basis.*
- 2. You can also support OLOS on a regular basis by going to [www.weshare.com](http://www.weshare.com) and setting up an account for a regular automatic gift.*

### **Grand Annual Campaign**

**In the midst of all that is going on in this world, our parish community is realizing the great mission our Lord Jesus entrusted to us: to make known the Kingdom of God and to be the light of this world. Our renewed faith has borne the fruit of vibrancy in our church family this past year.**

**As of Friday, December 19th, we have had 105 families contribute. Those of you that have generously donated, thank you. If you have not yet given to this year's campaign please prayerfully consider helping us reach our goal of \$130,000.**

**Thank you and God bless,**

**Fr. John**

## WEEKEND READINGS #1000

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 7:10-14

2nd Reading ~ Roman 1:1-7

Gospel ~ Matthew 1:18-24

## MUSIC

*Mass Parts ~ 272,370,236,374,389*

Gathering ~ #421

Savior of the Nations, Come

Responsorial Psalm ~ #1000

“Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.”

Offertory ~ #420

Creator of the Stars of Night

Communion ~ #451

Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

Sending Forth ~ #409

People, Look East

*Gospel Verse: The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.*



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

Sick

James Yu, Marie Henderson, Rizal Tan, Kyra Samson, Maria Teresa C. Chong, Jennie Platteis, Earlene Shannon, Homer Gotia, Ruben P. Velano, Jean Sullivan, Joseph Mason, Ralph Ciampa, Alicia Bambrick, Mary Tracey-Walsh, Claudette Erbe Stirewalt, Rick Curtis, Ruby Romero, Weiss Libao, Rose Corteza, Sarah Glover, Effie Mehdizadeh, Danny Catindig, Perry Stevens, Rick Woodward, Eileen Hamilton, Pamela d'Arcy, Dan Arguimbau, Aaron Michael, Lily Lim, Jacinto Chong, Renato Carlos, Eden Glover, Rosemary Madnick, Michael Connelly, Lauren Nagobabs

Deceased

Ann Yee, Kirk Reeve, Wilfredo Chua, Marie Cuneo, Michael F. Parilla, John Matthew Parker, Lindsey Callahan Hepper, William E. Conroy, Anna Stella, Robert F. Zeigler, Jacquelyn Warner, Lovina Malapas, Helen Howley, Denise Jacobsen, Bob Rodecker, Sandy Baum, Harper Moyski, Fletcher Merkel, Dr. James LaHive, Patricia Ann Zirglis Gesualdi, Teodora Jardio, Lorenzo Sumulong, Jr., Rosita Caro Isidro, Rina Bentejado, Susanne Osberg, Doris Parasella, Claire M. Matthews, Teresa Aclan Tigno, David Costa, Mary O'Dwyer, Ruth Adjorlolo, Brunilda Delgado Padilla, Michelle LaFond, Nicholas Geragotelis, Braun Levi, Sheila Connors-Grove, Margaret ("Peggy") Fuchs, Milagros Velayo Tecson, Frances Siy Cong Bieng, Joseph L. Kurtzer, Kathleen C. Payson, Alma Roche, Jeanne Roulleau, Alexander Endaya Sanchez, Josef Gilek

## My Brother's Keeper Service Trip 2025

On December 10<sup>th</sup>, our group from OIOS traveled to My Brother's Keeper to help shop and wrap gifts for families in need. It was a joyful yet humbling experience to be a part of this amazing program that provides over 3,000 families with joy and hope at Christmas!



## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 21st at 7:30 AM  
In Memory of Rajesh Emmanuel

Sunday, December 21st at 8:45 AM  
In Memory of Michael Parilla

Sunday, December 21st at 11 AM  
In Memory of Robert Zeigler

## Upcoming Coffee Hours

*9:45 to 10:45 am in O'Connell Hall*

January 4th ~ Hosted by the CSOC

January 11th ~ Hosted by the 4th grade class

January 25th ~ Hosted by the RHC

December 21, 2025

## Pastor's Note

Friends,

We gather and celebrate Christmas every year, both in church and at home. Has anyone ever gotten tired of Christmas? If you are reading this message, I know you are not tired of celebrating Christmas and family gatherings. I am happy that we take our faith and family seriously because Christmas is about our faith and family. Unfortunately, many families cannot celebrate Christmas together for a variety of reasons. For them, we remember and we pray.

Family is very important for us human beings. Jesus was born into a family to strengthen our human families. Starting from Wednesday, December 17 through Wednesday, December 24, the mother Church has special scriptures that lead up to the start of Christmastide. The Gospel readings invite us to enter into the history of Jesus' family and see the true Faith and God's plan for salvation throughout the ages, so that we can greatly appreciate the gifts of faith and family we have received from God.

Abraham, the Father of Faith and the first person named in Jesus' family genealogy, passed on faith in God from generation to generation. Wednesday's Gospel from Matthew reveals to us the importance of family faith in history. Thursday's Gospel reminds us of the importance of personal faith. Friday's Gospel shares with us the faith of relatives. Saturday's Gospel focuses on Mary, the mother of the newborn Messiah. Sunday's Gospel reveals to us Joseph's faith as he struggled to understand God's plan of salvation. Pay special attention to the specific reactions of the various people named in these Gospels during their encounters with the divine. They followed God's will.

Friends, how wonderful it is to be reminded yearly how important our faith in God is; how great it is to be told constantly how precious we are in the eyes of God; how beautiful it is to understand the necessity of passing on the faith to another generation and trying to bring others, as disciples, to share our joy. As we read or listen along with the Church daily, especially during these Advent days, to the readings during Mass, we certainly can see that passing on the gift of faith to another generation is not an easy thing. But having faith is a great jubilation. Parents should be filled with joy by that faith and understand the importance of having that faith in the family as a gift and tradition, and therefore work actively to pass it on through their words and actions onto the next generation.

God bless,

Fr. John

### **Save the Date** for a family-friendly **Winter Sowing Activity**

**Sunday, January 11 from 2-4 pm in O'Connell Hall**  
Sponsored by the OLOS Catholic Social Teaching team



*Care for Creation by planting seeds in anticipation of spring!*

**We are collecting clean, clear plastic jugs for this event.  
Please drop off your donations in the bin in the Bullock Center.**

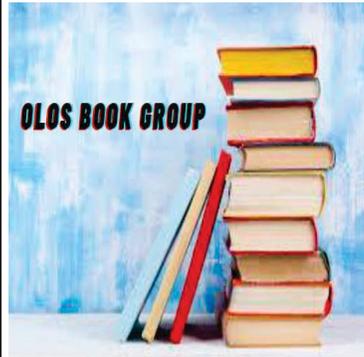
### **Christian Service Opportunities**

#### **Ongoing Community Service**

*(donation bins located in the back of the church)*

- \* Ilse Marks Food Pantry
- \* Diaper Drive for My Brother's Keeper

*See the announcements in this bulletin for more details about these service opportunities.*



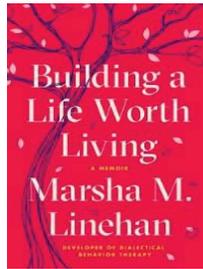
The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, December 28th from 2:30-3:30 PM

We will meet via Zoom to discuss *Building a Life Worth Living* by Marsha M. Linehan. A

digital copy of this book can be accessed for free on the Linehan Institute website.

The Book Group meets one Sunday afternoon a month to discuss books that broadly deal with spiritual or religious themes.

For the Zoom link for the meeting, please contact Monica LaFond at [mlafond@olossharon.org](mailto:mlafond@olossharon.org).



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7:30 pm, Tuesday, January 6  
 Our Lady of Sorrows Church



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

Join Us for a  
 Potluck Dinner before the Service  
 in O'Connell Hall at 5:30 pm  
 Bring a main or side dish to share  
 OLOS will provide drinks and dessert

**Our Lady of Sorrows  
 Advent and Christmas Schedule  
 2025-26**

**Christmas Eve**  
 Wednesday, December 24  
 Masses at 5 PM in O'Connell Hall and the church  
 (with the Children's Pageant)

Masses at 7 PM Mass and 9 PM  
 (with a musical prelude by the Adult Choir beginning at 8:30 PM)

**Christmas Day**  
 Thursday, December 25 - Masses at 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**New Year's Day**  
 Thursday, January 1 - Masses at 7:30 AM, 9 AM and 7:30 PM

**The Feast of the Holy Family**  
 Saturday, December 27 - Mass at 4:30 PM  
 Sunday, December 28 - Masses at 7:30, 8:45 and 11 AM

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
 Saturday, January 3 - Mass at 4:30 PM  
 Sunday, January 4 - Masses at 7:30, 8:45 and 11 AM

**Lessons and Carols with The Platters**  
 Tuesday, January 6  
 Potluck dinner at 5:30 PM in O'Connell Hall  
 Lessons and Carols in the church at 7:30 PM

PLEASE WATCH THE BULLETIN OR GO TO [WWW.OLOSSHARON.ORG](http://WWW.OLOSSHARON.ORG)  
 FOR MORE DETAILS.

**Bagged Lunch Brigade**

**TEEN EDITION**

January 16, 2026  
 5:00-7:00PM  
 Bullock Center



Help make a difference in our community! Volunteers needed to assist in assembling 25 bagged lunches for the men, women, and children receiving assistance from the Smith Family Housing Resource Center.

Participants will prepare sandwiches and ensure each lunch bag contains a complete meal.  
 (Lunches will be refrigerated and delivered Saturday morning)

To sign up, please scan the QR code or visit [www.olossharon.org/service-opportunities](http://www.olossharon.org/service-opportunities)




Contact: Alex Polidori ([apolidori@olossharon.org](mailto:apolidori@olossharon.org))

# Memorial Donations for Flowers & Music

*Please remember these people in your prayers*

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