

December 28, 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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Website: www.olossharon.org

Parish Email:
parish@olossharon.org
Pastor: Rev. John Chen

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
8 AM to Noon
Tuesday & Friday
12:30 to 3:30 PM



**DONATE TO
OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

Christmas

**the Nativity
of the Lord**



The people who walked in
darkness have seen a great
light. 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.

Isaiah 9:1,5

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!

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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 **\$7,650**, 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 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 106 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

CHRISTMAS EVE READINGS

Vigil Mass 5 & 7 PM ~ #1003

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 62:1-5

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

Gospel ~ Matthew 1:1-25

Mass During the Night

9 PM ~ #1004

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 62:1-5

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

Gospel ~ Matthew 1:1-25

CHRISTMAS DAY READINGS #1006

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 52:7-10

2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel ~ John 1:1-18



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

MUSIC

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"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

(Mt 1:23, Lectionary)



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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



Note regarding the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Collections:

Unless otherwise specified on your donation envelope, all amounts collected on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will go to the Clergy Benefit Trust, which provides for the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing in the Archdiocese of Boston. On behalf of all of our priests, thank you in advance for your generosity. For more information, please visit clergytrust.org.



Pastor's Note

Friends,

Merry Christmas!

An unexpected phone call from the Archdiocese of Boston inquiring about the status of our bulletin provided me an opportunity to say MERRY CHRISTMAS to you, the beloved children of God. I would feel guilty if I did not invoke God's divine blessings upon you and your family before Christmas: May God be with you and bless you. May you be blessed and always stay close to God and be with God. Emmanuel is His Name.

Meditating on the mysteries of the Birth of the Messiah from the viewpoint of family, I received a fresh insight into God's plan for salvation. Christmas is not simply a past event that we commemorate every year, but a true and living calling for us to build a holy and Christ-centered family today. It is a constant reminder that God comes into our home to show us how to be a family of love, obedience, sacrifice and selfless service, and how to live out our faith daily within it. Family is important in the eyes of God.

Who: Mary, Joseph and Jesus; you and I (members); What: Incarnation (life and mystery: Word becomes flesh); Where: A home (location); When: the time of fulfillment. All these questionable factors in life (maybe abstract to many) become so concrete at this moment in our homes. Family is where we truly experience God's life. And the characteristics of the Holy Family—doing God's will; faith and trust; humility and service, forgiveness and patience, love and Christ-centeredness—are all that we long for at home. The Holy Family captures the essence of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the ultimate model for all Christian families and the truth that holiness is found in everyday life through our own ordinary doings.

Friends, it took forty-two generations of the family of Abraham for God to find the two right individuals to form a family to nurture the incarnate Messiah who fulfills His promise of salvation. Be not afraid; God took time to prepare for the great moment in history. Before Mary and Joseph committed to God and to each other to form a family for Jesus, the angel Gabriel told them both not to be afraid to accept it. The central event of the Holy Family is essentially the Birth of Jesus. Reflecting on it, we see the joy and meaning of Christmas should extend year-round in our own families. Be not afraid, because Jesus died for us on the Cross and we are made worthy of God. Be patient, for God is coming to us though we do not know when. Be prepared, because our own family is chosen to be a holy family. Be ready, God is calling you.

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 bins in the Church alcove
and the Bullock Center.**

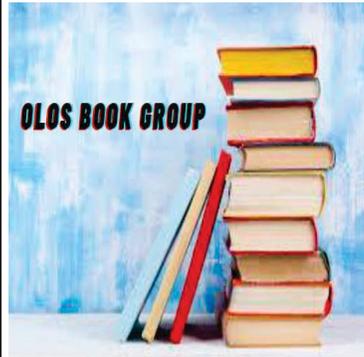
Christian Service Opportunities

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.



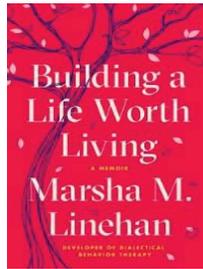
The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, December 28th from 2:30-3:30 PM

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.



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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
 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




Contact: Alex Polidori (apolidori@olossharon.org)

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