



January 11, 2026  
Our Lady of Sorrows  
Catholic Church  
59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA



# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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"And a voice came from the heavens, saying,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."  
Matthew 3:17

## 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:

Parish: 781-784-2265  
Website: [www.olossharon.org](http://www.olossharon.org)

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[parish@olossharon.org](mailto:parish@olossharon.org)  
Pastor: Rev. John Chen

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
8 AM to Noon  
Tuesday & Friday

### 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!

**To register with the parish, please go to [olossharon.org](http://olossharon.org)**

### **Rev. John Chen, Pastor**

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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 **\$7,074**, 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 Tuesday, January 6, 148 families have contributed. 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**

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## WEEKEND READINGS #1012

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

2nd Reading ~ Acts 10:34-38

Gospel ~ Matthew 3:13-17

## MUSIC

### Gathering ~ #459

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

### Gloria ~ #207

### Responsorial Psalm ~ #1012

"The Lord will bless his people with peace."

### Gospel Acclamation ~ #336

*Gospel Verse: The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, listen to him.*

### Offertory

4:30 PM & 11 AM ~ #467

When John Baptized by Jordan's River

8:45 AM ~ #902

O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God

*Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, Lamb of God:*

*See Worship Aid*

### Communion ~ #939

Behold The Lamb

### Sending Forth ~ #903

Baptized In Water



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

Sick

Miguel Lizaso, Jean Romero Torres, Peter Co, Sharon Chase, 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

Ariel Nazer Bermudez, Irma L. Corona, William "Bill" Kelly, Eleanor Davidson, 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

## 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.*

## Upcoming Coffee Hours

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



**January 11th**

Hosted by the 4th grade class

**January 25th**

Hosted by the Radical Hospitality Commission

**February 1st**

Hosted by the 1st grade class

**February 8th**

Hosted by the PreK/Kindergarten class

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## Pastor's Note

Friends,

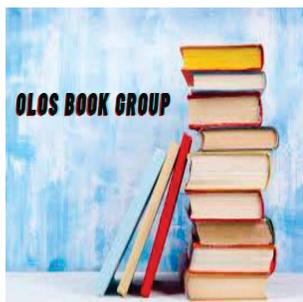
Here is what I've been thinking about: Christmas 2025 has become part of our life history. A series of celebrations following Christmas went by almost without being noticed, including the feast days of St. Stephen, the first martyr of the Church (12/26), and St. John the Apostle and Evangelist (12/27). The Feast of the Holy Innocents disappeared (12/28) because of Holy Family Sunday, and then we celebrated the feast day of Mary, the Mother of God, on New Year's Day (1/1), followed by Epiphany Sunday (1/4). Right after that comes the first Sunday of the Ordinary time, which we are about to enter.

So many festival celebrations crowded within such a short period of time makes me wonder about what the Church is doing. How can a person come to church so often during this holiday season? How can a person comprehend the mysteries of Incarnation and salvation in such a short period of time, despite the "busy-ness" in life? How can a person even think of coming to experience all these celebrations while there are many people to see and so many things to do? How many people even know about the four prescribed Masses for Christmas: Vigil, Night, Dawn and Day? How many parishes even celebrate all of them?

For over thirty years, I have consistently celebrated these feasts, and I certainly admit that Mass numbers are down. Every year, these questions prompt me to think more about my faith, my ministry and life. Honestly speaking, this season is tiring both physically and mentally, even as it causes me to rejoice spiritually.

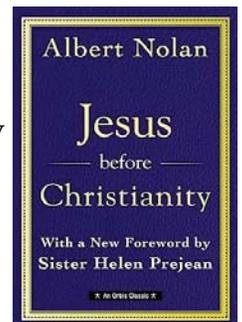
Friends, if you ask me whether I have answers to the questions I have asked, I will tell you "No, I don't"; but if you ask me whether I have some thoughts about them, I will say "Yes, a lot." First, if life is a mystery, there is no need for an answer. If life is a precious gift from God, it indeed deserves to be cherished and lived out according to God's divine will. Christmas celebrates the Incarnation which reveals to us that the invisible relationship God has with God's people in the Old Testament has now become visible. God is in direct relationship with us: there is no East or West; there are no Jews or Gentiles. We are co-heirs of one Body of Christ (cf. Eph 3:2-6). God is LOVE who desires a relationship with us. All these feast days remind us of God's relational heart with God's people, revealed throughout the pages of the Bible. The Church wants us to treasure all this in our hearts and ponder all this throughout the year just as Mary treasured everything which was beyond her comprehension in her heart and pondered all that had been revealed to her. She followed her Son, the incarnate Son of God, throughout her whole life. Once the importance of our relationship with God is understood, the world we now live in will be very different.

God bless,  
Fr. John



**The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 25th from 2:30-3:30 PM**

We will meet via Zoom to discuss [Jesus before Christianity](#) by Albert Nolan, OP. 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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# Winter Sowing

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The days may be short and the temperatures frigid...  
but **Spring is coming!**

and you are invited to get ready for the return  
of warmer weather by planting native seedlings

**2-4 pm in O'Connell Hall  
Sunday, January 11th**

We are repurposing plastic jugs to create mini-greenhouses.  
Make one to leave at OLOS and one to take home!  
This family-friendly activity is suitable for all ages.



We welcome donations of clean, clear plastic jugs for this activity.  
Please bring your donations with you on the 11th or leave your donations in the  
collection bins in the church alcove and the Bullock Center ahead of time.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 11th at 8:45 AM  
In Memory of Ron Tutalo

Sunday, January 11th at 11 AM  
In Memory of the Hannigan and Lunney  
Families

Wednesday, January 28th at 9 AM  
In Memory of Brittany Poesy

## FUNERALS

Saturday January 17th at 11 AM  
Eleanor "Ellie" Davidson

Saturday, February 14th at 11 AM  
Irma L. Corona

### Prayer in a Time of Violence (2026)

In a time of violence,  
we gather to mourn and to pray  
for communities and individuals who suffer,  
for nations and countries that long for dignity,  
for Venezuela and all places  
where fear has taken root.

In a time of violence, we commit ourselves anew  
to seek justice and peace among us,  
that the good of the people  
may prevail over every other claim,  
that the rule of law may be honored, human and civil rights respected,  
and the voices of those on the margins may be uplifted and be heard.

O God of peace, strengthen us to reject despair  
and to resist the lure of violence and power.  
Give us the courage to speak peace again and again,  
and hearts ready to work together for a future marked  
by solidarity, stability, and concord.

Through the intercession of Our Lady of Coromoto\*,  
St. José Gregorio Hernández\*, and St. Carmen Rendiles\*,  
we entrust all who suffer to your care.

Teach us to trust in you, the God of peace,  
and to stand in solidarity  
with all peoples and communities wounded by war,  
until justice takes root and peace begins to flourish.  
Amen.

\*patron saints of Venezuela

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### Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Eucharistic Ministers are needed at all Masses  
(especially the 4:30 Saturday and 11 am Sunday  
Masses). If you are interested, please contact Monica  
LaFond in the parish office (781-784-2265 or  
[mlafond@olosharon.org](mailto:mlafond@olosharon.org)).

Eucharistic Ministers assist the presider at Mass with  
preparation for the liturgy, the distribution of  
communion, and the purification of the sacred vessels  
at the conclusion of the Communion Rite. Training is  
provided and the commitment is usually once or  
twice a month on dates that work for you.

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# 2026 Epiphany Potluck

Thank you to the volunteers who made this a joyful evening.



## Welcome to Our Newly Baptized Parishioner!

We are happy to share that Brady James Kaveney was baptized on Sunday, December 28. We gladly welcome Brady to the family of God and the faith community of Our Lady of Sorrows. Please pray for Brady, his parents, Jennifer and Jeffrey, and godparents, Kaitlin Walker and Christopher Roach.



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