

December 7, 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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parish@olossharon.org

Pastor: Rev. John Chen

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

8 AM to Noon

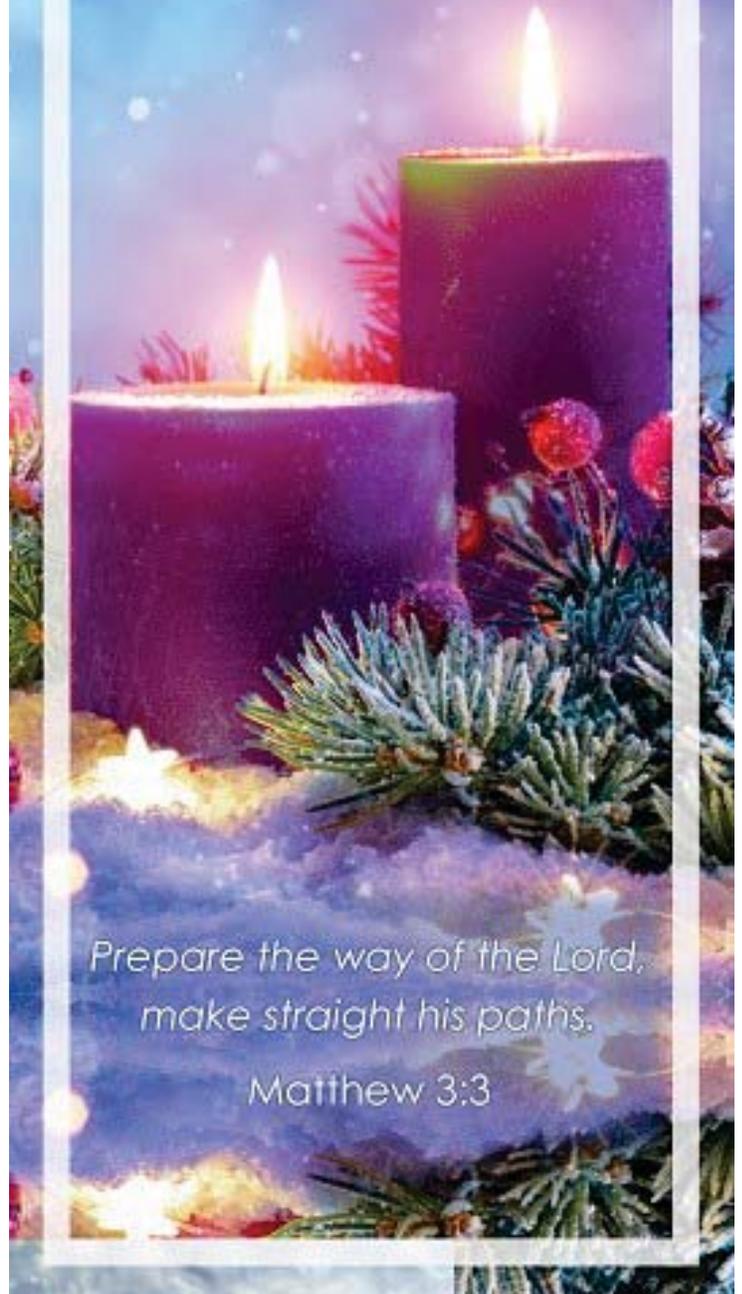
Tuesday & Friday

12:30 to 3:30 PM



**DONATE TO
OUR LADY OF SORROWS**

**2nd
Sunday
of Advent**



*Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths.*

Matthew 3:3

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 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 **\$9,324.26**, 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.*

Christian Service Opportunities

My Brother's Keeper Christmas Gift Collection
November 26 to December 7

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.



**Knights of Columbus
Annual Wreath Sale**

Dec. 6th & 7th

**The K of C will be selling Christmas
Wreaths after all the Masses.**

Cost per wreath is \$20.00



WEEKEND READINGS #994

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 11:1-10

2nd Reading ~ Romans 15:4-9

Gospel ~ Matthew 3:1-12

MUSIC

Mass Parts ~ See Worship Aid

Gathering

4:30 pm & 11 am ~ #467

When John Baptized by Jordan's River

8:45 am ~ #590 ~ Christ Be Our Light

Responsorial Psalm 72

"Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever."

Offertory ~ #416

A Voice Cries Out

Communion ~ #402

Like A Shepherd

Sending Forth ~ #403

Come, O Long Expected Jesus

Gospel Verse: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.



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

Sick

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

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

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@olossharon.org. Names will be published in the bulletin on December 20/21 and December 27/28.

Deadline: Dec. 16th

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

Upcoming Coffee Hours

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

December 14th ~ Hosted by the Lectors

December 21st ~ PreK-5th grade Christmas Party

January 4th ~ Hosted by the CSOC

January 11th ~ Hosted by the 4th grade class

January 25th ~ Hosted by the RHC

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 6th at 4:30 PM

In Memory of Mary Mackie

Sunday, December 7th at 8:45 AM

In Memory of Lindsey Callahan Hepper

Sunday, December 7th at 11 AM

In Memory of Lois Staula

Monday, December 8th at 7:30 PM

In Memory of Dominic Butanowicz

Saturday, December 13th at 4:30 PM

In Memory of Carol Kenealy

FUNERALS

Wednesday, December 10th at 11 AM

Michael Francis Parilla

Pastor's Note

Friends,

The second candle on the Advent Wreath, called the "Bethlehem Candle," is lit before the Masses this Sunday. This tradition reminds us that the second week represents Peace and Preparation. Peace comes with a price and Preparation needs time. With the Hope represented by the first Week of Advent, let us examine our own lives and focus on becoming better versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming. Jesus is the Prince of Peace; let us get ready to welcome Him.

Archbishop Henning invites all followers of Jesus in Boston to take seriously the Catholic tradition of fasting and abstinence on Fridays this year in remembrance of our Lord Jesus' sacrifices. He invites all pastors to share his vision for the Archdiocese via bulletins, pastors' columns and homilies that highlight penance and sacrifice during this season of Advent as a way of preparing our hearts. I shared this with those who came to the Masses I presided at last weekend as part of my homily.

Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand. John the Baptist invited the Israelites who longed for the Messiah to take concrete action with hope. Jesus Christ is the coming Messiah, the Son of God, "the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Repentance is also an important Advent theme.

Friends, although Jesus Christ has already come into the world at His first coming, the Church invites us to renew our desire for the Lord and His triumphant Second Coming into our lives in a deeper and more meaningful way. We do not know exactly when He will return, but we are vigilant and have time to prepare for that moment. Our preparation need not be exotic, but can be as practical as decorating a Christmas tree and wrapping gifts; saying a decade of the rosary or reading a chapter of Bible; or coming to a weekday Mass to start the day. Anything that can deepen our relationship with God is a way of preparing ourselves to welcome Jesus. God loves you.

God bless, Fr. John

Children's

Nativity Pageant

December 24 at
the 5:00pm Mass

Kindergarten - Grade 5 welcome!



To be a part of the pageant or sing in the angelic choir,
please contact:

Music Director
Krishan Oberoi at
music@olssharon.org

or

Pageant Director
Carla Guenette at
cguenette@ucpboston.org

Rehearsals Dates:

Saturday, 12/6 3:00 - 4:00
Saturday, 12/13 3:00 - 4:00
Sunday, 12/21 12:00 - 1:00

Two middle or high school
students are needed to
be narrators. Please
contact Carla if you are
interested.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS



Middle School Christmas Party

DECEMBER 12TH
7PM - 9PM
O'CONNELL HALL
GRADES 6-8

PUT ON YOUR UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER & JOIN US FOR
AN EVENING OF HOLIDAY GAMES, CRAFTING, &
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A festive illustration featuring a snowman with a red hat and green scarf, a green Christmas tree with yellow stars, and various holiday decorations like snowflakes, holly leaves, and ornaments.

Second Sunday of Advent

Our Lady of Sorrows Advent 2025

Evening Prayer

Thursday, December 11

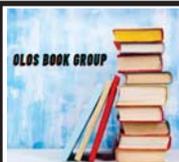
Thursday, December 18

at 7:30 pm

During Evening Prayer, we praise God in hymns and psalms, listen to sacred readings, and lift up the needs of the Church and world in prayer. Based on the Church's most ancient prayer form, the Liturgy of the Hours, Evening Prayer is grounded in the worship of the synagogue.

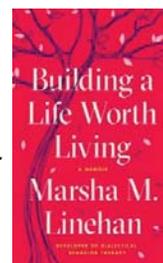
All are welcome at this 45 minute service.

HOPE



The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, December 26th from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

We will meet via Zoom to discuss *Building a Life Worth Living* by Marsha M. Linehan. 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 lafond@olossaron.org.

Many thanks to all who participated in making Happy Thanksgiving cards! Almost 300 cards were shared with our OLOS at-home parishioners as well as our Care-One, Foremost, HESSCO and Bethany House Ministries neighbors – a terrific outreach by our parish community!

Welcome to Our Newly Baptized Parishioner!

We are happy to share that Rome Anthony Schurko was baptized this past Sunday, November 30. We gladly welcome Rome to the family of God and the faith community of Our Lady of Sorrows. Please pray for Rome, his parents, Brittany and L.J., and godparents, Brian Schurko and Katelyn McInry.



Advent and Christmas Feast Days at Our Lady of Sorrows

2025-26

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Monday, December 8

Masses at 9 am and 7:30 pm

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24

Masses at 5 pm in the church (Children's Nativity Pageant) and in O'Connell Hall

Mass at 7 pm in the church

Mass at 9 pm in the church (with a musical prelude by the Adult Choir at 8:30 pm)

The Birth of Our Lord, Christmas*

Thursday, December 25

Masses at 7:30 am and 10:30 am

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God*

Thursday, January 1

Masses at 7:30 am, 9 am, and 7:30 pm

The Feast of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 28

Masses at 7:30 am, 8:45 am and 11 am

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 4

Masses at 7:30 am, 8:45 am, and 11 am

*denotes a Holy Day of Obligation

Thank you from the Rodecker/Ramsbottom Family

When Bob and I moved to Sharon in 1989 from Brighton, we regularly attended the Paulist Center in Boston, a practice we kept up through the baptism of our daughter, Kara in 1990. At some point we realized that it was time to check out the local parish and reduce the stress of driving into Boston with a small child. We came tentatively to Our Lady of Sorrows at first, because we loved the Paulist Center – the full community engagement in the liturgies, the singing, the homilies that spoke to the challenges of our times, the sense of welcoming all – no matter where you were on your faith journey, the educational opportunities for adults. We had done our marriage prep there.

It took us about a year to make a full commitment to become OLOS parishioners. As two working parents, we had to choose where to spend our volunteer time and we chose to focus on OLOS. Over the years this involved planning children's liturgies, Christmas liturgies, women's retreats, leading marriage prep, helping to rethink faith formation, working on staff, service trips to Mississippi, connections to Mir Pace, PPC, and making the fire for the Easter Vigil.

We appreciated the focus on adult faith formation and the openness to questions; we loved the singing as the full community celebrates liturgy together. We frequently commented on the blessing of having weekend associates who are part of our fabric, bringing new perspectives to our faith journeys and the gatherings in O'Connell Hall that offer a broader engagement in reflections on the readings. We valued the engagement with the interfaith community and the opportunities to gain deeper understanding of what binds us together. We told our friends and family from other towns about OLOS and they came. While the parish has faced challenges, for more than 30 years this has been a community that encouraged our faith, provided space for reflection, and helped us grow.

Today I want to thank this community for all that they contributed to our family over many years and the outpouring of support after Bob's death. The food, the embraces, the cards -from parishioners we who were and are part of our life and those who may have only seen us at Mass or walking around Sharon. The wonderful meal after the wake – that was so appreciated and felt like an embrace. Thank-you for being such a core part of the community we have called home. ~ Claire Ramsbottom

My Brother's Keeper



Christmas Gift Collection

November 26 - December 7

Please take a tag from our giving tree in the alcove of the church and return unwrapped gifts to the tree by December 7th.

Your generosity makes a big difference for families in need this holiday season!

Contact: Alex Polidori
(apolidori@olossaron.org)

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.

You should have received your mailing regarding this year's Grand Annual Campaign. The mailing includes a letter from me, a pledge card and a return envelope. Those not registered with the parish or who have not received their mailing can pick up a copy of the mailing in the church. Please pray about your contribution to support our Mission. Thank you and God bless, Fr. John

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Sunday, December 7, 3:00PM

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