

**August 3, 2025**

**Our Lady of  
Sorrows Parish**

59 Cottage St., Sharon, MA

**Mass Schedule**

**Summer Weekend Masses:**

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30 and 10:30 AM

**Weekday Masses:**

Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday 9 AM

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**To Contact Us:**

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*Website: [www.olossharon.org](http://www.olossharon.org)*

**Parish Email:**

**[parish@olossharon.org](mailto:parish@olossharon.org)**

**Pastor: Rev. John Chen**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday, Wednesday, Thursday**

**8 am to Noon**

**Tuesday & Friday**

**12:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

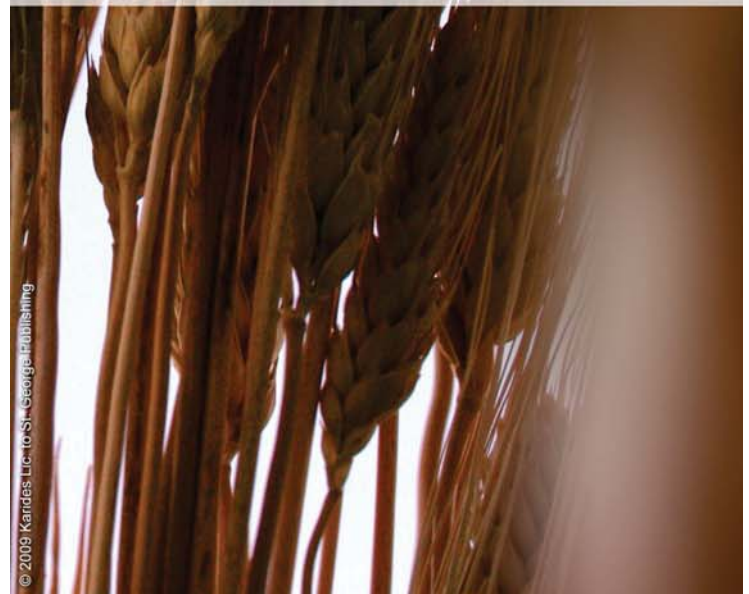


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OUR LADY OF SORROWS**



*T*ake care to guard against  
all greed, for though one may be  
rich, one's life does not consist of  
possessions.

*Luke 12:15*



### **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!

### **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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**Pastor**

**Parish Finance Council:**

**Jim Spoto ~ Chair**

## WEEKEND READINGS #1145

### 1st Reading

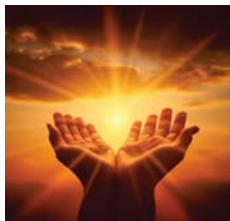
Ecclesiastes 1:2 ; 2:21-23

### 2nd Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

### Gospel

Luke 12:13-21



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

Sick:

Lauren Nagobabs, Michael Connelly, Michael Donatelle, Rosemary Madnick, Eden Glover, Renato Carlos, Jacinto Chong, Lily Lim, Aaron Michael, Fr. Frank Daly, Dan Arguimbau, Pamela d'Arcy, Eileen Hamilton, Rick Woodward, Perry Stevens, Danny Catindig, Effie Mehdizadeh, Sarah Glover, Rose Corteza, Weiss Libao, Ruby Romero, Rick Curtis, Joe Xavier, Brian Conroy, Mike DeVoe, Claudette Erbe Stirewalt, Mary Tracey-Walsh, Lorenzo Sumulong Jr., Rina Bentejado, Alicia Bambrick, Sandy Baum, Jillian Walsh, Ralph Ciampa, Joseph Mason

Deceased:

Dan Lunney, Patrick Leehey, Federico Lampa, John J. Danca, Sr., Phyllis A. Gould, Owen Devlin, Jordan Carchi, Ashlin Costa, George-Levi Njuguna, Lilian Lim, Shirley Donovan, Jerry & Mary Ann Boulet, Mary G. (Lynch) Ramsbottom, Eileen O'Shea, Charles Macalalag, Deacon Frank Tremblay, Michael Molyneaux, Mike Methot, Filipinas Ruiz Medina, Josef Gilek, Alexander Endaya Sanchez, Jeanne Roulleau, Kathleen C. Payson, Alma Roche, Joseph L. Kurtzer, Frances Siy Cong Bieng, Milagros Velayo Tecson, Margaret ("Peggy") Fuchs, Sheila Connors-Grove, Braun Levi, Nicholas, Michelle LaFond, Brunilda Delgado Padilla, Mary O'Dwyer, David Costa, Teresa Aclan Tigno, Claire M. Matthews, Doris Parasella, Susanne Osberg

## MUSIC

Mass Parts # 230, 231, 233, 236, 237, 238

### Gathering ~ #663

Lord of All Hopefulness

### Responsorial Psalm ~ 90

"If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts."

### Offertory ~ #782

Only This I Want

### Communion ~ #920

Pan de Vida

### Sending Forth ~ #613

Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven

*Gospel Verse : Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, August 9th at 4:30 PM**

Jean Mackie (deceased)

**Sunday, August 24th at 10:30 AM**

Owen Devlin (deceased)

## PARISH FINANCIAL NEWS

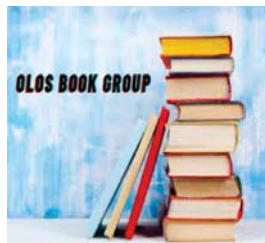


DONATE TO  
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On average, it costs **\$12,100** per week to run the parish. There are two sources for this amount: the Grand Annual Campaign and the weekly offertory. Last week's offertory amount was **\$3,249** and the **six month average for electronic giving is \$4,000 per week.** 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.*

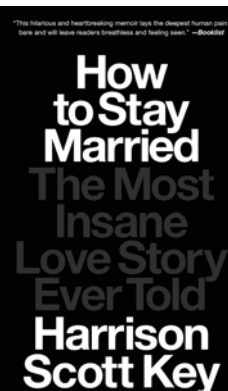


The next meeting of the OLOS Book Group is scheduled for Sunday, August 24th from 2:30-3:30 p.m.

We will meet via Zoom to discuss *How to Stay Married: The Most Insane Love Story Ever Told* by Harrison Scott Key.

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@oloss Sharon.org](mailto:mlafond@oloss Sharon.org).



## Bagged Lunch Brigade

Saturday, August 16, 2025

11:30am-12:30 pm  
Bullock Center



We are preparing bagged lunches and need your donations and your help!

Smith Family Housing Resource Center (formerly Mainspring House) in Brockton depends on bagged lunches to serve hungry men, women, and children at their onsite homeless shelter as well as affiliated housing locations within the community.

Items needed include: cases of small (8 oz) bottles of water, fruit (apples, bananas, and oranges), lunch meat, loaves of sandwich bread, and undecorated sugar cookies. All items should be labeled "Bagged Lunch Brigade" and brought to the Bullock Center by noon on Thursday, August 14th. Volunteers are also needed to assemble lunches from 11:30am-12:30 pm on Saturday, August 16th.

To help, please sign up at [oloss Sharon.org/service-opportunities](http://oloss Sharon.org/service-opportunities) or contact Alex Polidori (781-784-2265 or [apolidori@oloss Sharon.org](mailto:apolidori@oloss Sharon.org)) for more information.

As people of different faiths who live and/or worship in Sharon, we are united in our call to support immigrant rights.

## Weekly Interfaith PRO-IMMIGRANT STANDOUTS!

every Wednesday at 5 pm  
corner of Main St and Depot St,  
Sharon, MA

Bring your own sign! Suggested Signs

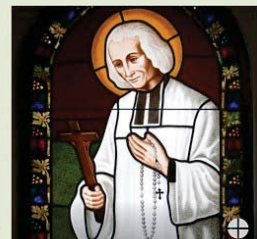
Welcome The Strange  
Love Your Neighbor  
Proudly Pro-Immigrant  
Deportation Without Due Process is Unconstitutional  
No Human Being is Illegal

Please keep your signs positive and on-message. We remind people to stand peacefully never responding to anyone who makes negative comments, appears angry or hostile, or is confrontational. Please don't bring signs on sticks. Let our signs speak for us: No chants - No talkback - No confrontations  
Peaceful and Positive Singing is welcome

## Saint John Vianney

1786 - 1859  
FEAST DAY: AUGUST 4

Born near Lyon, France, this farmer's son studied for the priesthood for many years, and eventually was ordained more for his devoutness and good will than for other qualities. But he became a model parish priest in Arsen-Dombes, where he served for 40 years. He was devoted to his parishioners, and became famous for rigorous preaching and insights in the confessional. The Cure of Ars, as he was known, spent up to 18 hours a day hearing the confessions of pilgrims who sought him out. He is the patron of parish priests.



As part of Our Lady of Sorrows' continuing commitment to welcoming the stranger in our midst, the Catholic Social Teaching team has placed red cards in the bookshelf behind the last pews, near the glass doors leading into the church. In several different languages, these cards provide information about the constitutional rights of all people on American soil, regardless of immigration status. Please feel free to take some cards for yourself or to give to others.

My Brother's Keeper

# Diaper Drive

Please consider donating a pack of diapers for the youngest members in our community.

House brands/generic is fine.

Size 4, 5, and 6 are needed, but all sizes are accepted!



A donation bin is located in the back of the church

# Ilse Marks Food Pantry

Please consider giving nonperishable food to the Ilse Marks Food Pantry. Donations are taken weekly.

Drop Off: Bins are located in the back of the church.

Thank you for your support!



## Welcome to Our Newly Baptized Parishioner!

We are happy to share that Octavia Jean Ellis was baptized this past Sunday, July 27th. We gladly welcome Octavia to the family of God and the faith community of Our Lady of Sorrows. Please pray for Octavia; her parents, Tatum and Gene; sister, Gwendolyn; and godparents, Melissa Ellis, Rebecca Swanson, and Karl Weit.



August 3, 2025



## Bethany House Annual Mass and BBQ Saturday, August 23, 2025 at Bethany House: 1049 Main Street, Millis

Dear Friends,  
Save the date for our annual BBQ at Bethany House. (Saturday, August 23) Please let us know if you will be coming so we know how many folks to prepare for. Parking is limited. You can park by the Hope Chest at 1134 Main Street or in the plaza by the Millis library at 961 Main Street. It will be a fun day, so we hope you can join us!!

Mass at 11AM presided by our brother Wayne Cavalier  
OP...if you plan to attend the Mass please be on time.

Mass followed by great food provided by the Primavera's Wildfire BBQ,  
Awesome Music by Tim McHale and Music With Heart!

All are invited, so feel free to invite a guest. Just let us know how many.

**RSVP: [bethanyosfop@aol.com](mailto:bethanyosfop@aol.com)**

Almighty God, you love all that is  
good, beautiful and just.

We ask you to grant wisdom to those honored  
with the people's trust to legislate.

While carrying out their functions, help them to keep  
in mind the dignity and rights of each human  
person and the imperative need for the common  
good, subsidiarity and solidarity between people and  
nations.

May their voices echo the cries of people in  
greatest need, and may their decisions contribute to  
making our nation and our planet the common home,  
the prosperous and generous land that our ancestors  
aspired to.

In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen



### *18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

In our parish school, the Parent-Teacher Organization heard a presentation on helping kids be less materialistic. Before they purchased something new, have kids donate toys, clothes or other items they no longer needed to Goodwill or someone in need. By sharing things that were still useful, kids saw the good they could do and avoided cluttering their rooms with stuff they did not need or use. More surprisingly, some parents said that their kids realized how fortunate they were and it seemed to make them less demanding and less interested in getting more things. Sounds like a lesson in Christian charity, poverty and gratitude all in one!

A wise man once said that we never really own our possessions; they own us! We spend so much time and energy acquiring things, taking care of them, protecting them and replacing them that you have to wonder if it is worth it. What is the real cost of owning stuff and is it worth the price? A video game in a child's room might cost a few hundred dollars. But what about the lack of conversation or spending time with the family—what does that cost? If what I own takes me away from the most important things in my life, don't I pay a price that is too great? Life is not just about quantity, it's also about quality. Don't sacrifice more than you must. Leave enough space and time for the valuable things you cannot see—or buy.

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