

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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September 6, 2020
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:
Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM
Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Masses:
8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Holy Day Masses:
7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 28, 2020 - September 6, 2020
Saturday 5:00 PM;
Sunday 9:00 AM only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of
the month after the 10:30 AM Mass.
Arrangements for the Baptism should
be made at least one month in
advance. There are no Baptisms
during Lent.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please notify the rectory or priest in
the event of a serious illness. Visits to
the home-bound and those in
hospitals are made by Priests,
Deacons and Extraordinary
Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one
year in advance of the proposed
marriage according to the Common
Policy of the Bishops of the Province
of New Jersey. Either the bride or
groom must be registered with
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to
the Religious Life and men called to
the Holy Orders should contact the
Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or
speak with a parish priest.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be
registered in the parish. Letters of
testimony for Godparents and
Sponsors cannot be given unless
one is registered. All parishioners
should be active in parish life and be
known to one of the parish priests.
Stewardship (church support) is a
serious responsibility of every Cath-
olic. We urge all parishioners to
make regular use of their collection
envelopes. When moving, please
notify the rectory office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the
Sacraments of Baptism, First
Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are
over 18 years of age, and are
interested in membership in the
Catholic Church, please call the
rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our
Lady of Sorrows Parish who are
conscious of the plan of God for the
salvation of all. We praise the Lord
in our everyday lives by sharing our
faith and talents with each other for
the continued growth of Our Lady of
Sorrows Parish Community. We
wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus
and put them into practice in our
daily lives as we answer His call to
evangelization.



Owe nothing to anyone, except to

*love one
another.*

Romans 13:8

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2020

A HIGHER STANDARD

Our culture tempts us to think that any action is allowed as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else. Today's readings show us how sadly narrow-minded that thinking is. They call us to a much higher standard, one that recognizes the majestic dignity of each human person. Ezekiel reminds us that the wicked acts of one person always affect the whole human community. Even if the sin is a private one, we are all responsible for shining light into the darkness. Matthew's Gospel echoes this idea, providing practical tips for bringing healing and reconciliation to sinful or broken relationships. Today's readings also show us the deep implications of sin: a failure to love. Saint Paul urges us to avoid sin and obey the law. The best way to do this, he professes, is to love. Love leads us from mere coexistence to genuine companionship.

THE WAY OF LOVE

Although today's readings might seem drearily preoccupied with sin, Saint Paul explains why sin is important to discuss: because every sin reduces the amount of love in the world. Paul turns the focus from sin to love when he writes, "Love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). What power that verse contains! If we begin each day by reciting that verse, we would be well on our way to a more generous life—not only avoiding sin as much as possible, but also actively seeking out ways to make life sweeter for our neighbors. Memorized verses inspire us when we face difficulties during the day, when we are irritated with someone, for example, or we need to make a decision. Remembering that "love is the fulfillment of the law" might truly help us avoid sin and do good in daily life.

THE WAY OF PRAYER

Learning a scripture verse by heart is, of course, a way of praying. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to pray. Jesus firmly believes in the power of prayer, going so far as to guarantee results: "I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Jesus promises something else, too, something vitally important. More than a game of Go Fish in which we hope we "got what we asked for," prayer is a living encounter with Jesus himself: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Today's readings move us beyond the bare minimum and open an enormous world to us. We shun the pettiness of sin not because we fear punishment, but because we want to love others deeply. We pray to our great God not because we want to get favors from a divine vending machine, but because we want to spend time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS

Ezekiel 33:7–9
Psalm 95:1–2, 6–9
Romans 13:8–10
Matthew 18:15–20



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died; may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Barbara Russell, June Struzienski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**

May God grant them healing.



The regular Sunday Mass schedule resumes next weekend: Saturday evening Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM; Sunday Masses: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Tuesday, September 15th, is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows. We will begin these spiritual days in honor of our Blessed Mother's Feast beginning on Sunday, September 13th through Tuesday, September 15th. Please join us!!

Sunday, September 13

The Liturgical Celebration with Prayers for Healing
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses.

Monday, September 14

True Cross Service at 7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 15

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
Celebration of Holy Mass at 7:00 PM

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH ST. JUDE NOVENA



Come join us for 9 weeks for the Celebration of Holy Mass at 7:00 PM followed by the St. Jude Novena beginning Monday, September 21, 2020 and every Monday through November 16, 2020. Fr. John Wassell will be presenting the theme "The Apocalypse: A Study of the Book of Revelation."

September 21	Biblical Introduction
September 28	Prologue (Rev. 1:1-8)
October 5	Seven Letters (1:9-3:22)
October 12	Seven Seals (4:1-8:5)
October 19	Seven Trumpets (8:2-11:19)
October 26	Visions (11:19-15:4)
November 2	Seven Bowls (15:5-19:10)
November 9	Visions (19:11-21:8)
November 16	Epilogue (21:6-20)

Live-streamed on Our Lady of Sorrows Facebook Page.

2020-2021 CCD REGISTRATION

Our Lady of Sorrows is accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 Religious Education classes for Grades 1-8. New registrants must provide a copy of the child's Baptism Certificate and First Communion Certificate (if applicable) unless the sacraments were made here at Our Lady of Sorrows. Classes are scheduled to begin on October 4th. More information regarding the classes will follow.

Mass Intentions **FOR THE WEEK**



Saturday
5:00 PM

September 5

Nick Zuza
Req. Sally Zuza

Sunday
9:00 AM

September 6

Raymond Blair Jr.
Req. Ciel and Abigail Long

Monday
7:30 AM

September 7

Klena Family
Req. Yarmolowicz Family

Tuesday
7:30 AM

September 8

Juan Lago
Req. Vazquez Family

Wednesday
7:30 AM

September 9

Edward McBride
Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

Thursday
7:30 AM

September 10

Daniel Nakrosis
Req. Dorothy Songile

Friday
7:30 AM

September 11

Miriam Gomez
Req. Fran Kaste

Saturday
7:30 AM

September 12

Sergio Sanchez
Req. Family

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday
5:00 PM

September 12

Margaret Masonus and
Roseann Mobus (Anniversary)
Req. Donna Calcado and Linda Reina

Sunday
8:00 AM

September 13

Mary Abromaitis
Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

10:30 AM

Wayne Ploghoft

Req. Roland, Lucy and Victoria Buchholz

**THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES
BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.**

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish

Altar Candles...

People of the Parish



LABOR

A truly American sentiment recognizes the dignity of labor and the fact that honor lies in honest toil.

—Grover Cleveland

