

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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December 20, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 27, 2021 - September 5, 2021

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.

Fourth SUNDAY of Advent



December 20, 2020

The angel Gabriel said to Mary,
"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.
Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus."

Luke 1:30-31

GOD IS PRESENT

"Where does God dwell?" is a question on the minds of many as we continue to adjust to the pandemic. David wanted to build an ornate dwelling for the Ark of the Covenant, but God said, "No, that's not what I had in mind!" The reading from Romans teaches us that God is present in the Word, and in Luke's Gospel passage today, Jesus is residing in the womb of Mary. We know that Jesus is present in the assembly gathered, the Koinonia, as well as within the Eucharistic species. But no matter how one experiences the presence of Jesus, these days are challenging. In many places, only limited numbers continue to be allowed in church, while others are only able to worship via live stream. None of the pat answers to where God dwells really fit. We need to try and answer this with new eyes and ears and heart.

A CLASSIC IMAGE

When we think of today's Gospel, the image of this meeting between the Angel Gabriel and Mary by Fra Angelico (1440-1445) likely comes to mind. In this fresco, Gabriel and Mary are outside sitting among the columns, and Gabriel, with his big wings and hands crossed, gazes upon Mary and gestures towards her. She is well dressed in a traditional blue garment, and though her face shows shock, her folded hands model submission and humility. This work of art is so beautifully executed that we can miss some of its finer details. Similarly, because the Gospel scene is so familiar, we can forget to take in its small details. A few years ago, this author found a children's book called "The Nativity" illustrated by Julie Vivas. Because her drawings were so fresh and charming and simple, she invited new perspective on the story.

LOOKING AGAIN

Luke says that Mary "was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be." She asks, "How can this be?" These questions don't fit with how Fra Angelico positioned Gabriel and Mary. In the Vivas illustrations, the Angel Gabriel sits down with battered wings and a balding head and has a cup of coffee with Mary as the two of them try to figure it out together. The text is the same, but the message conveyed is different. There is a different degree of comfort and familiarity to these illustrations.

This "having a cup of coffee" is something we need to learn to do with the scriptures and with our lives. After this event, pregnant Mary traveled into the hill country to be with Elizabeth; an older, wiser, mentor—a mother figure. She spent three months there reflecting and preparing for the birth of her child. In this final week of Advent, take a few moments to find a Gabriel/Mary or an Elizabeth/Mary moment and read the Christmas readings again to see what you might have overlooked, and to find a new way for Christ to dwell in you.

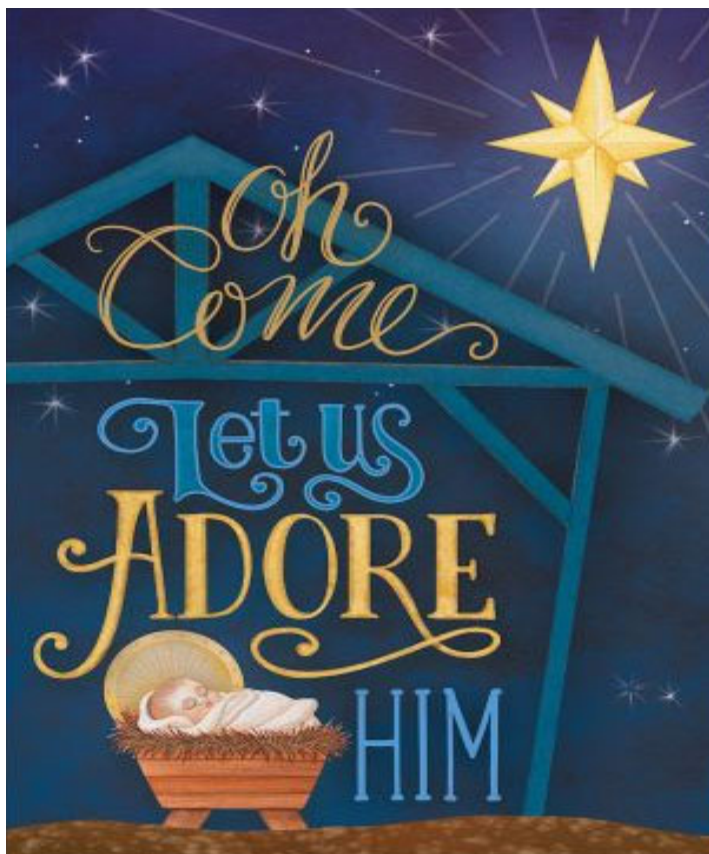
TODAY'S READINGS

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

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The Priests, Deacons, and Parish Staff wish you and your family a blessed and *Merry Christmas!* May the peace of Christ remain in your hearts and in your homes.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass
Thursday, December 24, 2020
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Christmas Day Mass
Friday, December 25, 2020
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM



CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas Wafers are still available at the Rectory office. Kindly call the Rectory to arrange a time to pick up the wafers. Cost \$5.00.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Saturday
5:00 PM

December 19

Deceased Members of the Masonus Family

Req. Linda Reina and Donna Calcado

Sunday
8:00 AM

December 20

Ann Herbert

Req. Dorothy Songile

10:30 AM

Diane Fields

Req. Irene Potts

Monday

December 21

People of the Parish

Tuesday

December 22

Monica Osorio

Req. Marlene Sanchez

Wednesday

December 23

People of the Parish

Thursday

December 24

People of the Parish

7:30 AM

Spiritual Bouquets

5:00 PM

Spiritual Bouquets

Friday

December 25

Spiritual Bouquets

10:30 AM

Spiritual Bouquets

Saturday

December 26

Souls in Purgatory

7:30 AM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday

December 26

5:00 PM

Nick Zuza

Req. Sally Zuza

Sunday

December 27

8:00 AM

Augusto Cornejo

Req. Alicia Veliz and Family

10:30 AM

Martha and Steve Hetey

Req. Kathleen Fudali

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

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

DECEMBER 20, 2020



Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish / OLS

Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish / OLS

Altar Candles...

People of the Parish / OLS



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".**

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