

# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

MARCH 14, 2021 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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God did not send his Son into the world to

condemn the world,

but that the world might be saved through him.

— John 3:17

## 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.

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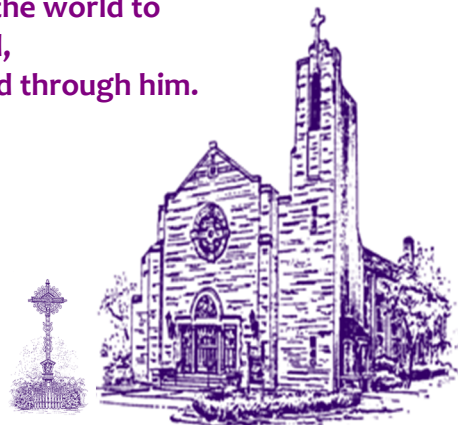
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## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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 Catholic. 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.



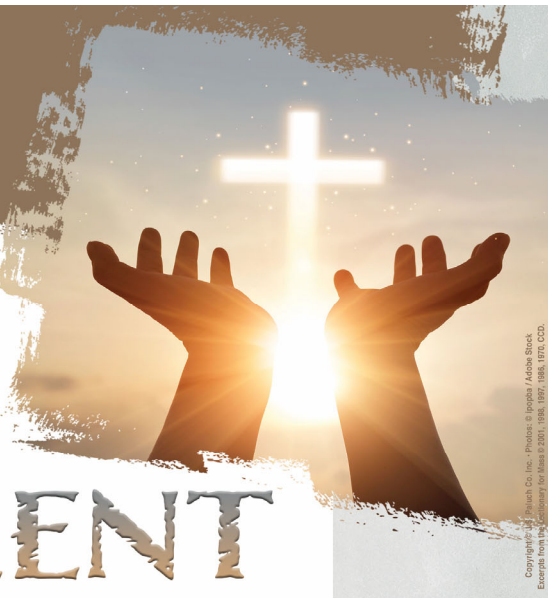
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MARCH 14, 2021

*Just as Moses lifted up  
the serpent in the desert,  
so must the Son of Man  
be lifted up, so that everyone  
who believes in him  
may have eternal life.*

*John 3:14-15*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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The end of 2 Chronicles claims that “all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people” were continuously unfaithful to their covenant with God. This infidelity ultimately led to seventy years of exile in Babylon, after which Cyrus, the Persian ruler who conquered Babylon, allows the people of Israel to return home and rebuild their temple; the Psalmist reflects on the bitterness of those seventy years. Paul is lyrical in praising God “who is rich in mercy” and who “brought us to life” with Christ, while the evangelist recounts preaching by Jesus on this same theme. This is the section of John that includes the oft-memorized John 3:16: “For God so loved the world . . .” All three readings emphasize God’s desire to rescue—or redeem—humanity from pain and suffering.

### HUMAN HISTORY . . .

Today’s reading from 2 Chronicles is the conclusion of these two volumes, a brief summary of Judah’s infidelity under a sequence of kings and the subsequent seventy years of exile in Babylon. This abbreviated sequence recaps the events treated in earlier chapters, concluding with Jerusalem being conquered and its inhabitants deported by to Babylon.

After the Babylonians were conquered by Cyrus and the Persians, Cyrus built the great Persian Empire that covered almost the entire ancient Near East. Unlike the earlier Assyrians and Babylonians, Cyrus did not rule by deporting and enslaving peoples he defeated. Instead, he organized his empire into regional governments and funded their construction projects, ruling over all with the title King of Kings (among others). In this spirit, Cyrus urged the exiles to return to Jerusalem to rebuild their temple and their native culture. In Jewish terms, Cyrus was a “messiah” (Hebrew), or a *christos* (Greek), someone anointed by God to carry out this divine mission.

### . . . AND DIVINE RESCUE

The return from exile in Babylon was second only to the Exodus from Egypt as a founding narrative shaping the Jewish identity into which Jesus was born and in which his church took root and began to grow. If we read between the lines of the two New Testament readings from today, we can see the outlines of this same pattern of God bringing humanity from sorrow into joy: The Hebrews’ slavery in Egypt and the Judeans’ exile in Babylonia reveal a universal truth, that we belong to the God who is “rich in mercy,” and we are assured that “when we were dead in our transgressions,” God “so loved the world” that he sent Jesus to be the way of our redemption, our salvation.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called “Laetare Sunday,” or “Rejoice! Sunday.” Even if we feel overwhelmed by the darkness of sin (our own and others’), wondering whether God really is working on our behalf, we can put our faith in today’s Word that it is so. For this, we can truly rejoice—we are more than halfway to Easter!

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## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both fast and abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. On a day of fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the

**First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2021 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

*\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

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Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, especially **Anna Ferris and Richard Laytos**, 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 Struziensi, Irene Zarbetski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick"**.  
**May God grant them healing.**

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1<sup>st</sup> Collection for March 7<sup>th</sup>: \$879.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for March 7<sup>th</sup>: \$267.00  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the weekend of 3/20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> is for Catholic Relief Services.  
Thank you for your support and generosity.



### PALM CROSS SALE

The Annual Palm Cross Sale will be held before and after all Masses on the Weekend of March 20<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$9.00. Thank you for your support!

### EASTER 2021 SPIRITUAL BOUQUET

All Masses on Easter Day, including the Easter evening Vigil Mass at 7:30 PM, will be offered for all individuals, living or deceased, as stated on the Spiritual Bouquet Mass Remembrance envelopes. Spiritual Bouquet Easter cards are available at the Rectory office during office hours. The donation for the Mass Remembrance is \$5.00. All intentions will be placed on the Altar during all Easter Masses.

### EASTER FLOWERS

Our Lady of Sorrows is decorated beautifully each year for Easter by the generous donations of our parish community. If you would like to contribute towards the Easter flowers, envelopes for the Easter flowers can be found in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you for supporting Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

### 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Parish goal for this year is \$9116.00. Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.  
Our goal of \$9116.00 can only be achieved through **YOUR** generosity! If you have not yet made a gift, there will be pledge forms available in the pew and in the back of the Church. You can visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

This traditional Lenten devotion will be prayed every Friday at 6:30PM through March 26<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.



## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### March 13

Sarah Roberts  
Req. Yarmolowicz Family

### Sunday

8:00 AM

### March 14

Deceased Members of FOSS & Toni Torterello  
Req. FOSS  
Barbara O'Donnelle  
Req. Philip and Darlene Lore

10:30 AM

### Monday

7:30 AM

### March 15

Deceased Members of FOSS & Iracli Kuitsadse  
Req. FOSS

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### March 16

Rev. Msgr. Mark Giordani  
Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

### Wednesday

7:30 AM

### March 17

Pauline Worthington  
Req. Deacon Len and Jane Mackesy

### Thursday

7:30 AM

### March 18

Deceased Members of FOSS & Christin Southard  
Req. FOSS

### Friday

7:30 AM

### March 19

Faulk Family Fathers  
Req. Elaine Faulk  
Stations of the Cross

6:30 PM

### Saturday

7:30 AM

### March 20

Deceased Members of FOSS & John Southard  
Req. FOSS

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

### March 20

Alice Daunoras  
Req. Kathy Daunoras

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### Sunday

8:00 AM

### March 21

Leila Maceira  
Req. Theresa Tiberi  
Special Intentions for Samuel Manaois on his 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Req. Harry and Teresa Manaois

10:30 AM

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

### MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

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#### Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish / OLS

#### Sanctuary Lamp...

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#### Altar Candles...

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### MARY'S WAY OF THE CROSS

Join us for Our Lady of Sorrows traditional Lenten devotion, Mary's Way of the Cross, on Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM, followed by the celebration of Holy Mass at 7 PM.

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