



# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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## SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday: 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7:30 AM | 12:00 PM | 7:00 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9 AM—12 PM

(The office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.)

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Humbly welcome the  
word that has been  
planted in you and is  
able to save your souls.

James 1:21b

## PARISH REGISTRATION

**All are Welcome!** New parishioners are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available at the Rectory office. When moving, please notify the Rectory office.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass. Arrangements for 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

Congratulations to our engaged couples! Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage.

## 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.

## 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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RELIGION THAT IS PURE AND UNDEFILED  
BEFORE GOD AND THE FATHER IS THIS:  
TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND WIDOWS  
IN THEIR AFFLICTION.

JAMES 1:27

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 29, 2021

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Today's readings provide some interesting parallels and contrasts. The first reading is an account of Moses who, having delivered the Law to the Israelites, admonishes them to "observe them [its statutes] carefully." The author of the Letter of James likewise instructs fellow Christians to "welcome the word" they have received, that they may become "doers of the words and not hearers only." The psalmist praises "whoever walks blamelessly and does justice" by listing a few examples of what is required for that—descriptions that apply equally to both Jewish and Christian traditions. On the other hand, when the scribes and Pharisees point out that the disciples have not properly washed their hands before eating (which is, as Mark explains, the usual Jewish practice) Jesus scolds them sharply for being too focused on human rules—even ritual ones—instead of God's laws.

### MOSAIC LAW: WHAT GOD WANTS OF THE PEOPLE

Moses gives the Israelites their Law, which provided the structure for daily life. As recorded in the Bible, over half of the Law is about rituals for worship and sacrifice. A related concept is the concept of a person's ritual purity (or cleanliness), which is required for participation in both social and religious activities, since persons become unclean by physical contact with other unclean persons, animals, or objects. Other ways a person becomes unclean include the presence of skin lesions, bleeding, or a bodily discharge. Unclean persons are required to purify themselves to be again considered clean. Despite the Law's complexity, observant Jews considered it a privilege, not a burden, to observe its precepts, and they continue to do so today.

### ON THE OTHER HAND . . .

The scribes and Pharisees are focusing on the disciples' failure to properly wash their hands prior to eating. But nowhere in the biblical texts of the Law are there regulations regarding the washing of hands before or after meals. These regulations, as described by Mark, are merely practices like those that arise in all societies; if they continue long enough, they can seem like sacred duties, sanctified as "the traditions of their elders."

This distinction is the source of the tension in these three readings. Moses and James both tell their people that they are recipients of a divine gift that requires special care, while Jesus is practically livid when the scribes and Pharisees react harshly to the disciples' failure to wash their hands according to Jewish practices.

Such a distinction between divine law and human practices is valuable for our own lives. When we hear of another's misdeeds, we should evaluate the seriousness of the offense before forming our own impression. Is this truly a serious moral matter? Or something less weighty? Carefully discerning the seriousness of such matters might reveal that things are not as grave as they first appear. Such care is an exercise in Christian charity, one way of acting on the word we have received as members of the Body of Christ.

**Today's Readings:** Dt 4:1–2, 6–8; Ps 15:2–3, 3–4, 4–5; Jas 1:17–18; 21b–22, 27; Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

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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, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Jaxson Rivera, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**

**May God grant them healing.**

## THE JOY OF BECOMING CATHOLIC

*Are you searching for a relationship with God?*

*Are you interested in becoming Catholic?*

*Were you baptized and want to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, Eucharist and Confirmation?*

*Perhaps you know someone who is interested in our Catholic faith?*

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a spiritual formation journey for those seeking to become Catholic. Our Lady of Sorrows welcomes new participants on this great journey of faith! RCIA is held at St. Cecilia Church, Kearny. Please contact our Administrator, Fr. John Wassell at St. Cecilia Parish Center office at (201) 991-1116 for more information.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2021-2022

You still have time! Our Lady of Sorrows is happy to welcome new and returning students and their families and will guide them through the process of receiving their sacraments. Registrations are still being accepted for the 2021-2022 Religious Education classes for Grades 1-8. Please contact the Rectory office for more information. Classes will begin on Sunday, **September 19<sup>th</sup>**, after the 9:00 AM Sunday Celebration of Holy Mass.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church's social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day.

Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teachings on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor. —James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

## LABOR DAY—SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day. The office will open on Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

# Mass Intentions

## FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### August 28

Susan Cox

Req. Lauren Muldoon and James Pagano

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### August 29

Mary Manik

Req. Alice Keogh

### Monday

7:30 AM

### August 30

Special Intention for Veronica Vega and Living Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### August 31

Unborn Babies in the Womb

Req. FOSS

### Wednesday

7:30 AM

### September 1

Joseph Commune and Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### Thursday

7:30 AM

### September 2

Michele Hoffherr

Req. Theresa Tiberi

### Friday

7:30 AM

### September 3

Josette Morelles and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

### Saturday

7:30 AM

### September 4

Kathleen Raphael and

Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### September 4

Richard Laytos

Req. Irene Potts

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### September 5

Frank Abromaitis

Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

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

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 29, 2021

**Altar Bread & Wine...**

Mary Manik / Alice Keogh

**Sanctuary Lamp...**

Mary Manik / Alice Keogh

**Altar Candles...**

Mary Manik / Alice Keogh



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The collections for August 22<sup>nd</sup> will appear in the September 12<sup>th</sup> bulletin.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the weekend of September 5<sup>th</sup> is to help pay for our Church's Higher Energy costs. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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