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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

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September

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*Did not God
choose those who
are poor in the world
to be rich in faith
and heirs of the
kingdom that he
promised to those
who love him?*

James 2:5



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

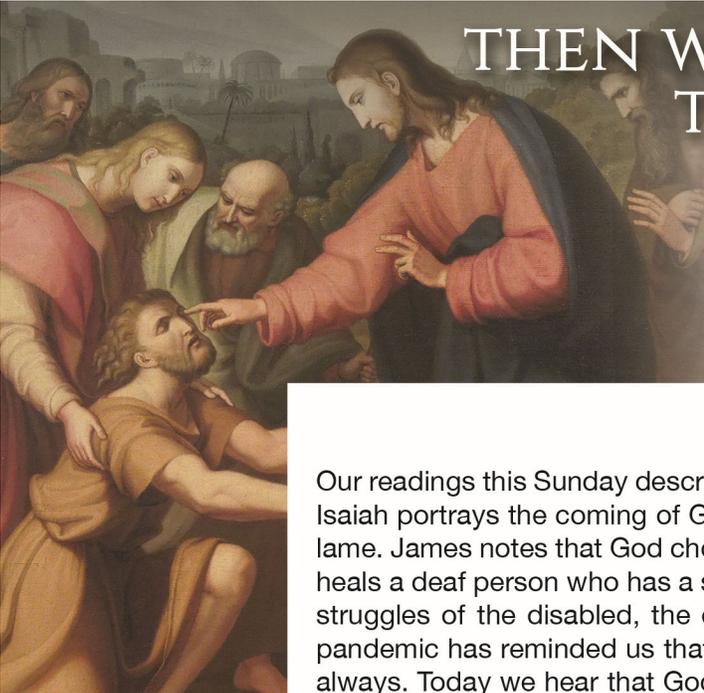
Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

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.



THEN WILL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED

the ears of the deaf be cleared;
then will the lame leap like a stag,
then the tongue of the mute will sing.

Isaiah 35:5-6

GOD LIFTS US UP

Our readings this Sunday describe God's work of liberation for those who are vulnerable. Isaiah portrays the coming of God in terms of the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame. James notes that God chooses the poor to be rich in faith. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf person who has a speech impediment. The readings remind us of the acute struggles of the disabled, the excluded, and the poor. In the last year and a half, the pandemic has reminded us that we are all vulnerable, that illness and death are near us always. Today we hear that God's presence is revealed when God lifts us up, and when we join God to lift each other up. Our care for others, especially those in greatest need, can be our grateful response to God's healing of us in our own vulnerability.

BLESSING FOR ALL

The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

BOTH LOVE AND CRITIQUE

For those who first heard today's passage from the letter of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalms 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

SEPTEMBER

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Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS TRIDIUM

Monday, September 13, 2021
Celebration of Holy Mass at 7PM
with Prayers for Healing

Tuesday, September 14, 2021
True Cross Service at 7PM

Wednesday, September 15, 2021
Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows
Celebration of Holy Mass at 7PM

Invite your family and friends!!

ST. JUDE NOVENA

Mark your calendars! Please join us for our Annual St. Jude Novena on Mondays, beginning on September 20th through November 15th, with the Celebration of Holy Mass at 7PM. This year's theme will be St. Joseph. More information will follow.



Come support your parish!
Invite your family and friends!

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 19th**, after the 9:00 AM Sunday Celebration of Holy Mass.

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.

LABOR DAY—SEPTEMBER 6, 2021

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



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00 PM	September 4 Richard Laytos Req. Irene Potts
Sunday 9:00 AM	September 5 Frank Abromaitis Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas
Monday 7:30 AM	September 6 Klena Family Req. Yarmolowicz Family
Tuesday 7:30 AM	September 7 Richard Moroses Req. Mark and Elaine Moroses
Wednesday 7:30 AM	September 8 Jean Doffont Req. Loretta Wolenski
Thursday 7:30 AM	September 9 Special Intention for Theresa Tiberi Req. Theresa Tiberi
Friday 7:30 AM	September 10 Michael Najuch Req. John and Alice Keogh
Saturday 7:30 AM	September 11 Julio Alberto Sanchez Req. Marlene Sanchez
	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 5:00 PM	September 11 Nick Zuza Req. Sally Zuza
Sunday 9:00 AM	September 12 Mary Abromaitis Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

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

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

Altar Bread & Wine...
Richard Laytos / Irene Potts

Sanctuary Lamp...
Richard Laytos / Irene Potts

Altar Candles...
Richard Laytos / Irene Potts



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The collections for August 22nd and August 29th will appear in the September 12th bulletin.

The 2nd collection for the weekend of September 12th is for the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your support and generosity.

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