



# 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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Church, Kearny, NJ

DECEMBER 19, 2021

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40

## FOURTH

# Sunday OF Advent



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## 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.

Elizabeth,  
filled with the  
Holy Spirit,  
cried out in  
a loud voice  
and said,  
“Blessed are  
you among  
women, and  
blessed is the  
fruit of your  
womb.”

*Luke 1:41–42*



For years, Catholic spiritual writers have drawn our attention to the Christmas liturgy’s subtle—and not-so-subtle—linking of Christ’s incarnation with his paschal mystery. In the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke, there are countless intimations of the Passion and cross. The saints of the Christmas octave, dubbed “*comites Christi*,” Christ’s companions in suffering, form a royal honor guard of martyrs and others who bore witness at great personal sacrifice to the Child we hail as “Prince of Peace,” while the wood of the manger evokes the wood of the cross. But these days, sadly, in the wake of seemingly endless mass shootings at schools, we need no reminders of how close in real life are the cradle and the cross. May our hearts find, if not answers, at least comfort in the prophet Micah’s reminder that, from the pain of a woman’s labor came forth the Child who is our incarnate peace.

#### COMFORT AND SALVATION

All of today’s scriptures seem to declare Christmas’s “comfort and joy.” Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that “shall reach to the ends of the earth.” Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the “offering of the body of Jesus Christ” saves us all.

In today’s Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

#### BLESSED

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God’s abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth’s womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God’s living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the “Hail Mary”: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.” Why Mary is so “blessed” Elizabeth then explains: “Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” Likewise, we may dare hope to be “blessed” for “believing that what was spoken” to us “by the Lord”—Jesus’ promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God’s mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—“in haste”—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service to another?

**Today’s Readings: Mi 5:1–4a; Ps 80:2–3, 15–16, 18–19; Heb 10:5–10; Lk 1:39–45**

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**Advent**

December 19, 2021

**Fourth**  
Sunday of





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

Friday, December 24, 2021  
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

#### Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25, 2021  
8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

(There is no Mass of Anticipation at 5PM on Saturday, 12/24.)

### CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Rectory office will be open on Christmas Eve, Friday, December 24, from 9AM—12PM. The office will be closed on Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>. The office will reopen on Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

### DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS

Everyone is invited to help decorate our Church for Christmas. No experience is necessary! Join us on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 AM.

### ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Next Choir practice is on Monday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15PM in the choir loft. We hope to see you there!!!

### CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers are still available at the Rectory office and also, in the back of the Church. Cost \$5.00.

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday

5:00 PM

### December 18

Helder Esteves 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary  
Req. Ermelinda Esteves

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### December 19

Stakelionas and Songile Family  
Req. Dorothy Songile

### Monday

7:30 AM

### December 20

Helen and Joseph Krakosky  
Req. Gen and Al Mazur and Family

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### December 21

People of the Parish

### Wednesday

7:30 AM

### December 22

Father Stanley Kostrzomb and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

### Thursday

7:30 AM

### December 23

Daniel Dougher and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

### Friday

5:00 PM

### December 24 Christmas Eve

Spiritual Bouquets

### Saturday

8:00 AM

### December 25 Christmas Day

10:30 AM

Spiritual Bouquets

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### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### December 26

Augusto Cornejo  
Req. Alicia Veliz and Family

### 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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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 Struziński, Irene Zarbetski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**

*May God grant them healing.*

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