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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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The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents
found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and
asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

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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JESUS SAID TO HIS PARENTS,
“WHY WERE YOU
LOOKING FOR ME?
DID YOU NOT KNOW
THAT I MUST BE IN
MY FATHER’S HOUSE?”

LUKE 2:49

THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

It wasn't at all what Mary and Joseph expected their life to be like. Almost from the beginning, there were indications that something extraordinary was at work: Mary's angelic annunciation; Joseph's strange dream; the puzzling words of Simeon and Anna in the Temple. And now this: during Mary and Joseph's annual Passover journey to Jerusalem, the discovery that their son Jesus was lost—and even when he was found, they didn't totally recognize their twelve-year-old boy. Today's feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the perplexities and promise of family life. The mystery of “the Word made flesh” becomes very tangible indeed in the routines and foibles of family life—our Christmas gatherings were likely unmistakable reminders of that! From the pure flesh of a newborn child to the wizened flesh of a beloved grandmother, families are ground zero for glimpsing the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation.

DID YOU NOT KNOW?

A child's first words are usually a source of excitement and joy for family members. Today we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. And they are challenging ones. “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” The words *astounded*, *astonished*, and *great anxiety* are used to describe Jesus' extended visit to the Temple. How familiar those emotions are to most parents! Had Jesus' parents forgotten the angel Gabriel's words or the prophecy of Simeon? In Luke's Gospel this passage foreshadows Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he will experience his own Passover and again be “lost” for three days. The story of Hannah in the first reading confirms the need and nature of trusting in God's activity in our lives. It seems clear that faithful attention to a family's spiritual life is no guarantee that life will be free from hardship.

EMMANUEL: GOD IS WITH US

Could Tolstoy have gotten it wrong when he wrote that all happy families are alike and that unhappy families are each unhappy in their own way? It seems that the opposite is equally true. Because happy families foster the unique talents and interests of each member, each person shines according to their own lights. A happy family's faith, goals, and challenges will be uniquely their own. Unhappy families, on the other hand, might look very similar in their woundedness, their fears and confrontations, and their tendency to give negative interpretations to another's actions.

It is tempting to conclude that family life today is more problematic than ever. It might be reassuring to learn that the feast of the Holy Family was added to the Church's universal calendar because of Pope Leo XIII's concern for the state of family life—one hundred years ago! During this season of Christmas when families are everywhere, we welcome Emmanuel—the God who has pitched his tent among us.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 1:20–22, 24–28; Ps 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10; 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24; Lk 2:41–52

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As we begin a New Year 2022, our sincere wish is that your heart may know the joy of the presence of the new Born King. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Joseph, and Jesus—Prince of Peace—, fill your hearts, lives and homes with many blessings throughout the New Year.

**Fr. John, Fr. Juan Carlos, Fr. Patrick,
Deacon Len & Deacon John**



**The Solemnity of
Mary, Mother of
God**
*(not a holy day of obligation
this year)*

Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31
5:00 PM
Saturday, January 1
9:00 AM only
**(There is no 5:00 PM Mass of
Anticipation on Saturday,
January 1st.)**

The Rectory office will be open from 9 AM—12 Noon on Friday, December 31st. The office will be closed on Monday, January 3rd. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th at 9AM.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

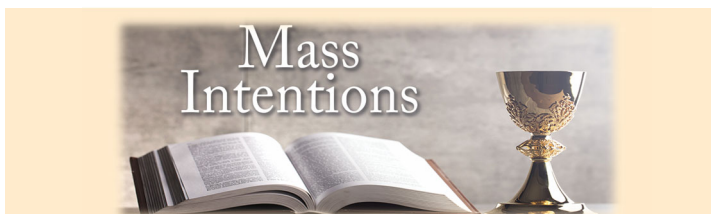
There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, January 2nd. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 9th.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.



Sunday

9:00 AM

December 26

Augusto Cornejo
Req. Alicia Veliz and Family

Monday

7:30 AM

December 27

Rev. Msgr. Seymour and
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

Tuesday

7:30 AM

December 28

Eileen Ross (Birthday Remembrance)
Req. Mary Mooney and Family

Wednesday

7:30 AM

December 29

People of the Parish

Thursday

7:30 AM

December 30

People of the Parish

Friday

7:30 AM

December 31 New Year's Eve

5:00 PM

People of the Parish
Special Intention for the love of our
beloved Church
Req. Kathy Fudali

Saturday

9:00 AM

January 1 New Year's Day

Richard Hartley and
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Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday

9:00 AM

January 2

Michael Podlaski and
Deceased Members of FOSS
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MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

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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, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Jaxson Rivera, 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 st collection	12/12/2021	\$1718.00
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The collections for 12/19th will appear in a later bulletin.
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