

# 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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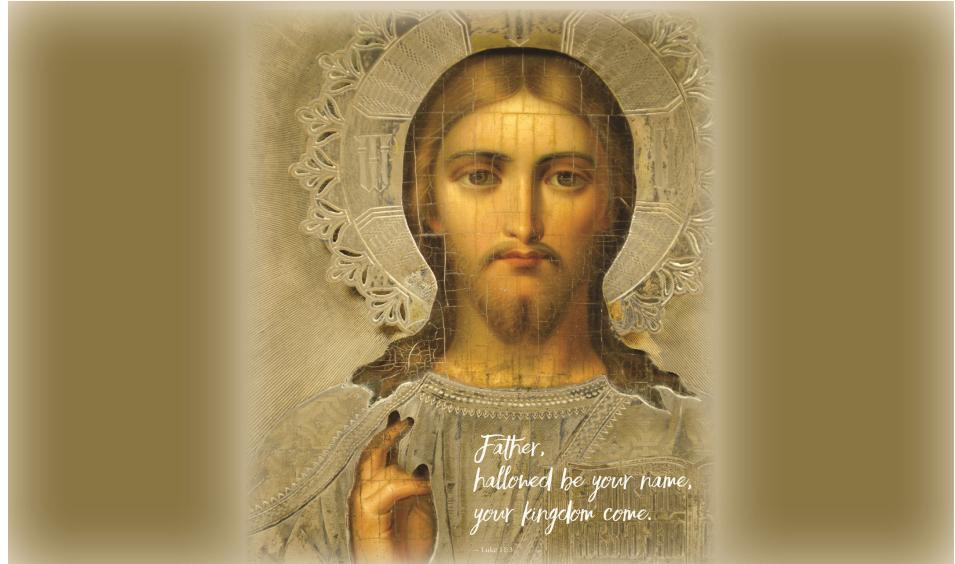
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July 24, 2022 | Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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.)

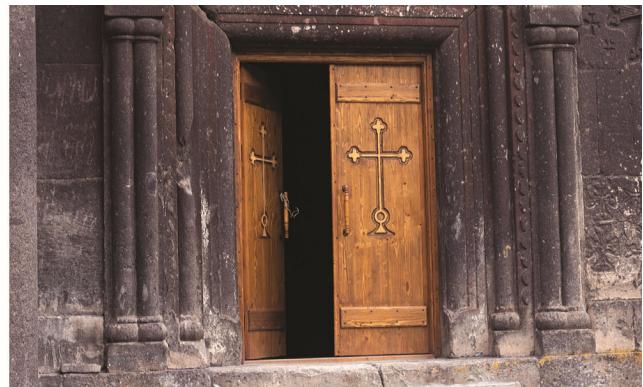
If you have not received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are over 18 years of age, and are interested in membership in the Catholic Church, please call the Rectory office.

## 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.

"AND I TELL YOU,  
ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE;  
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND;  
KNOCK AND THE DOOR  
WILL BE OPENED TO YOU."

LUKE 11:9



JULY  
**24**  
2022

Seventeenth  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

## PRAY LIKE JESUS

Have you ever watched a master chef at work or a professional musician or athlete and wondered "How do they do that? They make it look so easy." We are naturally attracted to someone who excels at something, a person whose heart is obviously in their work, and we can't help but wonder if we are capable of anything like that. This was likely true for the disciples as well. They had seen Jesus at prayer on many occasions (this is especially true in Luke's Gospel) and it was obvious that someone, somehow was shaping/transforming the life of their teacher. Abraham, too, gives us an example of a conversation with God that goes beyond the ordinary approach to divine petitioning. Meanwhile, Psalm 138 assures us that when we cry for help God will answer—for Christ has become our mediator and we are one with him in baptism.

## SNAKES AND SCORPIONS AND PRAYERS? OH, MY!

How often do we hear about snakes and scorpions at Mass? Well, today we do! Jesus uses these frightful (to most of us!) images for their shock value in order to emphasize how graciously and unfailingly our Father in heaven cares for us. The first reading sets the stage for our reflection. Who can hear the story of Abraham negotiating with God in the first reading and not smile at his audacity? The middle Eastern custom of bartering likely honed Abraham's skills in that arena. He even appeals to God's sense of honor, saying, "Far be it from you to do such a thing" [as to wipe out the innocent with the guilty]. Have we not all bargained with God at one time or another when we were desperately in need?

## YOU HAVE HEARD THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH

Notice that the very first words of today's Gospel are "Jesus was praying." Of course, the disciples would be curious about a practice that was so central to Jesus' daily life. He was obviously good at it. Perhaps they wanted to know how they could more easily "influence" God themselves! They wanted to know what would work. Luke's version of the beloved Lord's Prayer (one of two found in the Gospels) is highlighted today in response to the disciples' request.

The two parables following the Lord's Prayer teach us about prayer both from the point of view of the one who prays and from God's point of view. The parable of the friend who knocks on the door at midnight illustrates prayer from the point of view someone who urgently needs something. Persistence is the key. The last section of the Gospel offers us a glimpse of prayer from God's point of view. If you seek, you will find; if you knock, the door will be opened. With Jesus as our mediator, we are assured of a hearing before our Father in heaven who is waiting to give good gifts to his children.

## TODAY'S READINGS

- Genesis 18:20–32  
Psalm 138:1–2, 2–3, 6–7, 7–8  
Colossians 2:12–14  
Luke 11:1–13

## 2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registrations are being accepted for all children, grades 1 through 8, for Religious Education classes. Please keep in mind that two years of basic religious instruction are required for First Communion, and all children are required to continue religious education classes until they have been confirmed. Religious formation in their relationship with God and instruction in their faith is an important building block in a solid Catholic foundation. Since books and materials must be ordered ahead of time, we need your cooperation in this endeavor, so please register now.

**New registrations:** A copy of your child's Baptism certificate and First Communion (if applicable) is required (unless Sacraments were received here at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.) **Please register by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**Children will attend 9:00 AM Sunday Mass followed by Religious Education classes.**

## OLS WISHES YOU SAFE TRAVELS

If you are traveling this summer, have fun, be safe and check out the local Catholic Churches. Please be generous to the Churches you attend as summer is tough for all Churches. Please do not forget to support your Church with your offering this summer. It is always a lean time. However, the work of the Church continues. Thank you for your support and may God's blessing be upon you and your families.

## Rejoice in the Lord NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of *Rejoice in the Lord*, Cardinal Tobin's newsletter to the faithful, is available online at [www.rcan.org/RejoiceInTheLord](http://www.rcan.org/RejoiceInTheLord) and linked on the archdiocesan news site, [www.JerseyCatholic.org](http://www.JerseyCatholic.org). Please share this with your family and friends.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 <sup>st</sup> collection	07/17/2022	\$851.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	07/17/2022	\$323.00

The second collection for Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> is to help pay our Church's Higher Energy costs.  
*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!*

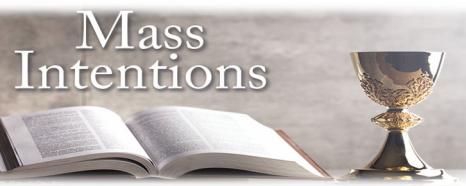


Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, especially Armand Calabrese, may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially Joseph Colamedici, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Jaxson Rivera, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, Sally Zuza, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

*May God grant them healing.*

## THE MARK OF THE MAKER

If things created are so full of loveliness, how resplendent must be the One who made them! The wisdom of the Worker is apparent in such handiwork.



### Saturday

5:00 PM

### July 23

Vera Labinsky  
Req. Martinez Family

### July 24

Maria Adriana and Jose Esteves  
Req. The Esteves Family

### July 25

Elaine Faulk and  
Living Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### July 26

Stephanie Gelcius  
Req. Przybylski Family

### July 27

Domingo Salgado  
Req. Przybylski Family

### July 28

Alex Nagy  
Req. Irene Potts

### July 29

Patricia Whitney  
Req. Theresa Tiberi

### July 30

Mary E. Gimm  
Req. Theresa Tiberi

## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### July 30

Lino Abrantes  
Req. Miranda Family

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### July 31

Regina Harris  
Req. Irene Potts

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

### Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish / OLS  
Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish / OLS  
Altar Candles...

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## COMMITMENT TO TRANSPARENCY AND HEALING

The Archdiocese of Newark, along with Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, regards the safety and protection of all God's people in any Church service, activity or event as a high priority. Any person who wishes to report an incident of sexual misconduct by a member of the clergy, religious or lay staff of the Archdiocese of Newark should contact the Archdiocese by calling 201-407-3256.

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