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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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Church, Kearny, NJ



People will come  
from the east  
and the west  
and from the north  
and the south  
and will recline  
at table  
in the kingdom  
of God.

Luke 13:29

# Twenty-first

## SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### August 21, 2022

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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.



# TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022

## COVENANT RELATIONSHIP

The term “fair-weather friend” might need a technological-era updating. Perhaps “short attention span friend” would work. In our world of multiple communication platforms, it somehow has become increasingly easy to lose track of friends. We shouldn’t be surprised when we reach out and they’ve moved on due to our indifference. The God who is love and whose covenant is one-hundred percent about relationship is depicted in the same way by Jesus today. Hey God, remember us? There was that one time we were really in trouble and you helped out; well, we’re in trouble again. But we may find that God has moved on since we turned out to be only foul-weather friends. The covenant relationship has two parties: God and us. If that covenant relationship falls apart, and we’re no longer “friended” by God, it’s not because God failed as a friend. Keeping up the friendship and relationship with God is equally our responsibility.

## FROM EAST TO WEST

With our modern understanding of the world and its various cultures and religions, it’s hard to grasp how shocking Isaiah’s words today would have been to those who first encountered them. After all, they were the people God called “Chosen.” It was easy for them to presume that after the sufferings of exile that God’s freeing redemption would be for them and them alone. Yet here is Isaiah saying that the saving hand of God will extend to all nations, even those of varying ways and languages. Perhaps most shocking to Isaiah’s initial audience would have been today’s final line: that God would take these outsiders and fugitives, elevating them to the priesthood, to include them in the descendants of one of Jacob’s sons, Levi. It’s not difficult to imagine that this sweeping vision of God’s mercy and love beyond the bounds of the Chosen People was met with resistance, much as similar messages are met with resistance today.

## FROM NORTH AND SOUTH

Jesus shows himself to be firmly in Israel’s prophetic tradition, a true son of Isaiah today, as he proclaims a similar message. Those who had been chosen as disciples could not presume that merely keeping physical proximity with Jesus or remaining in his company gave them any real claim to call themselves true disciples. As important as table fellowship is in Luke’s Gospel, even eating and drinking with Jesus does not guarantee an eventual seat at the table of God’s reign. Even being a “pureblood” (a descendant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob) doesn’t make your final destination a sure thing. How the world has placed you into its categories—first or last—just might get scrambled too. It is those who follow Jesus through the “narrow gate” of discipleship, truly abiding by his example who are sure to find themselves reclining at table in the kingdom.

## TODAY’S READINGS

Isaiah 66:18–21  
Psalm 117:1, 2  
Hebrews 12:5–7, 11–13  
Luke 13:22–30

Strive to enter through the narrow gate,  
for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter  
but will not be strong enough.

Luke 13:24



## 2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registrations are due by Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, for all children, grades 1 through 8. Since books and materials must be ordered ahead of time, we need your cooperation in this endeavor, **so please register now.** A copy of your child's Baptism certificate and First Communion (if applicable) are required for new students unless Sacraments were made at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Kearny, New Jersey.

Children will attend 9AM Sunday Mass followed by classes.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. It is for those men and women who have not been baptized, received First Communion or Confirmation in the Catholic Church. Its main purpose is to assist prospective Catholics in their journey to become active members of the church. RCIA is held at St. Cecilia Church, Kearny. Please call Fr. John Wassell at St. Cecilia Parish Center office at (201) 991-1116 for more information.

## 2023 MASS BOOK

Before we can open the 2023 Mass Book, there are many 7:30 AM weekday Masses still available for 2022. If you would like a Mass intention for a loved one, deceased or living, please call the Rectory office for an available date. Thank you for your support.

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

**Help us keep our records updated.** Are you a registered parishioner? Catholics often need to verify that they are registered and practicing members of a Parish Church when they are asked to serve as Godparents or Sponsors and at other times. If you are NOT receiving mail from us, it is an indication that you are not registered, even if you attend Mass at our Church regularly. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule or at the Rectory office. Forms can be dropped in the collection baskets or at the Rectory office. **Please inform us if you are moving, change of address, or no longer wish to receive our parish donation envelopes.**

## REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & SPONSORS

We receive requests for Sponsor letters for Baptism and Confirmation. The following are the requirements for godparents and sponsors: **only** those who are registered in our Church, attend Mass every Sunday and all holydays, those who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, and are either **single or married in the Catholic Church**, are eligible to act as godparents or sponsors.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

|                            |            |          |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> collection | 08/14/2022 | \$953.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> collection | 08/14/2022 | \$324.00 |

The second collection for Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup> is for the Continuing Support of the Parish.

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!**

## WORTHY TEACHERS

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and, most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with him in the cause of truth.

—St. Joseph Calasanz

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday

5:00 PM

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### Monday

7:30 AM

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### Wednesday

7:30 AM

### Thursday

7:30 AM

### Friday

7:30 AM

### Saturday

7:30 AM

### August 20

James Mooney

Req. Mary Mooney and Family

### August 21

Robert Wolenski

Req. Loretta Wolenski

### August 22

People of the Parish

### August 23

People of the Parish

### August 24

People of the Parish

### August 25

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### August 26

People of the Parish

### August 27

People of the Parish

## 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### August 27

Regina Harris

Req. Linda Reina

### August 28

Ronald Potts

Req. Irene Potts

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 21, 2022

### Altar Bread & Wine...

James Mooney / Mary Mooney & Family

### Sanctuary Lamp...

James Mooney / Mary Mooney & Family

### Altar Candles...

James Mooney / Mary Mooney & Family



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, 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.**

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