



# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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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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**When you hold a banquet,  
invite the poor, the crippled,  
the lame, the blind.**

Luke 14:13

## Twenty-second

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 28, 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

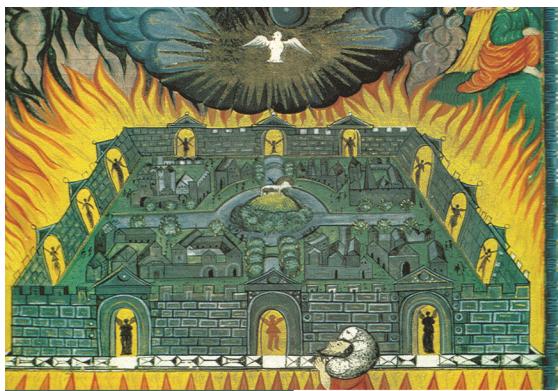
Women and men who feel called to the Religious Life and men called to the Holy Orders should contact the Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or speak with a parish priest.

#### 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.



You have approached Mount Zion  
and the city of the living God,  
the heavenly Jerusalem.

Hebrews 12:22

TWENTY-SECOND  
**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 28, 2022

### GROUNDED IN REALITY

If you look up the origins of the word “humility,” you will find that it is related to humus, dirt or earth. Gardeners and farmers know that it is a particularly rich kind of soil, composed by the decay of leaves and other organic material that has fallen on it. Too often we misunderstand it to mean not accepting compliments, relentlessly putting ourselves down, failing to accept our gifts in a positive way. None of this carries with it the meaning of being grounded in reality. Both our limits and our abilities, our grace and even our sin fall upon our lives to enrich us. In their different ways, Sirach and Jesus tell us to accept our lives, to be aware of who we are. Rather than presuming we deserve a higher-up place at the table, we ought to wait to be called to our rightful place, to be blessed with the joy of the righteous.

### WHAT HUMILITY IS NOT

It's easy to feel surrounded in our world. We have numerous technological means through which we can receive information (much of it put into circulation unfiltered). Ben Sira, author of the first reading, was in a similar situation: Israel was surrounded by much Greek philosophy and culture in addition to that of their Near-Eastern neighbors and their own. Hard to filter all that out and maintain their grounding in the covenant with God. However, Ben Sira manages to do that much-needed filtering for them, warning his students about pride (the sin of Eden). He promotes humility instead. It is an attitude of courtesy and respect to others, and not a mode of self-abasement. Rather, it refers to an awareness of one's role in the world, offering appropriate respect always, deference only when called for, arrogance never. The mercy of God comes from this humility.

### HOW TO BE HUMBLE

Ben Sira concludes that the ears listening to wisdom will rejoice. Jesus has such wisdom to offer today on the topic of humility. Those who hold position or riches would normally presume they were assured a good seat at the table. They are told “step back.” Instead, in the spirit of Ben Sira's lesson on humility, they ought to wait to be invited up. Those schooled in the writings of Ben Sira may have nodded in agreement. Jesus then rips up the etiquette book. Do not to invite family and friends to your table, Jesus says, but welcome those who have no status, those who cannot repay you. In this way, Jesus makes the poor and outcast the ones who actually are able to exalt the humble. Luke's world was as polytheistic and multicultural as Ben Sira's, with plenty of outsiders and unclean folks to go around. Welcome these first, Jesus says, quite literally turning the table on his listeners!

### TODAY'S READINGS

Sirach 3:17–18, 20, 28–29  
Psalm 68:4–5, 6–7, 10–11  
Hebrews 12:18–19, 22–24a  
Luke 14:1, 7–14

## 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.



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH  
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CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS AT 7 PM

Rev. John E. Wassell presents  
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September 12 Mary, Spouse of the Holy Spirit  
September 19 Mary's Humble Dependence on God  
September 26 Mary, the Virgin Mother  
October 3 Mary Joins Herself to Jesus  
October 10 Mary, Our Model of Spirituality  
October 17 Mary Leads Us to Obey Christ  
October 24 Mary, the New Eve  
October 31 Mary, Model of Faith  
November 7 Jesus Entrusts His Disciples to Mary

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**Please save the dates for our Annual St. Jude Novena!!! Invite your family and friends!!!**



The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is on Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM and at 7:00 PM.  
**Please join us!**

## LABOR DAY—SEPTEMBER 5, 2022

The Rectory office will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Labor Day. The office will open on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Collection      08/21/2022      \$884.00

The second collection for Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup> is to help pay our Church's higher Energy costs.

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

## Mass Intentions



<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 PM	<b>August 27</b> Regina Harris Req. Linda Reina
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>August 28</b> Ronald Potts Req. Irene Potts
<b>Monday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>August 29</b> Orazio Colamedici Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis
<b>Tuesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>August 30</b> People of the Parish
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>August 31</b> People of the Parish
<b>Thursday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>September 1</b> People of the Parish
<b>Friday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>September 2</b> People of the Parish
<b>Saturday</b> 7:30 AM	<b>September 3</b> People of the Parish

## 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

<b>Saturday</b> 5:00 PM	<b>September 3</b> Joaquim and Irene Miranda Req. Miranda Family
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 AM	<b>September 4</b> Carri-Lynn Primavera Req. Deacon John Sarnas

## MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022

**Altar Bread & Wine...**  
People of the Parish  
**Sanctuary Lamp...**  
People of the Parish  
**Altar Candles...**  
People of the Parish



  
The Lord is near to all who call on Him.  
Psalm 145:18

Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, especially Louis Calautti, 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.

## NO SURPRISES

We are told by all spiritual writers that one important point to bear in mind, as we seek to attain humility, is not to be surprised by our own faults and failures.

—François Fénelon, archbishop of Cambrai

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