



# 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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Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic  
Church, Kearny, NJ

November 27, 2022

FIRST SUNDAY

of  
*Advent*



You must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44

## 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.



They shall beat their swords into plowshares  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
one nation shall not raise the sword against another.

ISAIAH 2:4

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Have you ever been caught off guard? The first Sundays of Advent often have an ominous quality to them. Jesus reminds his listeners today about how many people who lived at the same time as Noah were caught off guard when the deluge came. Of course, we can end up being complete nervous wrecks if we spend each day in paranoia, looking for signs of impending doom. A healthy readiness is called for, one that keeps us alert so we can find signs of God's reign—soon to be made manifest in Jesus—around us. In the coming days of holiday sensate bombardment and hours that fill up with busyness, this readiness can also serve to keep us focused on the coming gift of the Messiah, God's Anointed. Now is the time to take stock, to evaluate life, to make changes where necessary, preparing for God's holy reign to come.

### ON EDGE

There are numerous photographs of people who sleep on mountainside ledges, who carelessly dangle their feet into the space of geological chasms, and of course there's the iconic photograph of workers eating their lunch on a beam of the under-construction Chrysler building in New York. Some people seem attracted to these precarious, stomach-churning locations; many of us are not. More of us have had the experience of beginning a new stage in life, with the excitement and occasional stomach-churning newness of a moment that can put us a bit on edge. Advent—its first couple of Sundays in particular—has a similar role in the passage of time that we call the liturgical year. It's unlikely that the First Sunday of Advent makes many stomachs churn, but perhaps more would if we truly took it seriously that we are to make ourselves ready for the coming of the reign of God at any moment.

### WALK IN THE LIGHT

When we encounter the daily news, it can seem as though Isaiah's prophecy of swords turned into plowshares is running in reverse, making despair seem wiser than hopefulness. This is where Advent as the brink of God's reign comes into play. Advent can be a time for each of us to de-weaponize, even in the smallest of ways, the world around us. Advent's days offer a chance to look for opportunities to make the world a bit more hopeful for others. As we head through Advent, the elevated focus we have when we are standing at those new moments, those new stages of life, can help us tune out the despair, so we might open our ears and hearts to Jesus. This way, we can turn our backs on gloom, and accept Isaiah's invitation to walk in the light of the Lord: Jesus Christ, the Word-made-Flesh!

**Today's Readings:** Is 2:1–5; Ps 122:1–2, 3–4, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9; Rom 13:11–14; Mt 24:37–44

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### 2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK

The 2023 Mass Intention Book is open. Please note that there are changes with the Mass book for 2023. Only 2 Sunday Masses will be permitted per ONE family. Holy days of obligation, St. Jude Novena, and the OLS feast will be available but limited to ONE Mass per family. The daily Masses will ONLY be available month to month. You may mail in your requests, include a telephone number so the office staff can reach you in the event the date you requested has been taken. The Masses will be put into the book in the order they are received. All Mass stipends are \$10. There will be no individual intentions for Easter, Christmas, Mother's or Father's Day, and All Souls Day. If you want to receive confirmation of your Mass requests, please include a stamped self-addressed envelope.



November 27, 2022



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, Gary Davitt, Meme Evans, Kathleen Fudali, Jay Harris, Ted Hirschi, Sue McLaren, 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.**

### CHRISTMAS WAFERS

The celebration of Christmas by American families is enriched spiritually when the time honored "Old Country" traditional customs are adopted. The father breaks the Christmas Wafer into pieces, which he shares with his wife and children as they sit around the table covered with a white cloth, under which there is straw, as a reminder of the Holy Child's Manger in Bethlehem. As the members share this "bread of peace and reconciliation" they wish one another happiness and joy for the Christmas Season and the New Year, mutually asking and receiving forgiveness for any hurts or offenses they may have been guilty of during the last twelve months. Wafers are available at the Rectory office. Kindly contact the Rectory office to arrange a time to pick up the wafers. Cost \$5.00.



### CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA MEMORIALS

Donations will be accepted toward the purchase of Christmas Poinsettias in memory of a loved one or special intention. These flowers will be placed on the Altars of the Church during the Christmas Season. The envelopes for the Christmas flowers are located on the table in the back of the Church. Please place it with your donation in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory office mail slot.



### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

#### Advent is a perfect time for Reconciliation.

It is a wonderful time to celebrate the reconciling love and the healing graces our Lord offers us. Please join us on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at St. Cecilia Church.

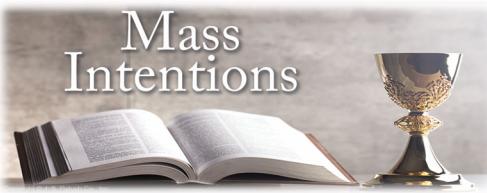
### ADULT CHRISTMAS CHOIR

You are invited to join our Christmas Choir as we prepare for the liturgical season of Christmas. Choir practice is held on Mondays, at 7:15PM in the choir loft. We hope to see you there!!!



### 2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November 27	Class
December 4	Class
December 11	Class



### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday

5:00 PM

#### November 26

Stephanie Gelcius

Req. Theresa Bilaitis

#### Sunday

9:00 AM

#### November 27

Richard Fudali and James Gelcius

Req. Kathleen Fudali

#### Monday

7:30 AM

#### November 28

Deceased Members of the Lunney Family & Deceased Members of FOSS

Req. FOSS

#### Tuesday

7:30 AM

#### November 29

Peter J. Aceti, Sr.

Req. Anthony Lore

#### Wednesday

7:30 AM

#### November 30

People of the Parish

#### Thursday

7:30 AM

#### December 1

People of the Parish

#### Friday

7:30 AM

#### December 2

People of the Parish

#### Saturday

7:30 AM

#### December 3

People of the Parish

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### Saturday

5:00 PM

#### December 3

Lee Zadroga

Req. Lore Family

#### Sunday

9:00 AM

#### December 4

Helen and Joseph Krakosky

Req. Gen & Al Mazur & Family

### MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2022



#### Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish

#### Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish

#### Altar Candles...

People of the Parish

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to the holiday production schedule, the collections for November 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> will appear in a later bulletin.

The second collection for Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> is for the Church's Higher Energy costs.

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

### THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

#### Holy day of Obligation

Thursday, December 8, 2022

Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM.

*There is no Vigil Mass on Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>.*

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