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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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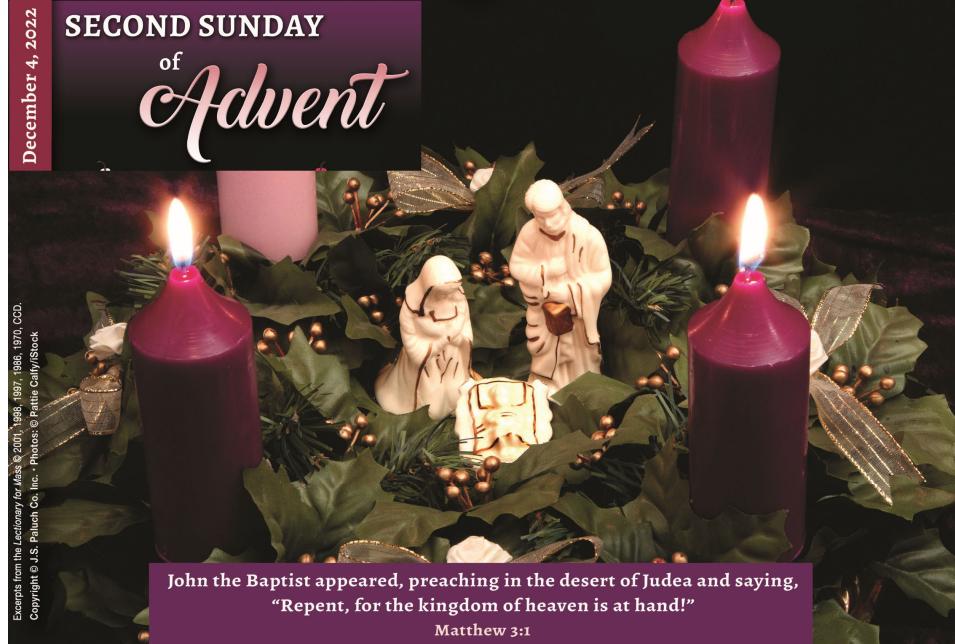
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Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic
Church, Kearny, NJ

December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY
of
Advent



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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!”
Matthew 3:1

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In our scripture translations, word choices matter. When today's first reading tells us that a "stump" will bring forth a new shoot, it's Isaiah's way of telling us that God's miraculous power is at work. Seeds bring forth shoots. Even buried roots can bring forth shoots. But a stump? When we look at a stump, essentially we are seeing the corpse of what used to be a tree. Mortal eyes look and see death, but divine eyes look and see new life. And what a life the Spirit of God will bring forth from this stump! A life filled with wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—the life that we name "Jesus." How fitting it is that we will also look upon the wood Calvary's cross—a tree of death—and behold that the Spirit of God has turned that tree into a Tree of Life!

NAME CALLING

We often change our tone of voice and vocabulary when we really want to get somebody's attention. Parents will add a middle name to indicate a child is in trouble (a middle *and* last name when the child is *really* in trouble). Change of tone and words invites attention, demanding a response. Today John the Baptist does a bit of name-calling: "You brood of vipers!" Even for someone like John, who regularly used potent vocabulary, this way of addressing the holy men—the Pharisees and Sadducees—this level of name-calling stands out. Snakes were commonly understood as a representation of evil, and a poisonous snake in the ancient world held the power of life and death, as the holy men thought they did. Instead of thinking about their own power, John tells them to produce good fruit. We still get ourselves in trouble today when we think that we truly hold any type of power over others, when it's a power that belongs only to God.

EMBRACING CHANGE

Words like John's might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—named in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out of fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

Today's Readings: Is 11:1–10; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17; Rom 15:4–9; Mt 3:1–12

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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 7th.



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CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING

The Cathedral Choir and Instrumental Ensemble under the direction of John J. Miller, Conductor, and Kristin Dabaghian, Organist, will present the Candlelight Carol Sing on:

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

&

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Performances begin at 8 PM

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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.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS REMEMBRANCE

Christmas Vigil and Day Masses will be offered for all individuals, living or deceased, whose names appear on the Christmas Mass Remembrance and Spiritual Bouquet envelopes. The suggested donation is \$5.00. The Spiritual Bouquet Christmas cards to present or send to family members and friends are available at the Rectory office. Please contact the Rectory office to arrange a time to pick up your Spiritual Bouquet Christmas card. All intentions will be placed on the altar during all Christmas Masses.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS
The Parish of Our Lady of Sorrows welcomes into our Faith Community

Mikaella Ann Daudin

who was baptized on
Sunday, November 13, 2022
"One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism"
- Ephesians 4:5



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

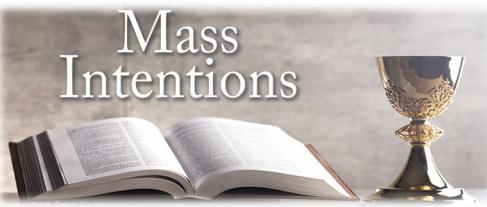
December 4	Class
December 11	Class
December 18	Class

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st collection	11/20/2022	\$884.00
2 nd collection	11/20/2022	\$533.00
1 st collection	11/27/2022	\$1169.00
2 nd collection	11/27/2022	\$356.00

The second collection for the weekend of 12/10 & 11 is for the Retirement Fund for the Religious.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!



Mass Intentions

Saturday	December 3
5:00 PM	Lee Zadroga Req. Lore Family
Sunday	December 4
9:00 AM	Helen and Joseph Krakosky Req. Gen & Al Mazur & Family
Monday	December 5
7:30 AM	People of the Parish
Tuesday	December 6
7:30 AM	People of the Parish
Wednesday	December 7
7:30 AM	All Deceased Religious Sisters & Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Thursday	December 8
7:30 AM	Albert Mackalonis Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis
12:00 PM	Robert V. Rokas Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas
7:00 PM	Repose of the Soul of Henry C. Faulk & Good Health for Jeanette Faulk & Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Friday	December 9
7:30 AM	Joseph Kuntz & Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS
Saturday	December 10
7:30 AM	Betty Manley & Deceased Members of FOSS Req. FOSS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday	December 10
5:00 PM	Mazur Family Req. Gen and Al Mazur
Sunday	December 11
9:00 AM	Richard Walingavich Req. Dolores Walingavich

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 4, 2022



Altar Bread & Wine...

Paul, John, Andy & Joseph Mazur
Req. Gen & Al Mazur & Family

Sanctuary Lamp...

Paul, John, Andy & Joseph Mazur
Req. Gen & Al Mazur & Family

Altar Candles...

Paul, John, Andy & Joseph Mazur
Req. Gen & Al Mazur & Family

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A mountain shames a molehill until they both are humbled by the stars.

-Old adage

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