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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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December 25, 2022 • Christmas

*Suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

*“Glory to
God
in the highest.”*

Luke 2:13-14

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

Welcome to Our Lady of Sorrows Church!

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY

The four Gospel portraits of Jesus take very different approaches to his origins. Mark has no record of Jesus' ancestry, except for his connection to John the Baptist. Matthew traces his genealogy back to Abraham; Luke even farther back, to Adam. The Gospel of John outdoes them all, tracing Jesus' origins back to the time before time, *before* the world was created! Jesus is the eternal Word of God. The Greek term for "Word" is *logos*, and it is a word with deep implications. The *logos* exists *before* creation, because all of creation came to be through the *logos* and, in turn, the *logos* will become the light of all it has created. This is what makes Christmas a season light and life. May our lives radiate this light, reflecting the life-giving Word-made-Flesh. Let our discipleship truly and fully make incarnate once again the Word-in-flesh whom we celebrate and adore: Jesus Christ, our Lord!

THE SEASON OF LIGHT

It is customary to celebrate Christmas with lights of all sorts. This even happens in the southern hemisphere, where people aren't experiencing the shorter, darker days of northern climates. From little twinkles on Christmas trees to the glow of candles in church, Christmas is a celebration of the light born today in God's Word-made-flesh. As with other types of lights, the Christ-light takes on different forms. Sometimes its light is direct, while at other times it is a reflection. The lights of Christmas, like Jesus the Light of the world, offer comfort, ease fears, show us the way, and help us to see that God is present here. While we believe that Jesus is the light that no darkness can overcome, it can seem at



times it seems as though the gloom around us is overcoming the light. We all are familiar with darkness's different forms that seem to bombard us daily, hourly—minute by minute, if we allow them to. And yet . . .

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

The relentless daily reports of darkness can easily lead us not to see the many glimmers of light around us. We who follow the Christ-light must always be on alert for signs of that light around us. Likewise, we who have that Christ-light in us must let it shine forth. No matter how little we think our light may be, we must recall that it is the light of Christ we bear within us. Like John the Baptist in today's

Gospel passage, we are meant to testify to the power of light, to help others see glimpses of God-with-us. Our actions must bear good news, they must announce glad tidings. Even small deeds of light can shine brightly, giving birth to Jesus once again each day. On Christmas day and every day we are called to be people of hope, messengers of peace who offer comfort and make God's glory known. Let the light of Christ in your life be one of the season's brightest!

Today's Readings: Is 52:7–10; Ps 98:1, 2–3, 3–4, 5–6; Heb 1:1–6; Jn 1:1–18

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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.



The Priests, Deacons, and Parish Staff
wish you and your family a blessed and

Merry Christmas!

*May you and your loved ones find joy and
fulfillment as surely did Joseph and Mary.
Glory to God in the highest and on earth
peace to people of goodwill.*

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.

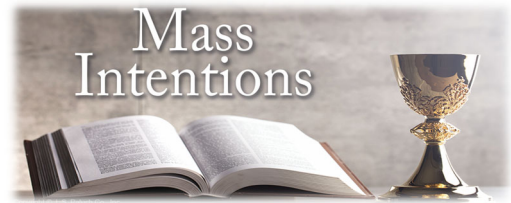
2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 25	No Class (Christmas)
January 1	No Class (New Year's Day)
January 8	Class
January 15	No Class (Martin Luther King)



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 **Maria Cunha, Gary Davitt, Meme Evans, Kathleen Fudali, Jay Harris, Ted Hirschi, Jaxson Rivera, June Struziensi, Irene Zarbetski, Sally Zuza**, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

May God grant them healing.



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

December 24

Spiritual Bouquets

December 25

Spiritual Bouquets

December 26

Victims of Shooting in Jersey City &
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

December 27

Patti Johnson &
Deceased Members of FOSS
Req. FOSS

December 28

People of the Parish

December 29

Nancy Kennedy
Req. Irene Potts

December 30

Anna Yuknelis
Req. Gen Mazur and Family

December 31

Kenneth Meyers
Req. June Ann Struziensi

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM

December 31

Eileen Ross
Req. Mary Mooney and Family

January 1, 2023

Repose of Soul of Harry Charles Faulk
Req. Elaine Faulk



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Altar Bread & Wine...

Charles McCullom / Wife, Diane

Sanctuary Lamp...

Charles McCullom / Wife, Diane

Altar Candles...

Charles McCullom / Wife, Diane

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

1 st collection	12/11/2022	\$910.00
2 nd collection	12/11/2022	\$342.00

There is no second collection for 1/1/2023.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.
—Henry Drummond

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