



# Our Lady of Sorrows Church

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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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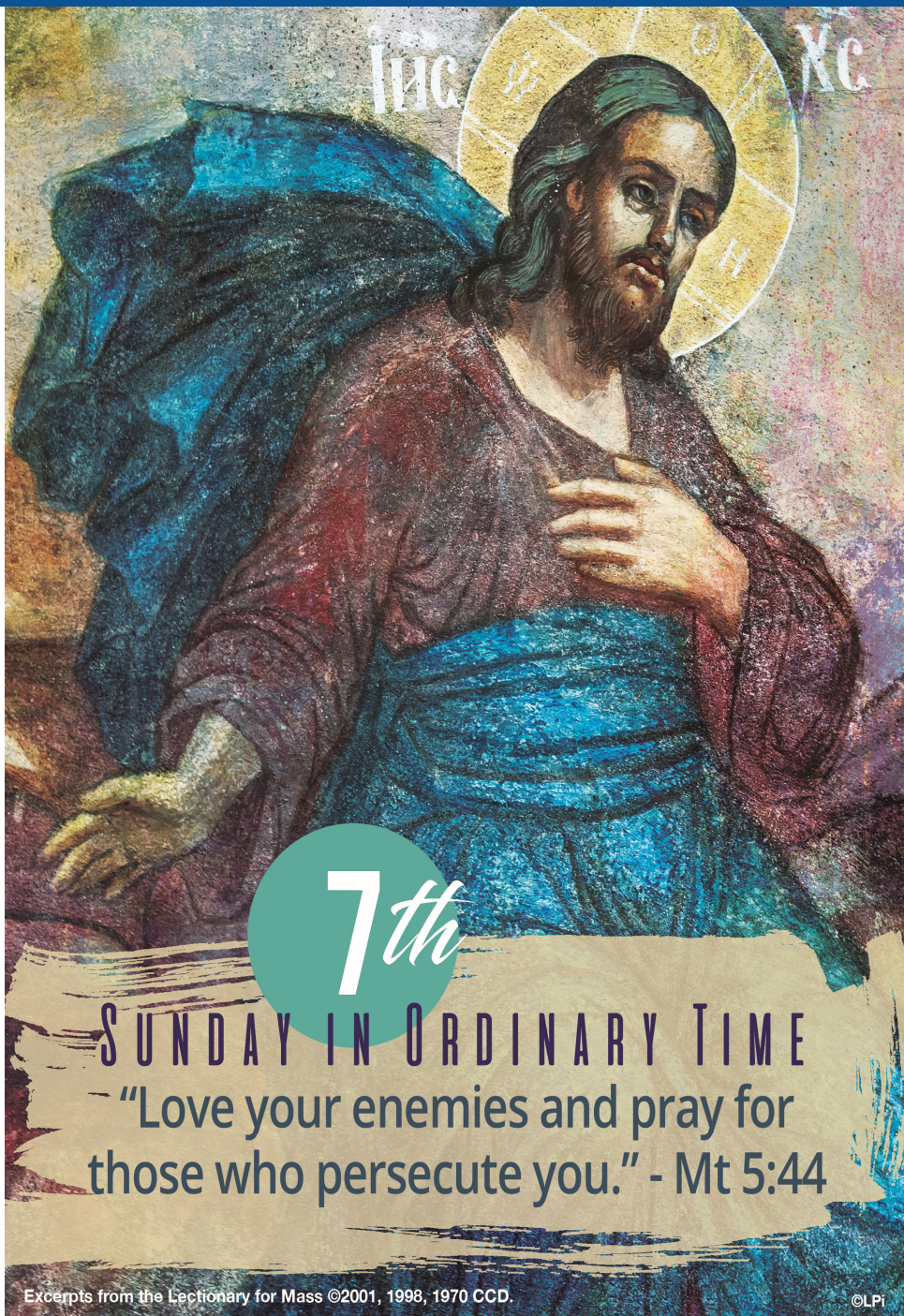
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## **OUR MISSION**

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.



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# Love with God's Love

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Of all the things Jesus says which seem totally bat-crazy, this one might take the cake: **“But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.”** An enemy is someone who desires the destruction of you, your projects, or those you care about. To love and pray for them is to want their health, strength, and flourishing. But if they thrive, they are more likely to hurt you and others. So, aren't you indirectly willing your own destruction, or that of your friends? If you doubt that this problem is embedded in this teaching, when was the last time you actually prayed honestly for the people you really hate?

How can we solve this riddle so we might actually live this command? Recall that enemy-love is the surest sign that you love someone with God's love, and not with indirect egotism. After all, if my love for my enemy ends up hurting me or my loved ones, it can't be for me. Enemy-love costs more because there are no tit-for-tats. No reciprocity — just loved poured out, and often pain in return. That's why it is so precious and rare. “What is unusual about that?” asks the Lord about love for our friends. Jesus wants us to experience the unusual love which only comes from him.

When Jesus was being killed on the cross, he was loving his executioners. In fact, he was holding them in being as they nailed him to the cross. He loved those who were spiritually piercing his Mother's heart, *while they were doing it*. And when he rose from the dead, he showed us that this kind of love is always worth it. It's stronger than death. Real love is unusual.

— *Father John Muir*

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## WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH!

### PARISH REGISTRATION

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.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK 2023 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both fast and abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. On a day of fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the

**First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.**

*\*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

## the 2023 Annual Appeal

The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun! . Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. Please make a gift online today by visiting [rcan.org/sharing](http://rcan.org/sharing).





February 22, 2023

**Celebration of Holy Mass:**  
7:30 AM, 12 Noon and 7:00 PM  
**Ashes will be distributed during Mass.**  
3:30 PM Ash Service

### Youth and Family Mass

Our Lady of Sorrows Church will host the Youth and Family Mass for Middle Grade and High School Students on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM. After Mass, we will go downstairs to eat and play games.

### Lenten Penance Service at St. Cecilia Church

Ash Wednesday is on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. St. Cecilia Church will host a Lenten Penance Service on Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Everyone is invited to have this opportunity to live the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Lent.

### Stations of the Cross

This traditional Lenten devotion will be prayed every Friday beginning on February 24th through March 31st, 6:30 PM at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Please join us.



You are invited to join our Parish Choir as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter Masses. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:15 PM in the Choir loft. Come join us!!!

*I will sing and make melody. Awake, my soul!*  
(Psalm 108:1)

### 2022-2023 Religious Education

|             |                                    |
|-------------|------------------------------------|
| February 19 | No Class (President's Day weekend) |
| February 26 | Class                              |
| March 5     | Class                              |
| March 12    | Class                              |

### Weekly Collections

|                            |                   |           |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Collection | February 12, 2023 | \$1246.00 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection | February 12, 2023 | \$ 414.00 |

There is no second collection for the weekend of February 25/26. You may drop the Easter Mass Remembrance envelopes in the regular collection basket.

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



### Saturday

5:00 PM

### February 18

Dennis Troy  
Req. JoAnn and Ashley Murray

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### February 19

Dolores Walingavich  
Req. Irene Potts

### Monday

7:30 AM

### February 20

Laura Newberry and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

### Tuesday

7:30 AM

### February 21

Mr. Rupero and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

### Wednesday

7:30 AM

### February 22 Ash Wednesday

Milton Campoverde and  
Deceased Members of FOSS  
Req. FOSS

12:00 PM

Kimberly Blakely  
Req. Andy and Pat Clappsy

3:30 PM

Ash Service

7:00 PM

Dolores Walingavich  
Req. Muldoon Family

### Thursday

7:30 AM

### February 23

Dolores Walingavich  
Req. Donna Calcado

### Friday

7:30 AM

### February 24

Dolores Walingavich  
Req. Chris Danzi

6:30 PM

Stations of the Cross

### Saturday

7:30 AM

### February 25

Special Intention for Alice Keogh  
Req. Ray and Linda Mackalonis

### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### February 25

William Gallacher  
Req. Andy and Pat Clappsy

### Sunday

9:00 AM

### February 26

Kimberly Blakely  
Req. Greg and Cathy Cierpial



### Memorials for the week of

### February 19, 2023

### Altar Bread & Wine...

Dolores Walingavich / Irene Potts

### Sanctuary Lamp...

Dolores Walingavich / Irene Potts

### Altar Candles...

Dolores Walingavich / Irene Potts



Rivera, June  
whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

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, Alice Keogh, Jaxson Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski**, and all those **May God grant them healing.**