



Our Lady of Sorrows

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MASSSES: *Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm; Sunday 8:00, 10:00 and 11:30 am
Monday-Friday 7:00 am and 12:00 pm; Saturday 8:30 am and 12:00 pm*

Penance: Confessions Saturday 12:45 pm – 2:00 pm or by appointment

Baptism: Contact Parish Office after the birth of your child to begin Baptismal preparation program

Ministry of the Sick: Call Parish Office for anointing of seriously or chronically ill for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and to arrange Communion calls

Marriages: Arrange at least one year in advance with a parish priest

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December 8, 2024
Second Sunday of Advent

A Message from Fr. Andrew

“In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas...”

Lists of who was the ruler of which regions, who was who, who did what, who the high priests were, etc., sounds like something we would read in history textbooks. If you are more of a math and science person and don't want anything to do with history, the beginning few lines of today's Gospel might make you yawn, like Fr. Brian's Daisy does, before taking her sweet little nap. Luke seems to be playing a journalist writing a news article, emphasizing the Five W's: who, what, when, where, and why.

That is precisely what Luke was doing! Luke emphasizes what happened during Jesus' lifetime in the history of the Holy Land to provide the historical context for Jesus' life. Doing so also adds credibility to the narrative and helps readers connect God's salvation story with real-life events. The Holy Spirit inspired Luke to write the Gospel so that the story of God's love for humanity could meet them as stories that were alive and happening in their lives right next to them.

There is always a temptation to see the salvation history revealed to us in the Sacred Scripture apart from our human history. However, our God, the creator of the world, visible and invisible, is also the creator of time. Our God isn't a creator who takes His hands off this visible world after creating everything. Nor does He tell us, "Alright, now it's all on you. I am going to take a vacation now." Just like what St. Luke in the Gospel teaches us, God, who was, is, and will be, works amidst our time. His work continues through our hands, using us as His instrument to expand His Kingdom here on earth.

Of course, we've seen a dark past, and not every part of our history is as bright as the star shining above Bethlehem. There are plenty of past examples of how humanity abused the gift of free will, ultimately going off the trail. That's why we need a savior and why God continues working in our lives! Without living according to God's will to bring us to light, darkness would overcome us, filling the world with violence, division, and destruction.

The history of salvation is not just a fairytale that has nothing to do with our present lives. God hasn't taken a day off since Adam and Eve fell. Not a single day off from working to bring humanity back to Him throughout times, both bright and dark, glorious and horrid. Just like He came to us as a newborn in a manger when the chosen people were enslaved, to teach us the true meaning of freedom: Freedom from slavery to sin.

Today, God wants to work using YOUR hands to spread the Good News. So, how can you and I say yes to Him this week? What are the ways to let God bring peace and justice today and let Him use us to prove to the world that He is in charge of our time?

Advent Blessings to you all!



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING OF
OUR PARISHIONERS**

November 24	Week 22	YTD
Collection	\$10,133	\$265,425
Budgeted	\$12,164	\$267,608

Second Collection – Music Ministry
\$3,307

Due to an early deadline, the numbers for 12/1/24 will be reported in the next bulletin.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Two reminders:

1. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a holy day of obligation.



2. The feast is not about Jesus' conception but Mary's (immaculate, not miraculous):

In 1854, with the Bull *Ineffabilis*, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception: "... *The Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from every stain of original sin is a doctrine revealed by God and, for this reason, must be firmly and constantly believed by all the faithful.*" www.ewtn.com

Since 12/8 is the Second Sunday of Advent this year, which takes liturgical precedence over the feast, the observance has been moved to Monday, **December 9th. We will have four Masses on Monday: 7am, 9:30am (School Mass), Noon and 7pm.**

Advent Adoration Evening

If you are a young adult between the ages of 20 and 35 seeking a way to make this Advent more meaningful, join Verso Cristo for an evening of Adoration, praise and reflection on 12/13 at 7pm in the church.

Provide Christmas Treats

In addition to their most needed items (olschurch.com/foodpantry), our Food Pantry is requesting "Christmas Treats" - cookies, tea and hot chocolate.



Please return items by 12/12 to the 4th St. entrance (lower church) between 9:30am and 4pm Monday-Friday or the church vestibule Saturdays and Sundays 8am-Noon.

Rice is nice, but cookies bring joy upon which you cannot put a price!

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Christmas Pageant Today!

Join us at 4:30pm today (12/8) in the church as the children of our parish help to prepare our hearts for Jesus through the annual Christmas pageant.

A pizza social will immediately follow in St. Joseph Hall - \$25 per family.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL 2024 WREATH SALE



Volunteers from the Home-School Association will be selling Wreaths and Grave Covers in front of the Church after Mass on the following Sundays:

DECEMBER 1ST - DECEMBER 8TH - DECEMBER 15TH

Small decorated wreath (24") \$25.00
Large decorated wreath (36") \$50.00
Small grave blanket /pillow (24"x24") \$25.00
Medium grave blanket /pillow - (24"x26") \$40.00

This year we are also taking orders!

Order online

<https://www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org/wreath-sale>

We will have a limited number of grave blankets so ordering early is encouraged in order to reserve!

Or contact Todd Leslie at taleslie@mac.com to place your order. You can pick up your wreaths the Sunday after you make your purchase or let us know if you need to make alternate arrangements.

CASH, CHECK OR CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR LADY OF SORROWS SCHOOL!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

Wreath Sale

"Shop local" and support our school!

No disrespect to Home Depot, but our wreaths are just as fresh and pretty, reasonably priced, and support a worthy cause: Our Lady of Sorrows School.

Volunteers will be outside after all Masses this Sunday and next (12/15). To order online: www.ourladyofsorrowsschool.org/wreath-sale





VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024

5:30 PM Michael Francis Houghton

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024

8:00 AM Marvin Pfannenstiel
10:00 AM Filomena and Ralph Ferrace
11:30 AM People of the Parish

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

7:00 AM Daniel Rahill
9:30 AM School Mass – Juan C. Rego Sr.
12:00 PM Marilyn Cucciniello
7:00 PM Eileen Catherine Finan-Corriere

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

7:00 AM Ruth Brauchli
12:00 PM John Palazzo

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

7:00 AM Gerard Civil
12:00 PM Bob Gawel

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

7:00 AM Michael S. Morawski – 23rd
Anniversary
12:00 PM Hilda and Carl Leamerre –
Special Intention

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

7:00 AM McDonnell, DiPrenda & Gautieri
Families
12:00 PM Donna Rainone –
Special Intention

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

8:30 AM Mary Deza
12:00 PM The Georges Family – Special
Intention

VIGIL, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

5:30 PM Jean Kubilus

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

8:00 AM DePaola, Deehan and Salvante
Families
10:00 AM People of the Parish
11:30 AM Manuel Fernandes

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Pray for the Departed



Let us remember those who have passed away recently at OLS.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

In Memoriam

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Candle in memory of a loved one for a special intention. If you would like to do so, please contact the parish office.



REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following in your prayers: Bill Aber, Rita Arena, Patricia Bee, Roy Bell, Daniel Callaghan, Julia Callaghan, Robert Charles, Bekim Colaku, John Colaku, Alice Cosack, Mark F. Davonski, Alan Droppa, Michael Elliot, Patricia Evanik, George Richmond Files Jr., Norma Gonzalez, Beth Hebron, Deborah Hebron, Mimi Hermann, Norma Hermann, Agnes Marshall, Elizabeth Mary, Patricia McDonnell, Neville Moore, Megan More, Kathleen Mullan, Kate Mullin, Melissa O'Brien, Ludgarda Rosa, Julian Sherman, Marie Somers, Elizabeth Stuart, Catherine Sullivan, Donna T., Mary Jane Tannen, Stephanie Windsor



Christmas Carol Sing and Living Nativity

Join us next Sunday (12/15) for our annual Carol Sing and Living Nativity. It is truly a highlight of the season and jewel in the crown of our Advent activities.

“Singing itself is almost like flying, rising up to God; it is in some way an anticipation of eternity when we will be able to unceasingly sing God’s praise.” – Pope Benedict XVI

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

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Please join Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Music Ministry for our annual Carol Sing and Living Nativity presented by the parish Youth Ministry. Our parish choirs will lead us into the Christmas Spirit with the Gramercy Brass Quintet, Harp, Flute and Kristin Johnson at the organ.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

4:00PM



Christmas Giving Tree Reminder

Gifts from our Christmas Giving Tree are due back **next Sunday, December 15th** in order to be delivered before Christmas. Please be sure to wrap the gift(s) with the recipient tag securely attached. Your generosity will bring great joy to many children who might not otherwise receive a gift.

Let us remember that the Christmas heart is a giving heart, a wide open heart that thinks of others first. – George Matthew Adams

Christmas Giving Tree 2024

2024 is a little different!

**Please select a tag
Choose Boy/Girl – Circle one
Write the age you are buying for on the tag
If you buy clothing write the size on the tag
Feel free to buy whatever you can donate, clothing, toys,
games or gift cards!**

You can bring holiday joy to underprivileged families in our area: Make generosity part of your Advent preparation for the Christ Child. **Over 250 children are in need** – please be as generous as possible!



Please select a request tag(s) from the trees in the church vestibule. **Fill out the tag with your gift information.** Deliver wrapped gifts, with tags securely taped to them, to the church vestibule by

December 15th no later than 12:30 pm

Though your generosity is greatly appreciated, timeliness is also key. Gifts cannot be delivered to the children if they are not on time.

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