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***MASSES:*** *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

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***February 13, 2022***  
***6th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

### *A Message from Fr. Rich*

As I was reading the Gospel passage for this Sunday, St. Luke's version of the Beatitudes and the Woes, the phrase "reversal of fortune" kept coming to mind. There was a movie made in 1990 titled with that phrase, "Reversal Of Fortune". It was a movie made from the book written by law professor, Alan Dershowitz, which recounted the story of the unexplained coma of the socialite, Sunny von Bulow, the subsequent murder trial( in which Claus von Bulow, her husband is found guilty of attempted murder) and the eventual acquittal of her husband Claus who had Dershowitz as his attorney for his appeal lawyer. Certainly a real life case of "reversal of fortune" for Claus.

The Beatitudes, which are the occasions of blessedness or joy in life, seem to be speaking of the same reversal concept: "Blessed are you who **are** poor..the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you that hunger **now**, you **will be** satisfied. Blessed are you that weep **now**, you **shall** laugh. But the message of the Beatitudes is a bit more nuanced than what it originally seems. Firstly, note that the **present** situation **will be** reversed. And the defining clue, that there is something more involved is specifically brought out by St. Luke. He follows the 4 Beatitudes with the 4 Woes, that correspond to the previous Beatitudes. These 4 Woes provide us with the impetus for our action. They are a consequence of our inaction.

"Woe to you that are rich...you have received your consolation. Woe to you that are full now, for you shall hunger. Woe to you that laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for so your fathers did to the false prophets."

A "woe" from Jesus lips is something that means utter damnation, destruction, obliteration. "The Son of Man will die, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man shall be betrayed. **For it were better for him, if that man had not been born**"(Mt. 26:24)

The Beatitudes are not something that will automatically reverse the present situation in the future. They are the commands of Our Lord given to us which are necessary for our living a moral life and are the means which will allow us to attain that holiness to which we are all called. They are not mere reversals of fortune. They are the Divine promises that we will attain when we shift our focus from the **present** world, to the world **to come**. But the shift in focus from the "present world" to the "world to come" must be made **now**. **That required shift in focus will be a "woe" ,if we don't do it NOW IN THIS LIFE!**

As the first Beatitude extols the poor, that is, the poverty that is an expression of one who has faith in God and a sign that one's heart is not satisfied with created things and aspires to God, so the first woe castigates the rich who lack poverty for God. They are those who strive to accumulate riches, who seek their happiness in these riches as their ultimate goal and aspire to the riches of this world without a future view to the kingdom of God. All the Beatitudes and all the woes have as their foundation poverty. The secret to blessedness and happiness in this life and for the life in the kingdom of God is based on true poverty. The poverty that consists in our longing to possess the only one thing that ultimately matters-possession of God.

God Bless  
Fr. Rich



**THE SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
OF OUR PARISHIONERS**

<b><u>January 30<sup>th</sup></u></b>	<b><u>Week 31</u></b>	<b><u>Y. to Date</u></b>
Collection	\$12,397	\$380,296
Budgeted	\$11,179	\$357,728

Candles \$406  
Food Pantry \$715  
Repairs and Maintenance \$655

***Thank you for your generosity!***

**Update from the OLS Food Pantry**

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken a tremendous toll on local families. We now provide bags of groceries to 400-450 families on our Saturday distribution dates.

Please help us keep our shelves stocked with basic grocery items including boxed milk (1qt, all types), hot/cold cereal (low sugar), pasta and sauce, peanut butter and jelly, beans (can/dry), canned tuna & chicken, rice (1lb bags, all types), canned fruit and vegetables.

**Food donations can be dropped off:**

- **Monday-Friday: 9:30-4:00 – 4th Street entrance (lower Church – buzz to be let in)**
- **Saturday: 8:00-6:00 – Church front vestibule**
- **Sunday: 8:00-12:00 – Church front vestibule**
- ***Please do not leave food at the Rectory.***

Monetary donations are also accepted by check (payable to 'OLS Food Pantry' and mailed to the church at 217 Prospect Street) or online at <https://olschurch.com/parish-giving/> Questions? Email [olspantry@gmail.com](mailto:olspantry@gmail.com) or call 973-370-0458.

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**Calling our Young Parishioners!**

The St. Cecilia Singers is our parish children's choir, which is open to young parishioners in grades 3-8. After a short pandemic pause following Christmas, we are resuming the choir this week, for our regular Thursday rehearsals. New children are needed to make the choir a success as we prepare for the Lenten and Easter seasons. A combination of singing and handbell playing makes the choir not only enjoyable but educational in learning musical skills as well as deepening their understanding of their Catholic faith through music. Please contact Preston Dibble at the parish office to register your child or for more information: [olsmusician@gmail.com](mailto:olsmusician@gmail.com)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Monday and Friday, from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, concluding with the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Please consider spending some quiet time in prayer before Our Lord in the exposed Eucharist. What the world, our nation, our Church, and our families need now more than ever is time spent with Jesus in quiet prayer. Honestly, can you think of any better way to use a few minutes of your Monday and Friday afternoons than with Our Lord in the peaceful quiet of our beautiful church?

**Stewardship Reflections**

*"Blessed are you when people hate you,...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man."*  
(LUKE 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

### Meet Our Staff

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### Electronic Parish Giving

Please consider making your offerings to our parish through our "Electronic Funds Transfer". This allows parishioners to make weekly/monthly donations to the parish that will be taken directly from your bank account or credit card account once a month. Electronic Parish Giving is easy and convenient with no additional cost to you as you support your parish. It can be accessed through our parish web site ([www.olschurch.com](http://www.olschurch.com)). You may still receive envelopes in the mail and if you wish you could turn them into the collection on Sunday and simply write "Parish Giving" on them. Please consider enrolling today as a way to enhance your personal stewardship to our parish. **If you begin to use Electronic Giving and do not wish to receive envelopes (which will save the parish money) please contact the parish office.**

### OLS SCOUTS BSA CORNER

Was 2022 supposed to be the year you got the kids into the outdoors?

ScoutsBSA Troop 99G can help you with that resolution! We go on outdoor camping trips and hikes every month.

Learn more at a zoom meeting for interested parents on Tuesday evening, February 15th.

We know that spending time in nature and in the natural light improves mood and reduces stress and depression. So does exercise.

ScoutsBSATroop 99 for girls ages 11 - 17 offers our girls a great opportunity for regular outdoor activity.

If you like this idea, please come to our interested parent zoom call on Feb 15.

Email [OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com](mailto:OLSScoutsBSA@gmail.com) for the link. We can't wait to tell you about our program!



### GET FORMED

For several years now, Our Lady of Sorrows has provided a free subscription to [FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org) to all of our parishioners. FORMED has wonderful resources for the whole family (including young children and teens!) to learn more about our Catholic faith. FORMED provides Bible studies, documentaries, talks and movies for people of all ages so that everyone may grow in their faith. If you have not already signed up for your free membership, follow these simple steps:

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2. Select your parish (using our zip code - 07079 - is easiest)
3. Register with your name and email address
4. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED at no cost at all.

# NO GREATER LOVE

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH  
CHRIST'S PASSION

## Dates – Times – Location

We will meet virtually by Zoom at 7:00 pm  
during the first 5 Wednesdays of Lent:  
March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6.

Discover more fully Christ's amazing love  
for you through this virtual small group  
video series. Every Wednesday, via Zoom,  
we will watch a 30 minute video and then  
we will break up into small groups to  
discuss the video.

## Cost – Registration

No cost! To register, email Fr. Brian:  
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If you can't make a particular Wednesday, no  
worry! Join us for the other Wednesdays!

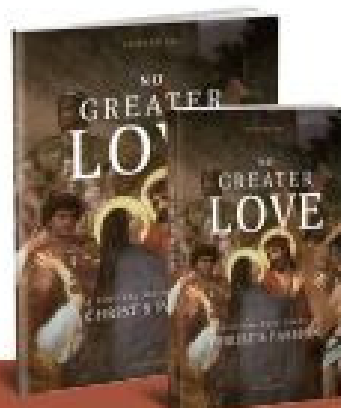
## For More Information

This Lent, follow Jesus to Calvary!  
We will meet every week for prayer, fellowship,  
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presented by Dr. Edward Sri, which was filmed on  
location in the Holy Land, so we can see the actual  
locations where Christ's passion occurred!

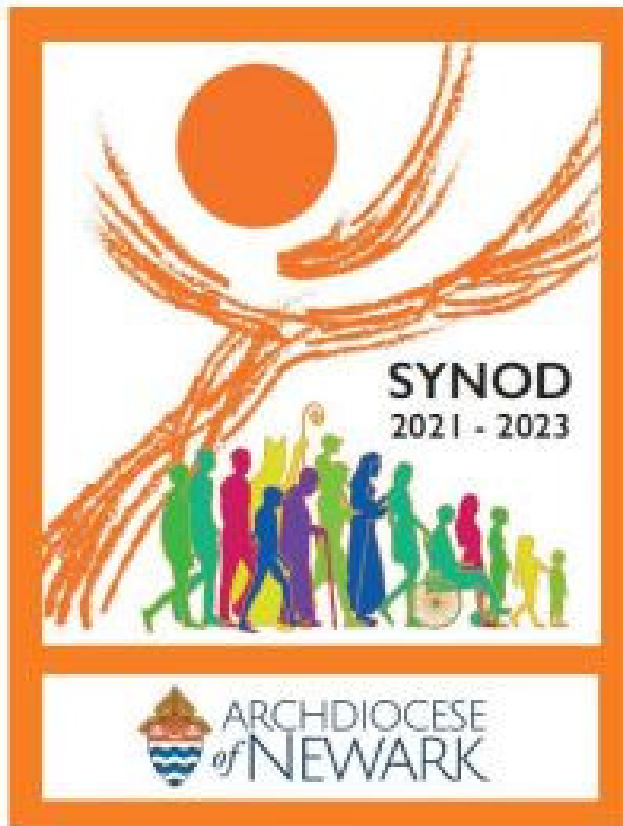
Thousands sought Jesus during his life.  
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## What will you do?

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. Best-selling author Edward Sri guides you through the last hours of Christ's life. You will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Every step of the way, Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you—and grow closer to Jesus.



Visit [ascensionpress.com](http://ascensionpress.com) to learn more!



## **Synod on Synodality Listening Sessions**

**Wednesday, February 2  
7:00 - 8:30pm**

**Sunday, February 13  
12:30 - 2:00 pm**

Phase 1 of the Synod on Synodality begins at the Parish level, where our parishioners are able to give feedback to the Archdiocese on topics including the Global Church, the Archdiocese of Newark, and local questions related to Our Lady of Sorrows.

This is your opportunity to add your thoughts and opinions to the topics facing the Church today. Results will be synthesized and presented at the upcoming Synod of Bishops in Rome in 2023.

**Please join us at one of the sessions listed above  
and let your voice be heard!**



**Walking together, inspired by the Holy Spirit**

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### **VIGIL, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022**

5:30 PM All Rosarians Living & Deceased

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Robert Novembre

11:30 AM Carrie Pfannenstiel

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

7:00 AM Doreen Miller – Special Intention

12:00 PM Angela Buch - 41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

7:00AM Kathy Kelleher

12:00 PM Anna Cupper

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

7:00 AM Henry Dul

12:00 PM Anthony Christopher Marsillo

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

7:00 AM Rush Limbaugh – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

12:00 PM Anthony Christopher Marsillo

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022**

7:00 AM George Blair

12:00 PM The Miles Family

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022**

8:30 AM The Brutofsky Family

12:00 AM Ernestine Holmok

### **VIGIL MASS FEBRUARY 19, 2022**

5:30 PM William M. Cody Sr.

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022**

8:00 AM People of the Parish

10:00 AM Bob Gawel

11:30 AM The Casagrande Family

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### **In Sympathy of**

Let us remember in our prayers those who have recently passed away here at OLS: ***Cecilio Lovelace and Maria Luisa Rubio***. We pray for the repose of their souls and also for those left behind during this time.

### **In Memoriam**

It is a loving gesture to donate the weekly Sanctuary Lamp in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Donations to support our wonderful Music Ministry are gratefully accepted. Donations are applied toward the purchase of printed choral music and for instrumentalists for holiday liturgies, concerts and other special occasions.

### **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Please remember to pray for the following in your prayers: Julia Callaghan, Angie Sena, Daniel Callaghan, Elizabeth Stuart, Marie Somers, Bill Aber, Neville Moore, Jane O'Donoghue, George Richmond Files Jr., Megan More, Ludgarda Rosa, Stephanie Windsor, Amy Dombrowski, Mark F. Davonski, Beth Hebron, Jennifer Bober, Melissa O'Brien, Rita Arena, John Colaku, Kate Mullin, Rosemary Muller, Norma Gonzalez, Agnes Marshall, Bekim Colaku, Kyle Reardon, Mary Jane Tannen, Catherine Sullivan and Robert Charles.





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