

MOTHER OF SORROWS PARISH



OUR MISSION STATEMENT
*We, the parishioners of Mother of Sorrows
Parish,
established in 1882,
Christ-centered and empowered by the Holy
Spirit, dedicate ourselves
to serve the needs of all by liturgical worship
and parish ministries.*

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 • THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

PARISH STAFF

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PARISH OFFICE

Hours:

Monday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

Wednesday: 10:00 AM — 2:00 PM

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SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM: A custodial parent or legal guardian must contact the parish office to request an Infant Baptism and to make arrangements for attending a baptismal class.

RECONCILIATION: Anytime by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Fridays at 5:00 PM, Saturdays until 3:00 PM.

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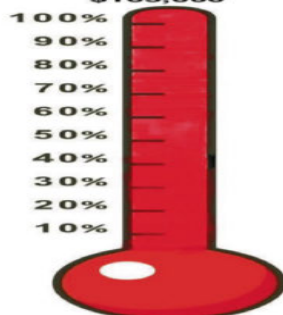
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:30 AM

Holy Days/Holidays: See schedule in bulletin.

Liturgical Minister Scheduling: Email motherofsorrowsscheduling@gmail.com

OTHER PARISH INFORMATION

REGISTRATION: If you are new or have not yet registered, please register in person or call during office hours. If you are moving, please notify the Parish Office as soon as possible.

WEEKLY VISITATION/COMMUNION: Homebound parishioners are encouraged to receive communion regularly.

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass due to illness, surgery, or other circumstances, & you would like to have a Eucharistic Minister bring Holy Communion to the home, please email carolk4mos@gmail.com to set up a convenient time. We will be happy to bring the Holy Eucharist to you on a temporary or regular basis.

CARD MINISTRY REQUESTS: To request a greeting card from the parish for significant life events, please email

MoScardministry@gmail.com with the recipient's name & address, reason for the card, & requestor's contact information.

ARTICLES FOR THE PARISH BULLETIN: Items should be emailed to dianeg4mos@gmail.com by 4:00 PM on the Friday which is nine days prior to the desired publication date.

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MASS READINGS

MONDAY, 9/15: Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

TUESDAY, 9/16: Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and

Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY, 9/17: St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church;

St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY, 9/18: Weekday

1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50

FRIDAY, 9/19: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY, 9/20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and

Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs

1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

SUNDAY, 9/21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/
Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13



Saturday, September 20 — 5:00 PM

Edna Sofchak (Carol & Ed Kamphuis)

Sunday, September 14 — 9:30 AM

Mass of Thanksgiving (Donna Thoreson)



Those who are sick and suffering

Brian & Karen Becker, Laura Camp, Kelly Jasko,
John Mazenec, Scott McDonough, Matt Leifer, Megan,
Becky Nadeau, Nancy Stohlman, & Pam Whitney

& for those who have passed away including

David Morehouse and Gary Olsen



Litany, Explained!

A litany is an ancient form of prayer incorporating repetitive refrains (often “hear our prayer” or “pray for us”). Litanies are used in a variety of liturgical settings and in both private and public acts of devotion.

The basis of the word “litany” comes from the Greek word for “supplication” or “petition.” In a litany, the leader will make an appeal or a statement and the congregation will make the response. Litanies can also be said by one person acting as both the leader and the respondent.

Many litanies have been written, including litanies to the Holy Name of Jesus, the Sacred Heart, the Most Precious Blood, litanies appealing to the intercession of various saints, and litanies to the Blessed Mother under her different titles. There are also litanies composed for the attainment of graces and virtues, including the Litany of Humility and the Litany of Trust.

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Your Parish Offering September 6-7, 2025

	In Pew	On-line	Total	Weekly Budget	Over/(Under)
Sunday Offering	\$836.00	\$367.45	1,203.45	1,859.00	(655.55)
Maintenance Fund	\$250.00	\$46.00	296.00	358.00	(62.00)
Facility Restor/Rep	\$53.00	\$108.25	161.25	578.00	(416.75)
Other	\$109.00	\$0.00	109.00	285.00	(176.00)
Total	\$1,248.00	\$521.70	1,769.70	3,080.00	(1,310.30)



GOSPEL MEDITATION:

September 14, 2025

**The Exaltation of
the Holy Cross
John 3:13-17**

One of my favorite movies is the 1991 comedy *What About Bob?* Bill Murray plays a troubled, paranoid hypochondriac named Bob Wiley who innocently but annoyingly hounds Dr. Leo Marvin, played by Richard Dreyfuss. Bob is paralyzed by his fear of, well, everything, and is convinced the psychologist can heal him. But Dr. Marvin's failed attempts to heal Bob end up driving the doctor to attempt to murder Bob. He fails. The surprise is that, having faced death head on, Bob is suddenly healed. He attributes his healing to Dr Marvin for break-through "death therapy." In facing the cause of his deepest illness and dysfunction, Bob is healed.

Underneath this light-hearted comedy is a dead-serious resonance with this week's feast: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Christ is lifted up on the cross to force us to face the truth of sin and death. In that reckoning we find healing. Like Moses' snake on a pole, the cross says: this is what is causing your sickness – rebellion, disobedience, sin. Look at it! Don't run from it. Now seeing it exposed, we see life. We see our physician mercifully healing us. In this sense, we are all like Bob Wiley. The "death therapy" of the cross is our only hope for healing.

This week I invite you to "exalt the cross." If you don't have one in your house, get one. Use it for prayer. Gaze on it frequently. It teaches us to not be afraid. It heals us.

— *Father John Muir*

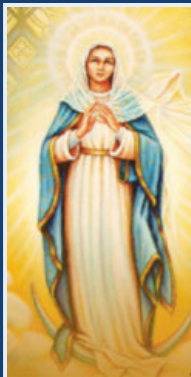
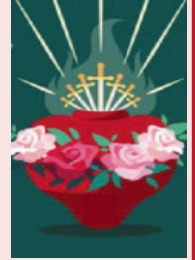
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Prayer of Love

Dear God,
Expand my heart in new
ways today,
to understand the love You
have for me,
to take that love deeply into
myself,
and to act from that love.
Amen. ©LPi

Please join us as we close our year of celebration, devotion and gratitude to our Mother of Sorrows when we pray together the **7 Sorrows Rosary** at 8:45AM prior to the 9:00 Mass on Wednesday, September 24. It is with great gratitude to Jesus through Mary, that Mother of Sorrows continues its mission. Please join us!



The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows

Celebrated on September 15, the feast commemorates the profound sorrows endured by the Virgin Mary in relation to her Son, Jesus Christ.

The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows honors the deep emotional suffering of Mary as she witnessed the Passion and death of Jesus. This feast emphasizes the close union of heart between Mary and her Son, reflecting on the sorrows she experienced throughout His life, particularly during His crucifixion. The day serves as a reminder of Mary's compassion and maternal love, inviting the faithful to reflect on their own sorrows and seek her intercession.

The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows began to develop around the 11th century, particularly in Mediterranean regions. The Servite Order, founded in 1233, played a significant role in promoting this devotion, establishing the feast on September 15. The feast was formally recognized as a universal celebration by the Catholic Church in 1814.

Devotions associated with Our Lady of Sorrows include the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows, the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows, and various prayers that reflect on her suffering. These practices encourage the faithful to meditate on the sorrows of Mary and seek her intercession in their own lives.

In summary, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows is a significant day in the liturgical calendar that invites reflection on the sorrows of Mary and her role in the salvation story, fostering a deeper connection between the faithful and the Mother of Christ.

Mother of Sorrows Parish Council will meet on Wednesday, September 24th. If you have any agenda items that you would like to Parish Council to consider, please send them to Carol Kamphuis at carolk4mos@gmail.com. All items must be received by September 17th to be added to the agenda.

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