



Our Lady of Sorrows

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LETTER FROM THE PASTOR



FR. MATTHEW OAKLAND

Pastor of Mary, Queen of Peace,
Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Joseph

In the Christian life, time is a beautiful gift and opportunity to know God's presence in our midst, to share in his life and mission, and make our way to eternal life with him. Time is filled with all sorts of blessings, gifts and graces. And it's not without its sorrows as well – though these can unite us more closely together, and to the Lord.

As those who have heard my homilies about saints know – I have lots of favorite saints. One of the school students the other day asked me which was my favorite church. The good news is there is much to be grateful for in the lives of our three communities – many favorite things, some in common, some unique. Thank you for the ways that you have brought life to our communities, shared the joy of the Gospel, been a witness to Jesus Christ, revealed his love, drawn people together, passed on the gift of faith, prayed and worshipped, as we cherish the time given to us and

strive to use it well. These are some of the stories we wish to share with you.

Time has its challenges as well with transitions, as with the last two years, but if we remain together with the Lord, great things await. May we remain always together with the Lord.

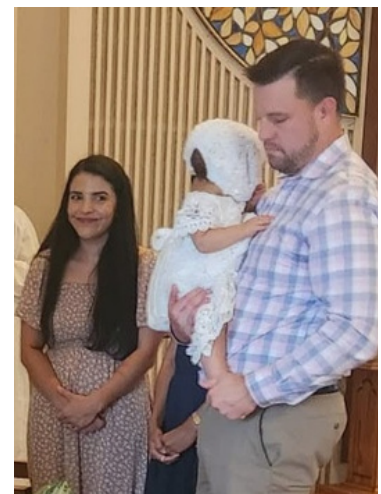
In Christ,
Fr. Matthew Oakland

LITURGY AND THE SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

"Celebrating Isabella Stelly Baptism at Our Lady of Sorrows was such a meaningful day for our family. She is the second of our children to be baptized at OLOS, and I'm so thankful to share another special milestone with the parish community."

Michelle Stelly



First Holy Communion



"Our Faith Formation Sacramental Prep children have been learning about the Stations of the Cross and preparing to present and host a Lenten Soup Supper.

Each child read a station, when we finished we had a heart to heart conversation and one student (Cadence Reilly) sorrowfully looked at me clearly heartbroken said "this is so sad, Jesus must have been in so much pain". Listening to the children, letting them ask the questions then watching their joy when they learned Jesus did this all for us because he loved us so and that He resurrected on the third day."

Tina Laguna, Faith Formation Coordinator



Profession of Faith

"For years, I felt pulled to Catholicism...and when I finally followed that path and committed to the process of OCIA, I felt nourished in such new, profound ways. Celebrating Mass is the core of that, but all of the support that our Church family offers - group rosary, mission talks, OCIA, and more - have helped to reveal the endless depth and beauty in the Mass and all of the Sacraments. I've had an opportunity to wrestle with struggles & questions alongside thoughtful teachers, gather up the rich traditions gifted to us by the Church, and continue discerning this path with a vibrant group of companions. Most of all, every bit of this process has helped me to see the friendship I have in Jesus and the camaraderie I have with my brothers & sisters in faith on this bumpy road of life!"

Kristin Haakenson



FAITH FORMATION

Vacation Bible Camp



"We emigrated from Mexico and arrived at Our Lady of Sorrows in 2024. After our first Mass, we read in the bulletin that OLOS welcomed everyone, no matter where they were on their faith journey. Through Faith Formation, we were invited to participate in parish events, including the Thanksgiving Dinner for Seniors, Las Posadas, the Christmas Choir, Stations of the Cross, All Saints' Day, and Holy Hours. We first attended coffee hour and later felt called to serve. Through service, we found belonging. Tina Laguna has enriched our family's faith and encourages us to celebrate with joy.



What has touched us most is the spirit of faith, friendship, and generosity that fills this parish. Through the dedication of pastors, staff, volunteers, and fellow parishioners, we have experienced God's love in tangible ways. Every smile, conversation, and act of service has helped us feel truly at home." *Ibarra Balderas Family*

PARISH EVENTS

Las Posadas



Thanksgiving Dinner



International Festival



OUTREACH



Over the past year, the Our Lady of Sorrows Outreach Program advanced its mission of service through several key initiatives. The Hands of Hope Sandwiches program provided over 720 meals to residents of Reclaim Stability. In partnership with the Young Adults group, the program reinstated Joy Filled Stockings for a local nursing home and conducted a successful Hygiene Drive supplying kits to area charities. The program also hosted a baby shower supplying newborn needs through the Prepares Program, and monthly Food Drives collected over 2,000 pounds of food. More volunteers are always needed to sustain these efforts!

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

It is only because of the generosity of our parishioners in sharing their time, talents and treasure that the work and ministry of Jesus Christ continues.

Total collections, the primary source of income for the parish, were slightly higher from last year. Due to parishioner generosity, we received a rebate of \$9,301 from the Archdiocese Annual Catholic Appeal. The rebate was spent on an AED machine and new candlesticks for the altar which will arrive later this fall.

The largest change in income and expenses was due to the groundwater intrusion as the floodwaters receded, damaging the church basement classrooms and storage areas in December. The insurance claim payout of \$98,875 to cover repairs was supplemented by a \$5,000 Archdiocese grant to cover the deductible. The repair expenses paid as of 6/30/26 total \$86,652. The building renovations are well underway and will be completed in FY26-27. An additional capital improvement was the \$19,722 replacement of the office roof and gutters in November.

Our staff was increased by the hiring of a part-time bookkeeper, eliminating the higher cost of a contracted bookkeeping service, while improving our financial transparency and access to accounting data. Clergy and priest-assistant payroll were moved from Salaries to Family Shared Services.

While OLOS saved money under the original cost-share plan for clergy-related expenses, as we begin to share more staffing costs in FY26-27 with the eventual hiring of a Director of Operations and Director of Facility to serve the Family, OLOS will return to operating in the red, absent an increase in donations or other income, and/or further expense reductions.

For full financials, or with any questions, please email Elaine at bookkeeper@olos.org. Thank you for your gifts, past, present, and future, which build up our community and continue our mission.

Abbreviated Balance Sheet					
	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2024	6/30/2025	6/30/2026
ASSETS					
Cash and Receivables	197,677	195,509	147,881	872,351	934,378
Fixed Assets:Buildingsand Renovations	1,756,141	1,756,141	1,771,841	1,406,141	1,512,514
TOTAL ASSETS	1,953,818	1,951,650	1,919,722	2,278,492	2,446,892
LIABIITIES AND EQUITY					
Liabilities					
FacilityMaintenance	-	-	-	9,692	41,662
Custodials: KofC, Fil-Am, outside collectns	11,207	13,943	7,429	10,641	11,270
Accounts Payable and Other	1,838	8,769	20,927	6,188	13,386
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Total Liabilities	61,521	68,324	70,138	65,359	101,855
Total Equity	1,892,297	1,883,326	1,849,584	2,213,133	2,345,037
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Abbreviated Income Statement						
	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26 Budget	2025-26	2026-27 Budget
<i>Italics are largest current components</i>						
INCOME						
Collections (Sunday, Holy Day, Online, at Mass)	320,092	351,068	345,360	334,960	345,934	347,400
Annual Catholic Appeal Refund	1,868	100	4,673	4,000	9,301	4,200
Called toServe asChrist Rebate	6,876	1,329	77		44	
Fees (Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep)	4,868	3,578	2,873	2,750	3,516	4,000
Restricted Donations (realized facilities gifts)	11,257	14,714	700			
Other Revenue	28,770	10,818	21,375	40,250	129,030	39,500
Shared Services (Family 28 as of FY25)	33,047	30,192	350	300		
Property Sale Gain			339,250			
TOTAL REVENUE	406,778	411,799	714,658	382,260	487,825	395,100
EXPENSES						
Salaries	185,608	185,728	138,377	113,454	111,339	117,079
Benefits	81,171	62,219	17,325	26,500	33,389	40,615
Operating Supplies	21,454	25,510	12,905	31,450	29,571	25,100
Program Expenses	1,631	4,420	1,416	2,750	4,519	4,200
Subsidy for St. Joseph Students	12,000	6,000	5,000	5,000	4,000	4,000
Repairs/Maintenance Parish	17,097	27,374	17,646	20,000	5,960	18,000
Contracted Services (Insurance, Bookkeeping)	24,448	63,619	48,096	52,850	48,410	28,000
Family Expenses (Priests and shared staff, Rectorry)			42,504	45,000	47,051	91,460
Business Expenses (Outreach, Bank Charges)	13,329	5,864	5,947	7,550	8,357	8,600
Utilities (Electricity, Water, Gas, Tech Support)	28,431	28,758	37,812	32,000	31,814	32,300
Events and Appreciation	3,734	4,402	230	6,550	1,000	3,650
Assessments (Archdiocese, ACA shortfalls)	26,846	30,376	30,412	31,871	31,505	27,423
<i>Prior Period Adjustments</i>			(6,462)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	415,749	44,270	351,208	374,975	356,915	400,427
Net Operating Revenue/(Loss)	(8,971)	(32,471)	363,450	7,285	130,910	(5,327)
Capital Expenses on the Balance Sheet Net	-	15,699	-		106,374	
Operating and Capital Revenue/(Loss)	(8,971)	(48,170)	363,450	7,285	24,536	(5,327)

ONE PARISH FAMILY, ONE MISSION

On July 1, 2024, the three local parishes – Mary, Queen of Peace in Sammamish, St. Joseph in Issaquah, and Our Lady of Sorrows in Snoqualmie, were merged into a single Parish Family. This shift is a part of an archdiocesan wide effort to orient our parishes more fully to carrying out the mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ, and making sure each parish has the resources necessary to do so. While the parishes are currently still separate entities, we have embarked on a three-year journey of discernment which will culminate in becoming one single parish community.



Every parish should have the full spectrum of ministries, with ample staff and volunteers to support the work of God, whether in the Mass, in faith formation or sacramental preparation, fostering our community life, or serving those in need. While there are many things that each of our parishes are doing well, there are also things we could be doing better, and some which just aren't happening, as at times our limitations shape and define our mission.

There are a number of challenges that we face, including the number of priests, as well as priests capable of being pastors and leading communities. Going from three priests to just two has been difficult – on the people, as well as the priests. It's important to have enough people in general to field the necessary volunteers to support the various ministries, so things don't rely on just a few. A sufficient income is necessary to support growing ministry, healthy staffing, as well as building maintenance and facility needs. We want to be sure that we can be prudent stewards of our resources, and they are serving our mission.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Jesus' final words to his disciples was to send them on mission, to share the Good News, to help others come to know him, and the gift of salvation. There are about 170,000 people who live within our Parish Family boundaries, and about 1.2% go to Sunday Mass. We have some work to do!

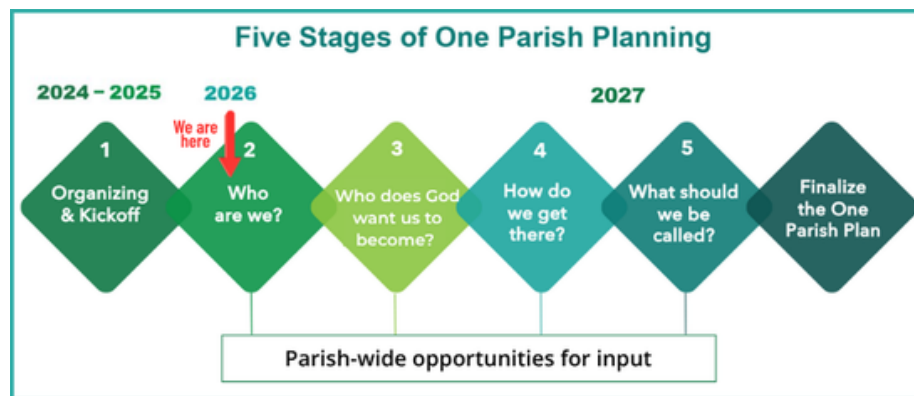


PARISH FAMILY

	Mary Queen of Peace		Our Lady of Sorrows		St. Joseph	
	2024-25	2025-26	2024-25	2025-26	2024-25	2025-26
Sacraments						
Infant Baptism	22	12	6	6	13	15
1st Communion	42	43	19	21	39	24
Confirmations	39	63	11	2	20	4
OCIA (Becoming Catholic) Marriages	8	22	2	2	13	18
Funerals	5	4	1	2	1	6
	10	14	9	6	18	9
People						
Total Weekly Masses	8	8	3	3	6	6
Sunday Mass Count - Fall	1,024	1,046	278	284	692	676
Sunday Mass Count - Spring	1,142	1,130	279	285	722	700
Money						
Parish Ordinary Inc	1,474,036	1,413,628	345,713	345,934	1,047,650	1,027,552

**In 2025-26 the youth and adult Confirmation programs were combined and all celebrated at MQP*

The three parish staffs continue to connect for calendaring meetings and department collaborations (we shifted to a single bulletin this year in Advent, and faith formation and sacramental preparation continue to support one another, and sometimes share ministry). This year saw the first all Pastoral and Finance Councils meeting as Fr. Oakland shared with them some of the demographics and numbers that would later be shared with the wider community, but also have an opportunity for them just to start engaging with one another. The Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul are also having some shared gatherings. Several of our celebrations became Family oriented for Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Joseph and Simbang Gabi at Mary, Queen of Peace.



Fr. Oakland launched the Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC) in January, which will play an important role in helping him engage with the community and discern where God is calling us together. We began Phase 2 of this process, which asks "Who are we?" The future flows from today. So we carried out a survey of gifts and charisms, which 132 people participated in. The Archdiocese provided some demographics, and local parish data was compiled and shared with the community. The final part of this phase would be six Listening Sessions, which would happen in the new fiscal year. 125 people gathered to reflect on the challenges within our wider community, the challenges in our parishes, and the opportunities in our midst. In 2026-27 we will undertake Phase 3, focusing on "Who does God want us to become?", and begin Phase 4 - "How do we get there."