



OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:00pm
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Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Monday-Saturday): 9:00am
Saturday Vigil: 5:15pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am*, 11:00am, 12:30pm *Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)

Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Saturday: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Agustin Meneses, *Deacon*

Gordon D. Mansell, M. Mus, *Music Director*

Ministries and Groups

Alpha • Altar Servers • Altar Society • Bible Study • Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion • Garden Buddies • Knitters Circle • Lectors • Liturgy of the Word with Children • Ministers of Hospitality • Music Ministry • Religious Education for Children • Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) • Sacramental Preparation • Social Committee Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Call the office for info on:

Sacrament of Baptism

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)
This program is for adults interested in joining the Catholic Church.

Sacrament of Marriage

Parishioners must be registered and regularly attending Mass. Please contact us one year prior to your requested wedding date.

Pastoral References

You must be a registered parishioner, attending Sunday Mass regularly, participating in the sacramental and pastoral life of the Church community, be serving in a parish ministry (e.g. lector, catechist) on an on going basis, and be in good canonical standing within the Church.

Our Lady of Sorrows School

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Mercy and Faith

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Easter help us reflect on the unlimited mercy of God. In today's Gospel, Jesus shows mercy to Thomas, even in his doubts.

After the crucifixion of Jesus, the disciples were afraid that they would be arrested and put to death, just like their leader. But then, Jesus appears to them and says, "Peace be with you." Jesus forgives his disciples for abandoning him during his crucifixion. He does not hold their fear or doubt against them. Instead, he offers them peace and forgiveness.

When Jesus appears to Thomas, he tells him "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Like Thomas, we may struggle with doubt and uncertainty -- but through faith and trust in Jesus, we can experience the peace and joy that comes from knowing the risen Christ.

Reflection Questions:

- *How can I overcome my own doubts about my faith and deepen my trust in God's mercy?*
- *What can I do to support and encourage others who are struggling in their faith?*
- *How can I extend God's mercy to others in my life? Is there someone in my life I need to forgive or show compassion to?*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Baptisms - Next Sunday, April 23 at the 12:30pm



Mass we welcome Daniel, Dario, Fabio and Issa into the Catholic faith. Please pray for the new members of our parish community and their families.

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We invite you for **Adoration & Confessions** on Monday evenings from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the church.



Liturgy of the Word with Children

Our young parishioners, ages 4 to 10, are invited to participate in our *Liturgy of the Word with Children* every Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass.



Congratulations on your upcoming First Holy Communion!

On Sunday April 23 at 3pm, we welcome our First Communicants and their families as they celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

We also like to thank all the parents and catechists who prepared the candidates to celebrate their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

ShareLife: An invitation to give



We raised \$1,130.35 for ShareLife at the Tenebrae Service. Our current ShareLife total is \$185,444.20 which is 42% of our parish goal of \$440,000.

Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online at www.sorrows.ca. Thank you for your generosity.

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An easy alternative to cash, simply tap the pre-set giving amounts on the display for votive candles & Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box with your debit card, credit card, Apple Pay or Google Pay. Tap giving not receiptable.



We thank everyone who participated in our Holy Week liturgies and those who made them possible: visiting priests, parish staff and ministries.



Volunteers Weave Us Together

This week has been designated Volunteer Appreciation Week by the Archdiocese. At OLS, we are very appreciative of our many wonderful volunteers! Whether you serve in a ministry or work behind the scenes: Thank you for sharing your time and talents and serving our faith community!!

Next Bible Study

Follow Me:

Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John

Begins Saturday, April 22,
10:00 am to 11:30 am
OLS Parish Hall



Following Christ takes more than simply believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer - He wants you to be His disciple and friend. Join us for our next Bible Study entitled *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John* - your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. Cost: \$40.00. Email ministry01@sorrows.ca for inquiries or to register.

Bloor St West Lane Reductions - Proposed road changes by the City of Toronto are being planned on Bloor Street West that will impact traffic flow in front of OLS Church and access to the church for Masses, Weddings, Funerals and other events. One motor vehicle lane will be removed in each direction on Bloor St West and cycle tracks will be created, with physical separation on both sides. Visit the www.toronto.ca/BloorWest for more details and to complete the online feedback form by April 27th.

TOTUS TUUS SUMMER CAMP

JULY 10* - 14, 2023

Totus Tuus is returning to OLS! We are excited to be hosting a week-long summer camp for children and teens this July.

What's it all about?

Totus Tuus is Latin for "Totally Yours". Totus Tuus teams are college-age teachers who are trained to help young people grow in their understanding of their faith and spend their summer visiting parishes in the Archdiocese. They will be supported by other leaders and volunteers from OLS.

Who can attend?

> **For Children starting grades 1 to 6 in September:** Day Program

The day program will run from Monday, July 10 to Friday, July 14, from 8:45 am to 2:30pm. Registration fee is \$125 (Family discount of \$100 for subsequent siblings) for the week (includes lunch, snacks and camp t-shirt).

> **For Teens entering grades 7 to 12 in September:** Evening Program

The evening program will run from Sunday, July 9 to Thursday, July 13, from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Registration fee is \$25 (includes refreshments and camp t-shirt).

> **Teens in High School can also apply to volunteer for the Day Camp**

How to sign up

To register, volunteer, or for any questions, please email: totustuus@sorrows.ca.

Regional Mass of Welcome

Parishioners are invited to attend a Regional Mass of Welcome for Archbishop Francis Leo taking place in the Western Region on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at St. Francis Xavier Parish, Mississauga at 7pm. A reception will follow Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Call 905-890-5290 for more information.



Come Follow Me



"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Will you respond to God's call to be sent as priest, deacon, sister or brother? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997. Email vocations@archtoronto.org or visit www.vocationstoronto.ca.

A Weekend for Couples in Struggling Marriages

Toronto Retrouvaille invites couples in struggling marriages for a weekend on April 21 to April 23 at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Center in Mississauga.

Retrouvaille is for couples whose marriage needs a tune up or even a major overhaul. It is an effective program that has worked for thousands of couples. It is Catholic in origin and outlook but open to people of all faiths. It begins with a weekend experience and continues with a series of follow up sessions. For inquiries and to register call 437-234-5610 or visit www.torontoretrouvaille.com.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

April 17 to April 23

Mon. †Philip Anthony by Family

Tues. †Marguerite Doran by OLS Rosary Group

Wed. †Frank Kielty by Ursula Matthews

Thurs. †Bob Sutherland by Cathy Sbrolla

Fri. †Lucy Fernandez by Manion Family

Sat. †Marie Shannon by Ursula Matthews

Sat. 5:15pm Parish Intentions

Sun. 8am †Theresa Fudurich by Brian Nixon

9:30am †Maureen, +John & +Philip Keane by Gery Simpson

11:00am †Vincenzo Assalone by Angie Assalone

12:30pm †Erminio Corlevic by Family

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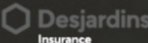
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