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## Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Monday to Saturday): 9:00 am  
Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm  
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am\*, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm  
\*Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)  
Rosary is prayed Monday to Saturday at 8:25 am

## Adoration

Mondays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

## Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm  
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
By appointment - call the parish office

April 6, 2025

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*  
Angelica Chacon, *Family Life Minister*  
Gordon D. Mansell, M. Mus, *Music Director*

Call the office for info on:

**Sacrament of Baptism** - Families must be registered, regularly attending Mass, supporting the good works of the church and involved in parish life. Parents are invited to attend a baptism preparation session every third week of the month.

**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.

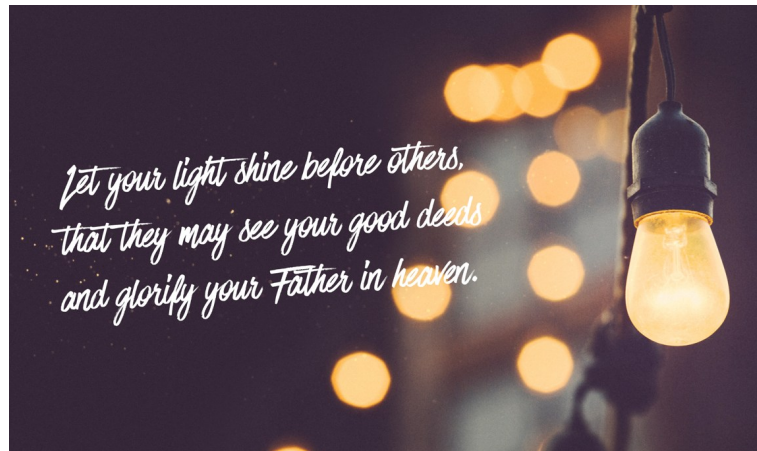
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## Fifth Sunday of Lent



This Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass, the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) celebrates the Third Scrutiny.

The Elect - those who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Communion - will reflect on the resurrection through the Gospel of John in his account of the raising of Lazarus. As they continue to grow in their faith and love for God, we ask for your continued prayers as they enter their final two weeks of preparation, seeking full initiation at the Easter Vigil.

We are invited to recognize Christ who is the source and resurrection and to live as those already reborn in the here and now.

Reflection Questions:

- *What must die in me so that Christ's new life may take root?*
- *What dreams and hopes are yet to be made known to me while I still sit in my sorrow and grief?*

## ShareLife

Thus far we have raised \$52,879.50. Thank you for your continued support to ShareLife. Donation envelopes are available at the church entrance or go to [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate)

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Palm Sunday\***

April 12 – 5:15 pm (Vigil Mass)

April 13 – 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

**Monday to Wednesday – April 14 to April 16**

9:00 am Mass

**Holy Thursday – April 17**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** at 7:30 pm

Everyone is invited to bring bells to ring during the Gloria. Altar of Repose in the parish hall from 8:30 pm to midnight

**Good Friday – April 18**

**Stations of the Cross** – 9:00 am and 7:30 pm

**Celebrations of the Lord's Passion**

12:00 pm, 3:00 pm, and 5:00 pm

The church will be open for private prayer until 8:00 pm

**Holy Saturday – April 19**

**Blessing of Easter Food** at 11:00 am

**Easter Vigil** at 8:00 pm

No 9:00 am & 5:15 pm Mass; No Confessions

Everyone is invited to bring bells to ring during the Gloria

**Easter Sunday – April 20\***

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

\*Children at the 9:30 am Mass are asked to remain with their families - there will be no Liturgy of the Word with Children.

*Additional seating available in the parish hall during Holy Week.*

**Stations of the Cross**

Friday, April 11 at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm.

**Your Guide to a Meaningful Lent**

Visit [bit.ly/3RfNQ62](http://bit.ly/3RfNQ62) for resources to support your growth in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent.

**Praying the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady:  
A Special Prayer for Children**

Thursday, April 8 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church.

For information, contact [familylife@sorrows.ca](mailto:familylife@sorrows.ca).



**Tenebrae Service – Tuesday, April 15  
at 7:30 pm in the church**

**Blessing of Easter Food**

**April 19, 11:00 am in the church**

In Eastern European tradition, all are invited to have their special foods blessed for the first meal of Easter. This marks the end of fasting and the beginning of the celebration of our Lord Jesus Christ's Resurrection. The foods are carefully chosen to symbolize various aspects of the Resurrection.



**Phone Ministry for Homebound Parishioners**

This pilot ministry will support those who are elderly, isolated, or unable to attend Mass. Volunteers will offer companionship and encouragement through phone calls, ensuring that no parishioner feels forgotten. If you know someone who could benefit from this ministry, please contact the parish office. Privacy will be respected. Together, let's bring the Church to those who need it most.

**Spring Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke  
April 26 to June 21, 10:00 am — 11:30 am**



Every Saturday in the parish hall, spanning 8 weeks (no session May 17). Cost: \$45, includes the workbook. To register, email Susy/Jennifer at [ministry1@sorrows.ca](mailto:ministry1@sorrows.ca)

Explore how Jesus fulfills Old Testament prophecies and how God's faithfulness guides us today.

**Spirit of Welcome**



Leading up to Easter, our church will welcome more people on Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Masses. We invite you to share your spirit of welcome to all by making room in the pews and consider carpooling with family or walking to church.

## FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

### Couples Night: Faith & Fitness with Fr. Paul Friday, April 25, 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm in parish hall

Are you dating, engaged, or married? This evening combines faith, fitness, and health to strengthen your well-being as a couple. Enjoy a delicious dinner and fun activities designed to inspire connection and a healthy lifestyle.

*Dress Code:* Sports gear. *Cost:* \$75 per couple. Tickets available at the back of the church after Mass or at the parish office.



Last day to purchase tickets:

Tuesday, April 22

Register with <https://bit.ly/4cjSjyj> or email Angelica at [Familylife@sorrows.ca](mailto:Familylife@sorrows.ca)

**Totus Tuus Summer Camp** – Be part of this week-long fun and faith-filled summer camp:

#### • Day Program (Gr 1-6 in September 2025)

July 7 – July 11 from 8:45 am to 2:30 pm

Fee: \$135 (\$115 for subsequent siblings) – Includes lunch, snacks & T-shirt.

Late pickup (2:30-4:00 pm) available for \$20 per week.

#### • Evening Program (Gr 7-12 in September 2025)

July 6 – July 10 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Fee: \$75 (\$65 for subsequent siblings) – Includes dinner & T-shirt.

Want to help? We need volunteers for the day camp, meals, and evening program.

For more info visit <https://bit.ly/4hWTuFf>

Questions or interested in volunteering? Email Angelica at [totustuus@sorrows.ca](mailto:totustuus@sorrows.ca)

### Second Collection This Weekend: Parish Maintenance Fund

#### ECULINKS Etobicoke

*Be faithfully Informed around Justice Issues*

We are called to do justice. Make your voice heard on April 28. Consider the importance of fair-trade practices that ensure income for Canadian producers and meet environmental standards. More info at [www.eculinks.ca](http://www.eculinks.ca)

## Prayer Corner



As we begin the month of April, we focus on the fourth type of prayer, Thanksgiving. Thanksgiving prayers are a way to acknowledge our blessings and find meaning in life's everyday challenges.

There are a number of ways that we can practice gratitude in prayer. We can be quick to thank God when a troubling situation is resolved, when our frustrations or anxieties are soothed, or when something goes our way. But we do we thank Him for the menial moments of our day and recognize His everyday blessings in our lives?

We can cultivate this habit of gratefulness by beginning the day with a short prayer of thanks -- reflecting on the blessings of the day to come and giving thanks for the gifts of the people we will meet. Pick up a Thanksgiving prayer card at the church entrances and make time to pray every day. Access the online version: [bit.ly/4bZicn3](https://bit.ly/4bZicn3)

**A heartfelt thank you** to all who attended and to everyone involved in organizing our Parish Lenten Mission, led by Dr. Josephine Lombardi. It was a truly enriching experience for our community! We also wish to express our gratitude to the Father Jim Offutt Foundation. For more information about Dr. Lombardi and her work, visit her website: <https://josephinelombardi.com>

**Te Deum: From Lament to Glory** – a Lenten and Easter concert featuring the Novi Singers and MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble. Sunday, April 6, at 4:00 pm. Tickets \$40 at the door. More info at [novisingerstoronto.ca](http://novisingerstoronto.ca).


## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### April 7 to 13

- Mon.** †Victor Leitoguinho by David & Belinda Leitoguinho
- Tue.** †Barbara Wade by Reena Guerard
- Wed.** Int. of Gladys Wolowiec by Delia Urosecic
- Thu.** †Barbara Wade by Gail Weiler & Dave Tyrrell
- Fri.** †Elisabete De Jesus by family
- Sat.** †Maureen Keane by Gerry Simpson
- Sat. 5:15pm** Int. of Mary Ann Barkin by Gina Caradonna
- Sun. 8:00am** †Luis Robles by Eileen Dalusong
- 9:30am** †Paula Prajza by Mary Shea
- 11:00am** Parish Intentions
- 12:30pm** Int. of Maria Fodor by Stefania & Barbara Czaplá

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