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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

December 1, 2024

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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul
647-770-4805

Our Lady of Sorrows School
www.tcdsb.org

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www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries
www.catholic-cemeteries.com

First Sunday of Advent



Advent is a season of waiting and preparation, a time when we pause amidst the busyness of life to reflect on the coming of Christ. As the days grow shorter and the world darkens, we are reminded of the promise of Light that dispels all shadows. Each flickering flame grows brighter as Christmas draws near, reflecting our journey toward the fulfillment of God's promises.

This season also calls us to embrace quiet and simplicity, resisting the overwhelming consumerism that surrounds us. It is a time to extend our hearts to those in need, mirroring Christ's love for the poor and marginalized. We are encouraged to examine our life, reflecting on Jesus' teachings and increasing the care we have for one another. We must remain hopeful in God and pray during tough times, knowing that we have nothing to fear when God is with us.

Reflection Questions:

- *How can I strengthen my prayer life during Advent?*
- *How can I find hope in God's promises during difficult times?*
- *How can I increase in love for those around me?*

Special Collection — Christmas for the Poor

This weekend, support the Canadian Food for Children and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee Friday – December 6 in the parish hall



Join us following the 9:00 am Mass for coffee/tea. Treats to share are welcome!

Religious Education Advent Mass Monday Dec. 9, 7:00 pm



You are invited to the special Advent Mass for all students in the Religious Education program and their communities. This Mass will be celebrated in the church and is open to all. Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will commence afterwards.



Mass with Contemporary Music (Praise and Worship) Saturday, Dec. 14, at 5:15 pm

Join us on the journey to diversify our music at Mass with small ensemble of talented musicians, led by Alejandra Ballon.

In Yonder Stall

Out-of-the-Cold Christmas Concert Tuesday Dec. 17, 7:00 pm at OLS Church



The annual Christmas concert will support the Out-of-the-Cold program at All Saints Kingsway in assisting those less fortunate. Sing traditional Christmas carols with musicians and singers from the area. Free-will offerings appreciated. Donations over \$20 will be receipted.

Advent Day of Confessions - Saturday, December 21, 2024

Two priests will be available each hour, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. In addition to English-language confession by all priests, a number of priests are also available to hear confessions in other languages.

9:30 am to 11:00 am — Church	Fr. Martin Pereira	Fr. Antoine Badr *French, Italian, Arabic
11:00 am to 1:00 pm — Parish Hall	Msgr. Sam Bianco	Fr. Nino Cavoto
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm — Parish Hall	Fr. John Vetere	Fr. David Reilander
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm — Church	Msgr. Joseph Shiels	Fr. Jan Kolodynski *French, Italian, Polish

*Languages spoken in addition to English



Serving God by Serving Others: Inspiring Youth to Embrace the True Spirit of Christmas

Monday, Dec. 2 at 12:00 pm

You are invited to ShareLife's webinar with Fr. Paul Magyar at bit.ly/3OpSoWd. Fr. Paul is the new Director of the Office of Catholic Youth, a ShareLife-funded agency.

Double the Impact of Your YES!

Your ShareLife contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar for up to \$500,000 from now until Dec. 31! We have raised \$404,620 (80%) toward our goal of \$500,000. Donate using a ShareLife envelope, through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Campaign



It's still not too late to help our neighbours in need. There is an ongoing need at this time of year for additional food and cash donations to ensure there is equitable support for the families we serve. Please email olschristmas@gmail.com or call 647-770-4805 for more information.

Second Collection Next Weekend Parish Maintenance Fund

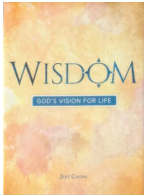
We thank you for your continued support in taking care of our church for future generations.

Spirit of Welcome

As we enter the Season of Advent, we invite everyone to share your spirit of welcome to all by making room in the pews.

Journey through Advent - The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has prepared a weekly video series which offers a reflection on the Scripture readings for the week. The First Week of Advent is led by Archbishop Leo at ccc.ca.

**Winter Bible Study — Jan. 18 to Mar. 8
Wisdom: God's Vision for Our Life**



Participants will view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The videos discuss Scripture's wisdom literature with a focus on how Christ embodies all wisdom.

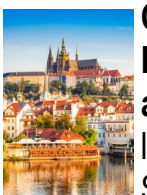
Study sessions every Saturday, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the parish hall. A companion journal is included. Cost: \$35, with an optional \$5.95 for 1-year online video access. To register, email Susy or Jen at ministry01@sorrows.ca or call the parish office.

**Advent Retreat with
Cardinal Thomas Collins**

Each day of Advent, Cardinal Collins will share with us insights for the season. Sign up for this virtual Advent retreat at bit.ly/3Ouou2U to receive a daily Advent reflection.

**Friars Student Writing Contest 2025
Due Monday, Jan. 13**

High school students from the Catholic School Boards are invited to write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the theme of "Do you believe this?" (John 11:26). Great prizes await the top three submissions. For more information: <https://bit.ly/3Cp4HiD>



OLS Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic, Austria, Hungary, Croatia and Medjugorje, under the spiritual leadership of Fr Chris Cauchi, September 16 to 30, 2025 (14 days).

Visit bit.ly/40NUerp or call 647-294-4116 for details. An information meeting will be held on Friday Dec. 6 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.



Prayer Corner

First Advent Candle is Hope that Christ birth brings us

Advent is the season of waiting and expectations. It is really a time to slow down and reflect on the coming of Jesus Christ. Today we prepare our hearts to be filled with hope for salvation and peace. With prayer and meditation, we ready ourselves to accept God's gift to us.

The first candle of Advent is called the Prophecy candle. Why? Because it reminds us of the prophets and the prophecy of Daniel who spoke of the coming of a Saviour, the Messiah.

Our Advent journey begins with this prayer.

Lord, today we light this candle of hope. We remember the prophets who foretold a Saviour, and we hold on to the promises You have given us. As we enter this Advent season, may Your hope fill our hearts and keep our eyes fixed on You. Thank you for the hope that sustains us in every season. Help us to be beacons of hope to others and share the good news of your love and salvation with those around us. Amen

Isaiah 7: 14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son and shall call His name Emmanuel.

Parish Event Calendar - Stay informed. Check out our parish event calendar: bit.ly/40uvLat


Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK

December 2 to 8

- Mon.** †Dr. Jacob Bobrowski by David Martin
- Tue.** †Bridget Mangan by John Callanan & family
- Wed.** †Paula Prajza by Olivia Torres
- Thu.** Int. of Katherine Niezen by Mary Ellen Styles
- Fri.** †William C. Schreiner by Lori & Wayne
- Sat.** †Carlos Rengifo Lleras by Maria Lleras family
- Sat. 5:15pm** †Harry Caradonna by OLS SSVDP
- Sun. 8:00am** Parish Intentions
- 9:30am** †Wayne Dusk by family
- 11:00am** †Living & Deceased Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families
- 12:30pm** †Barbara Hansel Oratowska by Dariusz & Leszek

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