



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

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

December 10, 2023

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto

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

Call the parish 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 offered on the 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

Archdiocese of Toronto

www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries

www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Second Sunday of Advent

The second Advent candle represents Faith. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," it reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. During this second week of Advent, we continue to reflect on our lives and work on becoming better versions of ourselves in preparation for Jesus' coming.



Reflection Questions:

- How can I practice active patience during Advent, using this time to grow and prepare spiritually?
- What areas of my life require transformation, and how can I actively work towards this change during Advent and beyond?
- In what ways do I experience Jesus as a shepherd in my life, leading me out of the exile of sin and towards God's love?

Advent Resource:



Advent Conspiracy was founded by three pastors who saw their parishioners struggling to find the connection between the stress of Christmas to-do lists and the celebration and meaning of Jesus' birth.

We invite you to watch this second video from Advent Conspiracy, "Spend Less". This 5-minute Advent reflection will help to prepare for the true gifts of Christmas: <https://youtu.be/sVI2vN535zo>

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome to Our Lady of Sorrows - Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto!

We are pleased to welcome Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, appointed by Archbishop Leo. In his role as a Permanent Deacon, his ministry work at OLS will include: assisting in the ministry of the Word, the ministry of the altar, and the ministry of charity. He will share these responsibilities with Deacon Jeremy.



Deacon Sarfaraz's journey has grown from being a nominal Sunday churchgoer in his country of Mumbai to encountering Jesus while employed in an oil-rich country in the Middle East; to immigrating to Canada and, in a couple of years, being identified by his then Pastor as "deacon material". Reflecting on his journey, Deacon Sarfaraz says: "It is amazing how the Lord works." With the full-fledged support of his late wife Luiza and their four children, he is grateful to the Lord for having called him to serve. Deacon Sarfaraz recently moved to Etobicoke after having served at a Markham Parish for close to 14 years.

Please join us in welcoming Deacon Sarfaraz to the OLS community! Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his ministry at our parish.

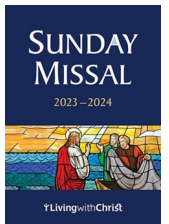
2024 Donation Envelopes will not be mailed out to parishioners. You will not have your assigned number from last year. **NEW this year** - simply pick up a box of donation envelopes in the church entrance and begin using your new numbered envelopes beginning on January 1, 2024. This helps OLS save \$8,000 in mailing and production costs.

Please write your name & address on the first few envelopes, and that number will be assigned to you for 2024. Please continue to include your name or address and the amount on the envelope throughout the year, to assist staff in verification.

If you have not used envelopes for your donations before, now's the time to start! We invite you to begin using envelopes to make your charitable donations count in 2024. All donations will be included in a donation receipt for the calendar year. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

2024 Parish Calendars. A limited number are still available in the Bloor foyer. The parish supports Catholic Missions in Canada in order to offer these calendars at no cost to parishioners.

2023/2024 Sunday Missals - available for purchase in the Bloor foyer book rack - \$7.00 each.



Please put the payment envelope into the collection basket or drop it through the mail slot in the front door of the parish office.



Communion for Shut-Ins - Do you know someone from our parish community who is not able to attend Mass because of health issues?

Please let the parish office know so that an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can visit to administer Holy Communion.

All Day Advent Confessions – Saturday, Dec. 16. Two priests will be available each hour, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. In addition to English-language confessions by all priests, a number of priests are also available to hear confessions in other languages:

9:30 am to 11 am	Fr. Martin Pereira	Fr. Edward Ewczynski * <i>Polish</i>
11 am to 1 pm	Fr. Antoine Badr * <i>French, Italian, Arabic</i>	Fr. Frank Carpinelli * <i>Italian</i>
1 pm to 3 pm	Fr. John Vetere	Fr. Thomas Rosica * <i>French, Italian, Spanish</i>
3 pm to 5 pm	Msgr. Joseph Shiels	Fr. Jan Kolodynski * <i>French, Italian, Polish</i>

**Languages spoken in addition to English*

Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Nativity of Our Lord

Sunday, December 24 | 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Carols & music begins approximately 40 minutes prior to the vigil Masses.

Christmas Day - Nativity of Our Lord *

Monday, December 25 | 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30 | 5:15pm Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 31 | 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

New Year's Eve - Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31 | 5:00pm

New Year's Day - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God *

Monday, January 1, 2024 | 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm



**Indicates a holy day of obligation. As Catholics, we are required to celebrate Mass on these special feast days. Overflow seating available in the parish hall for all Christmas Eve / Day Masses.*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Campaign - There's still time to make a difference! Donations of cash or gift cards can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the Sunday Mass collection basket. Walmart or PC/Loblaws gift cards in \$25 denominations are the most needed. Please mark your envelope: "St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Campaign" and include your original receipts, name, and address (if you would like a tax receipt). Thank you for helping those in need this Christmas. Email olschristmas@gmail.com or call 647-770-4805.

ORGANIX final concert – Wednesday, Dec 13, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Featuring organist Bill O'Meara. Free will offering gratefully accepted. A reception in the parish hall will follow the concert celebrating the close of 18 years of ORGANIX CONCERTS.

OLS Christmas

Concert - Sunday, Dec 17, 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm. Free-will offerings in support of the Out-of-the-Cold



program administered by All Saints Kingsway. The concert will feature members of the OLS Adult and Junior Choirs with MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble, a String Quartet and Trumpeter.

OLS Parish Fundraising Dinner - Saturday, Feb 3, 2024. Mark your calendars for our upcoming OLS Parish dinner!

You are invited to share a delicious Italian meal, enjoy live entertainment, and meet new OLS friends – all while raising funds for special charities! More information to follow.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 11 to 17

Mon. Int. of Tessie Udasco

Tues. †Maureen, †John & †Philip Keane by Gerry Simpson

Wed. †Maria Azarcon by Emelita Gorospe

Thurs. †Frank Kielty by Michael & Patricia Lang

Fri. †Jenny Korpan by Cathy Sbrolla

Sat. †Patrick Guillemette by Andree Guillemette, †Vefelko Dodig by Dodig family, †Rozsa, †Dezsi & †Gabor Urszenski by Kathy Urszenski, †Lucy Sousa by Nixon family, †Manuel De Melo by Patrick De Melo, †Dan DeLuca by Paul Simpson, †Gregorio Valeo by Laura Pacheco, †Juan & †Rafael Ramirez by Mari Ramirez, †Dominic Parente by Annemarie Parente Manion, †Vincenzo Alati by Wayne & Carol-Anne Dalton, †Frank & †Maude Regan by Edward Regan, †Kathleen Meany by Mary Picard and Int. of Lorin MacDonald by Carolann Reynolds & Edward Regan

Sat. 5:15pm †Mary & †Frank Ferkul by Anne Pohole

Sun. 8:00am †Norma Chavez by Sonya & Stephan Boston


9:30am Parish Intentions

11:00am †Brukner & †Smyslo Families by Helen Brukner & family

12:30pm †Yong Tjan by Lisa Tjan & family

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