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Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
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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 15, 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

Archdiocese of Toronto
www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries
www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Third Sunday of Advent



The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday. We light the candle of joy today. We are invited to rejoice and find hope in the coming of our Lord with joyful hearts. When we are anxious or worried, we can find comfort knowing that God is near; He loves us and will take care of us.

Reflection Questions:

- *What steps can I take to prepare my heart for Jesus' coming?*
- *When do I experience God's peace?*
- *How can I remind myself to rejoice even in difficult times?*

COMMUNITY BUILDING MINISTRY

Christmas Campaign for Ernestine's Women's Shelter — Spread the Christmas spirit by helping us gather donations for families at Ernestine's Women's Shelter. Our focus is teens in need of new hats, socks, mitts, gloves; health and personal hygiene items. A donation box is placed at the Bloor St. entrance of the church until December 29. Contact olscommunitybuilding@gmail.com for more information.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Nativity of Our Lord

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 11:00 pm

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

Christmas Day - Nativity of Our Lord

(Holy day of obligation)

Wednesday, December 25

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


Once we reach fire safety capacity in the church, additional seating in the parish hall is available for all Christmas Eve & Day Masses.

Journey Through Advent, Third Sunday of Advent - Frank Cardinal Leo reflects this week on the two-fold meaning of Gaudete Sunday. His message can be found at cccb.ca.

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.  Sing traditional Christmas carols with musicians and singers from the area. Free-will offerings appreciated. Donations over \$20 will be receipted.

Spirit of Welcome



As Christmas draws near, we invite everyone to share your spirit of welcome to all by making room in the pews.

Advent Day of Confessions Saturday, December 21, 2024

Two priests will be available each hour, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. **Languages spoken in addition to English*

9:30 am to 11:00 am — Church	Fr. Martin Pereira	Fr. Antoine Badr <i>*French, Italian, Arabic</i>
11:00 am to 1:00 pm — Parish Hall	Fr. Edward Ezczynski <i>*Polish</i>	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 <i>*French, Italian, Polish</i>

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY




Mom's Group: Pray & Play

Tuesday, Dec. 17


10:00 am to 12:00 noon, parish hall

We invite all moms & their children under 4 years to join us for our final get-together this year.

December Movie: *The Star* - Sunday, Dec. 22, after the 9:30 am Mass.

This beloved movie tells the story of the first Christmas from the perspective of the animals, celebrating friendship, loyalty, and teamwork. Rated PG. Free admission and free popcorn! 

Birthday Wishes for the Infant Jesus

Children are invited to make birthday cards for Jesus. Tell him what you are doing to show your thanks for his great love. Place your birthday cards in the basket by the manger. 

OLS 85th Anniversary Celebration

Toronto Blue Jays vs. Chicago White Sox

Saturday, June 21, 2025 at 3:07 pm

Come out for a great time at the ballpark! Tickets are \$60 each (fees and taxes included), Section 109. Contact Scott at 647-327-9704 or email scottwallan@gmail.com. Please confirm your ticket order by Wednesday, December 18.

Opportunities to Serve

Let's extend a warm welcome to our visitors. Consider serving as a **Minister of Hospitality for Christmas Eve and Day!** Contact Luisa at luisa@sorrows.ca or call 647-933-6209 to indicate which Christmas Mass you'll attend and thank you!

2025 Donation Envelopes & Calendars

You may now pick up your box of envelopes for the new year and OLS calendar from one of our Ministers of Hospitality at the church entrances. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes to help our counters. This number is assigned to you for the year.

If you are new or attend Mass regularly and not registered, we invite you to register with the parish. Parish Registration forms are available at the back of the church or www.sorrows.ca.

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 80% of our goal.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Christmas Campaign



There is an ongoing need at this time of year for additional food. This is your last opportunity to help our neighbours in need. Gift cards and/or cash donations will ensure there is equitable support for the families we serve. Email olschristmas@gmail.com or call 647-770-4805.

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



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.



OLS Pilgrimage, 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.

Stay connected. Check out our 3-month parish calendar online: bit.ly/4gh3iJS



Prayer Corner

Third Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord, today we light this candle of joy. We remember the excitement of the shepherds and their wonder at the birth of the Saviour. Fill our hearts with that same joy, a joy that comes from knowing You and from the good news of Jesus. Let this joy shine brightly, lifting our spirits and pointing others to Your Love. May our joy be a testimony of Your grace in our lives. Amen

Scripture – Philippians 4:4-6

Be cheerful with joyous celebration in every season of life. Let your joy overflow! And let gentleness be seen in every relationship, for our Lord is ever near.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

December 16 to 22

Mon. †Rosemary Hogan by MaryEllen & David Stiles

Tue. †Francesca De Marco by Vicky

Wed. Int. Theresa D'Urzo by Cathy Tigani

Thu. Thanksgiving for Fr. Nino Cavoto by Olivia Torres

Fri. †Nelly Pereira by family

Sat. Int. of Cecilia Capiral by Olivia Torres, Sherlyn Joseph by Anthony Perutty Johnson, Louise Sygrove by MaryEllen Styles

Deceased: †Tropy Valmonte & †Florentina Caluag by Eileen Dalusong, †Dominic Marano by Marano family, †Patrick Guillemette by family, †Georgina Venchiarutti by Diana & Kevin, †Philomena Almeida by Carillo Quadros & family, †Isilda De Freitas Goncalves by family, †Sam Mina by Renee Mina, †Sanby Hatulan by Thelma Hatulan and family, †Ciljeta Shani by Niko Shani & Ledi Mari, †Emmanuel Sagolili by Daphne & David Goodwin, †Betty Pessa by Brendon Pessa & family, †Denyse Rynard by Madelaine Allan by family, †Gary Traer by Traer family, †Jean Kramar by Paul Janicki, †Michele Leoni & †Antonio Paiano by Daniela Leoni

Sat. 5:15pm †Helena Krzyzek by Zofia Krzyzek

Sun. 8:00am †Bibiana & †Amando Dalusong by Eileen Dalusong & family


9:30am †Paula Prajza by Ahmie & Chris

11:00am Parish Intentions

12:30pm †Christian Tinto by Savoia family

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