



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

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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 17, 2023

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Mr. Sarfaraz Pinto, *Permanent Deacon*

Mr. Jeremy Zou, *Transitional Deacon*

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.

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Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete! Rejoice! Today, on the third Sunday of Advent, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, Latin for "Rejoice". The third Advent candle is pink and represents Joy and rejoicing. It serves as a reminder that the birth of Jesus is a cause for great celebration and happiness.



Reflection Questions:

- Today's Second Reading (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24) speaks of rejoicing even in difficult times. How can I find joy even during challenging situations?
- In John's Gospel, John the Baptist embodies the role of a witness to the one true Light, Jesus Christ. How can I be a bearer of Christ's light in my community?
- How can I embody the humility and dedication of John the Baptist in my own life as a Christian?

Advent Resource: Advent Conspiracy was founded on the radical idea that we can celebrate Christmas humbly, beautifully, and generously. Advent is the story of a wondrous moment when God entered our world to make things right. It is the greatest story ever told and it changes everything—including the way we celebrate

Christmas. We invite you to watch the third advent video reflection, "Give More", to help prepare for the true gifts of Christmas: <https://youtu.be/Ddb53DcGHjg>



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



TODAY! 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.

Birthday Cards for Jesus! - Families are encouraged to take time during this busy season of the year to come together and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas: the celebration of Jesus' birth! In this spirit, children are invited to make birthday cards for Baby Jesus. Construction paper and special inserts can be picked up this weekend at the back of the church or from the parish office from Dec. 18 to 22, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Create your own special card and tell Jesus why you are thankful for his birth and what gift you'll give Jesus this year. Finished cards can be dropped off through the mail slot in the front door of the parish office or before Sunday, Dec 24. The cards will be offered at the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve, as part of the entrance procession of the Infant Jesus.



Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24

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

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.*

OLS Moms' Group: Pray and Play (meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month)

December 19, 10:00 am to 12:00pm; OLS Parish Hall (meeting room)

Calling all moms! Join us for the next Pray and Play and get to know other moms, share practical parenting tips, and help one another live out the vocation of motherhood. Young children aged 4 and under are welcome.

At our next meeting, we will come together to spend some time reflecting and praying as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

10am-11am: Informal meet and greet for moms and freeform play for children (drop-in)

11am-12pm: Advent reflection followed by refreshments and fellowship

For information and registration, contact Elise at elise@sorrows.ca



Did you know that the Opening Ceremony and First Holy Mass of Our Lady of Sorrows was celebrated on Dec 22, 1940. **Happy Anniversary Our Lady of Sorrows!**



Donations for 2023 must be received by Sunday, Dec. 31 to be included in the 2023 donation receipt.

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.

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 starting on January 1, 2024. Please write your name & address on the first few envelopes, and that number will be assigned to you for 2024. Please continue to include either 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! Simply pick up a box and 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.

Liturgy of the Word with Children - On Sunday, Dec. 24 and Sunday, Jan. 31, children are asked to be with their families for Mass. There will be no Liturgy of the Word with Children on those days. We look forward to seeing children ages 4 to 10 yrs. in the new year, Sunday, Jan. 7, 2024 at the 9:30am Mass.

The **Parish Office** will be closed on the following dates: Monday, Dec. 25, Tuesday, Dec. 26 and Monday Jan. 1. Voicemail and emails will be monitored.

On Monday, Dec. 25 and Monday, Jan. 1 there will be no **Adoration & Confessions**. Resumes on Monday, Jan. 8, 2024.

OLS Parish Fundraising Dinner - Saturday, Feb 3, 2024 in the parish hall. Enjoy a pre-Valentines three-course dinner and fellowship – all while raising funds for OLS Family Life programs and a special charity! More information to follow. Mark your calendars!

OLS Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France. This pilgrimage, under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Chris Cauchi, will be from September 22 to October 5, 2024 (14 days). Visit <https://bit.ly/46S4T3V> or call Halina at 647-294-4116 for more information.

Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation Update - On December 12, the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples, the Archdiocese of Toronto announced the approval of funding to eight organizations that will be recipients of allocations from the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF). More than \$2.7 million has been allocated for the first phase. Visit: <https://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation>

*Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man.
~ Pope Francis*

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Dec. 18 to 24

- Mon.** †Theresa D'Urzo by Cathy Tigani & Francesca Giglio
- Tues.** †Bruno Campese by OLS Office Staff
- Wed.** †Bob Taylor by Dorothy Taylor
- Thurs.** †Perla Domondon-Brown by Aida & Raymond Jalea
- Fri.** †Maria Lourdes Oledan by Nina & Enrique Cuyegkeng
- Sat.** Int. of Deacon Ryan Nigli by Barbara LeVasseur
- Sat. 5:15pm** †Domenic Marano by family
- Sun. 8:00am** †Marina Giardetti Walker by friends & family
- 9:30am** †Merilee Anne Hunter
- 11:00am** †Lucy Sousa by Kwapien family
- 12:30pm** Parish Intentions


CHRISTMAS EVE

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



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