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Call the office for info on:

Sacrament of Baptism

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*Parishioners must be registered and regularly attending Mass. Please contact us 1 year prior to your requested wedding date.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

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Mass Schedule: Mon-Sat: 9:00am, Sat (Vigil Mass): 5:15pm (livestream)
Sun: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Rosary: Mon-Sat – 8:25am

Private Prayer & Exposition: Mon: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
Tuesdays - before 9:00am daily Mass

Confession: Mondays: 7:00pm-8:30pm & Saturdays: 4:00pm-5:00pm



Parish Events

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec 24
Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord*
 5:00pm** (livestream), 8:00pm & 11:00pm
 Carols & music begin 30 minutes prior to Masses

Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec 25
Nativity of Our Lord*
 8:00am, 9:30am** (livestream), 11:00am & 12:30pm
 Carols & music begin 15 minutes prior to Masses

Feast of the Holy Family - Friday, Dec 30 at 9:00am

New Year's Eve
Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
 Saturday, Dec 31 at 5:15pm

New Year's Day - Sunday, Jan 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*
 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

* Indicates holy day of obligation. As Catholics, we are required to attend Mass on these special feast days.

** Children are invited to Story Time with Sr. Jeanne. There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word on Dec 25.

Additional seating available in the parish hall.

Note: Saturday, Dec 24th & Dec 31st, 9:00am Masses are the Mass of the Day. There will be no confessions on Dec 24.


Retirement of Larry Dupuis

After 30 years of dedicated service to our parish community, Larry Dupuis is retiring at the end of the year. Larry has been our Liturgical Environmental Planner, ensuring the care and décor of our beautiful church. He has also assisted with repairs and maintenance for the parish – and so much more! Larry will remain an active OLS parishioner and Minister of Hospitality at OLS. Parishioners will have an opportunity to wish Larry well at two events in the New Year: At Coffee Friday, after the 9:00am Mass on Jan. 6, and after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday Jan. 8. More details to come!

Parish Office

The parish office will be closed over the holidays, from Dec. 26 to Jan. 3. Voicemail and emails will be monitored. The office will open on Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Birthday Wishes for the Infant Jesus!

Children are invited to make birthday cards for the infant Jesus. Share what you are doing to show thanks for his great love.  A basket will be placed by the manger to receive your birthday cards. On Christmas Day, Sunday, Dec. 25, the cards will be offered during Mass. We invite the whole family to visit the manger and wish the infant Jesus a Happy Birthday!

Story Time with Sr. Jeanne

In place of Children's Liturgy of the Word, all children attending Mass on Christmas Eve at 5:00pm and Christmas Day at 9:30am are invited to hear a Christmas story read by Sister Jeanne and complete a surprise craft in the parish hall. Looking forward to seeing you there!


Christmas Luncheon

We invite all parishioners who want to share in fellowship and a meal with others, to attend the OLS Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, Dec. 25 from 2:00pm - 4:00pm. Please register online via Eventbrite at <https://bit.ly/3VDg5wd> by Thursday, Dec. 22 or call the parish office at 416-231-6016 to reserve your spot. Please note this is not a drop-in event; your registration is required.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

OLS donation envelopes will be sent out to registered families early in the New Year. Consider moving to Pre-Authorized Giving and set up automatic monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. To enroll, please go to <https://bit.ly/3RCTJlw>.

Private Prayer & Confession

 There will be no private prayer and confessions on Dec. 26 & Jan. 2. Resumes Monday, Jan. 9.

Advent Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Advent

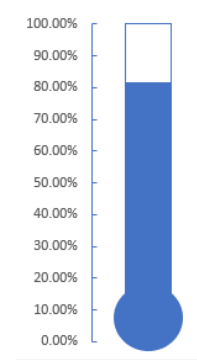
"As we draw near to Christmas, let us learn from Saint Joseph how to cultivate spaces for silence in which another Word can emerge, that of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us."
 ~ Pope Francis

Church Maintenance Update

Since our last report in November, here is an update on recent maintenance projects completed in the church:

- ◆ The Bells are ringing again! Our beautiful church Bells have been fixed. The final cost was just over \$9000. \$5000 of this cost has been covered thanks to the generosity of two Parishioners.
- ◆ Recent issues with the heating system in the church have been fixed (\$2400).
- ◆ Plumbing repairs made in the men's washroom (\$1500).

ShareLife 2022 OLS Campaign Results
 Goal: \$480,000
 Total: \$392,419



ShareLife - We are making progress towards our annual goal -- it's not too late to give! To date we have achieved 82% of our \$480,000 goal. Please give at the parish by placing your contribution in the weekend offertory baskets or donate online through our parish website at www.sorrows.ca.



The Christmas Crib
Manger, Nativity Scene or Crèche

What is it?
A depiction of the scene of the birth of Jesus in a manger in Bethlehem.

DID YOU KNOW?
St. Francis of Assisi made the Christmas crib popular and turned it into a familiar part of Christian homes around the world. He presented a Bethlehem scene with live animals on Christmas Eve in 1223 in Greccio, Italy.

"I wish to recall to memory the little child who was born in Bethlehem. I want to set before our bodily eyes the hardship of his infant needs, how he lay in the manger, how with an ox and ass standing by, he lay upon the hay."
 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

The preparation of the Nativity scene at home is a wonderful opportunity for family prayer!

TIP #1: Include a reading from St. Luke's account of the birth of Christ

Our Saviour is coming
 Luke 1:28-33

Bethlehem
 Luke 2:1-5

Birth of Jesus
 Luke 2:6-7

The Shepherds & Angels
 Luke 2:8-20

TIP #2: Sing an Advent hymn or a Christmas carol

O Come All Ye Faithful
 Joyful and triumphant,
 O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
 Come and behold Him,
 Born the King of Angels;
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 O come, let us adore Him,
 Christ the Lord!

TIP #3: Say prayers of petition and praise

Let us praise our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world, who was born for our salvation.

Glorry to God in the highest!



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Save the Date! - Join us Jan. 7 at 6:30pm in the parish hall for **Epiphany Around the World!** Families will learn about the different cultural traditions surrounding Epiphany by making crafts, playing games, & sampling food from a variety of countries. All are welcome! Suggested donation: \$10/family.

ORGANIX CONCERTS presents organist Christopher Dawes here at Our Lady of Sorrows this coming Wednesday Dec. 21, 12:30pm - 1:30pm. Free-will offering gratefully accepted.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

December 19 — December 25

Monday	9am	✠Joan Simone by Bob & Anne Shiley
Tuesday	9am	Intentions of Ada So by Bautista Family
Wednesday	9am	✠Peter Black by Carole Giangrande & Brian Gibson
Thursday	9am	✠Aby Mejia by Irene Nery
Friday	9am	✠Vincent Harrison Fahey by Robert Morris
Saturday	9am	✠Maureen, ✠John & ✠Philip Keane by Gerry Simpson
		Christmas Eve - 5pm, 8pm & 11pm for the needs of our parish and parishioners
Sunday		Christmas Day - 8am, 9:30am, 11am & 12:30pm for the needs of our parish and parishioners