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Office will be closed from Dec. 24-27, 2024, and Jan. 2-3, 2025

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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

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.

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent, Nativity of the Lord, & Feast of the Holy Family



Christmas is a wonderful time to pause and reflect on the many gifts in our lives over the past year, the miracle of Jesus' birth and what it means for us. Christmas celebrates the amazing story of God becoming man.

In Jesus, God became one of us. This act shows we are not just creations but dearly loved children of God. The

birth of Jesus is not just a story from the past. It is something we live every day. Jesus' coming shows we are never alone; God is always with us. This should fill us with hope as we know that, even in difficult times, God is with us. Jesus is the light that guides our path through the darkness. Knowing we are loved by God gives us strength. This Christmas, the miracle of Jesus' birth calls us to recognize God's presence in our lives, embrace His love and share it with others.

### Reflection Questions:

- How can I share the joy of Christmas with those around me?
- What does it mean to me to be a beloved child of God?
- In what ways does the birth of Jesus bring me hope?

### Christmas Campaign for Ernestine's Women's Shelter

We accept new hats, socks, mitts, gloves; health and personal hygiene items to help teens in need. A donation box is placed at the front of the church until December 29. Contact [olscommunitybuilding@gmail.com](mailto:olscommunitybuilding@gmail.com) for more information.

# Christmas & New Year 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 Masses.

## Christmas Day — Nativity of Our Lord

Wednesday, December 25

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

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

Tuesday, December 31 — 5:00 pm

## New Year's Day — Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1, 2025 — 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm

*Christmas & Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are Holy days of obligation.*

*Once fire safety capacity is reached in the church,  
additional seating in the parish hall is available for all Masses.*



## Journey Through Advent — Week 4

Fourth Sunday of Advent. In this final segment of the video series, Cardinal Leo reflects on the motherhood and discipleship of Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Listen in at [cccb.ca](http://cccb.ca).

We are reminded to be humble and open to God's presence in all aspects of our lives. If we only focus on Jesus coming to us as a baby in Bethlehem, we miss His presence in other moments of grace. We need to be ready to encounter Him in our interactions with each other.



## Double the Impact of Your YES!

Your ShareLife contribution will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$500,000 from now until Dec. 31! We have raised 88% of our goal.

### Parish Administration

From December 24, 2024 to January 5, 2025, the parish office will be closed. Phone and email messages will be monitored.

### Sacraments for the Sick and Homebound



Please contact the parish office at 416-231-6016 if you or someone you know would like to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Communion, and / or the Anointing of the Sick.

## OLS 85th Anniversary Celebration

### Parish Dinner — February 22, 2025

Enjoy an excellent Italian dinner and a great evening out. Stay tuned for further details, and mark the date on your calendar.

Stay connected. View our 3-month parish calendar online: [bit.ly/4gh3iJS](http://bit.ly/4gh3iJS)



## 2025 Donation Envelopes & Calendars

Pick up your numbered box of envelopes for 2025 and OLS calendar from our Ministers of Hospitality at the church entrances. Remember to 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](http://www.sorrows.ca).

## Community Building Event — Sunday, Dec. 29



After the 9:30 Mass, in the parish hall. Hosted by the Outreach Ministries. Meet fellow parishioners and help grow our parish community. Please bring some baked goods to share with others.

## Coffee Friday — Jan. 3

Join us after the 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome — bring a friend & a treat to share!



## Spirit of Welcome



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

## Second Collection on the Jan. 4/5 Weekend Parish Maintenance Fund

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

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



Every Saturday, 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the parish hall. A companion journal included. Cost: \$35, optional \$5.95 for 1-year online video access. Register at [ministry01@sorrows.ca](mailto:ministry01@sorrows.ca).



## It's the New Year! Any Resolution?

Put your faith into action and serve our parish community. [bit.ly/300SYJX](http://bit.ly/300SYJX)



**OLS Pilgrimage**, under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Chris Cauchi, September 16 to 30, 2025 (14 days). Visit [bit.ly/40NUerp](http://bit.ly/40NUerp) or call 647-294-4116 for more information.

## Vesnivka Choir Christmas Concert January 12, 2025 at OLS Church

Enjoy Ukrainian Christmas *Kolyadky* and New Year *Schedrivky*. From 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Doors open at 3:00 pm. Ticket: \$30. Free entry for 16 and under. Hope to see you there!



## Jubilee Year 2025

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, we will open the Jubilee Year with a Solemn Opening Mass on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2024 at 5:00 pm at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. All are invited. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 3:30 pm.

## Prayer Corner - The Gift of Christmas: LOVE

*"And in the end, everything else will turn out to be unimportant and inessential, except for this: Father, Child, and Love." – St. (Pope) John Paul II*

The "Angel's Candle" represents Love. Love is the driving force of the Christmas story. God loves us. God's love can make us whole. The fact that He sent His only Son to save and rescue us; and then die on the cross for us, is the ultimate sign of love. May we all be encouraged to turn to love and not fear.

**Prayer** — *Heavenly Father, heal my heart during this season of Advent. Help me to love more fully. To forgive more generously. To show more empathy. To wait more patiently for Christmas, embracing each day and hour knowing the joy that awaits. In Your name I pray. Amen.*

**John 3:16** — For God so Loved the World - he gave his only unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in him will never perish but experience everlasting life.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### December 23 to 29

**Mon.** †Theresa Magee by Jim & Winnie Magee  
**Tue.** Int. of Patullo & Sklar families by Gabriella & family  
 Christmas Eve Masses: Parish Intentions  
**Wed.** Christmas Day Masses: Parish Intentions  
**Thu.** †Lucy Sousa by Nixon family  
**Fri.** †Elizabeth Cascagnett by Marle Clarke  
**Sat.** †Melba & †Frank De Witt by Connie De Witt  
**Sat. 5:15pm** †Pasko & †Mark Pavkovic by Frances Pavkovic  
**Sun. 8:00am** †Tadeus Janicki by Sandra Laurence  
**9:30am** Int. of Daniella Servedio  
**11:00am** †Patrick Guillemette by Andree Guillemette & family  
**12:30pm** Parish Intentions

### December 30 to January 5

**Mon.** †John Matthews by Ursula & Family

**Tue.** †Antionietta Fleming by Vicky Greco

New Year's Eve Mass: Parish Intentions

**Wed. 8:00am** †Lucia & †Tomas Urbano by Urbano & Sabada family

**9:30am** †Julian C. Abadicio by McCarthy family

**11:00am** †Peter Carey by Connie De Witt

**12:30pm** †Emmanuel Lee by McKee family

**Thu.** †Paula Prajza by Paul & Cathy Temple

**Fri.** †Suzanne Sutherland by Vaz family

**Sat.** †Francina Matthew by Cecilia Torres

**Sat. 5:15pm** †Gus & †Veronica Lanzarotta by Lanzarotta family

**Sun. 8:00am** †Jacqueline Gorski by family

**9:30am** Int. of Daniella Servedio


**11:00am** Living & Deceased members of the Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families by Linda Feliciano

**12:30pm** Parish Intentions



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