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Office will be closed on Dec. 24-26, 31, 2025, and Jan. 1, 2026

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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*
*Includes Liturgy of the Word with Children
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. Please email baptism@sorrows.ca

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

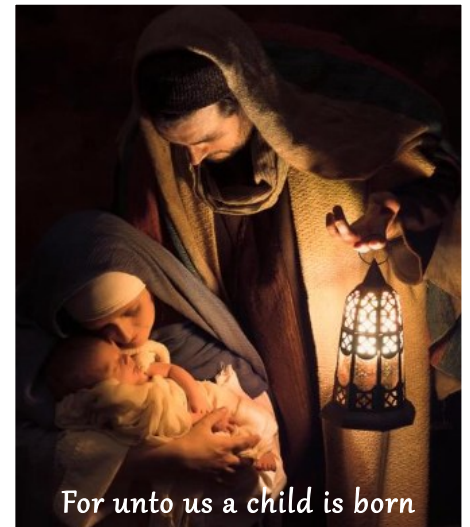
Christmas is a special time for Catholics. We celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. This day is full of joy and hope. Families come together to remember this holy event. Churches are decorated with lights and nativity scenes. We sing carols and pray together. Christmas is a time to give thanks and share love. It reminds us of God's great gift to the world.

The Christmas season does not end on December 25th. It continues with the Octave of Christmas. This is an eight-day celebration that keeps the joy of Christmas alive. Each day of the Octave has its own special meaning and prayers. This helps us stay close to the true meaning of Christmas. The Octave of Christmas is a time to reflect and stay joyful in our faith.

Reflection Questions:

- How can I share the joy of Christmas with those around me?
- In what ways does the birth of Jesus bring me hope?
- How does the miracle of Christmas affect my understanding of God's love?

Find readings here: readings.livingwithchrist.ca



For unto us a child is born

Fr. Chris Cauchi's 2025 Christmas Message

"...This Christmas, may the gifts of Christ—hope, joy, peace, and love—fill your hearts and homes. Wishing you and your families abundant blessings now and in the New Year."

Watch the whole video here: bit.ly/4s7jG6c

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve - Nativity of Our Lord

Wednesday, Dec. 24

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

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

**Christmas Pageant begins at 4:00 pm*

Christmas Day - Nativity of Our Lord *

Thursday, Dec. 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

Wednesday, Dec. 31 - 5:00 pm

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

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026

(No 8:00 am Mass)

9:30 am*, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm*

**Indicates Holy days of obligation.*

**Liturgy of the Word with Children returns on
Sunday, Jan. 4, 2026*

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

Spirit of Welcome

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



Mass for the Closing of the Jubilee Year

On Sunday, Dec. 28, at 12:30 pm, we will celebrate the Closing Mass of the Jubilee Year, using the formulary for the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This liturgy will be our final occasion to recite the Jubilee Prayer and sing the Jubilee Hymn. As *Pilgrims of Hope*, we give thanks for the blessings of this Jubilee and entrust our parish to the Holy Family's care as we continue our journey of faith. For more information on the Plenary Indulgence and Cardinal Leo's Message, visit archtoronto.org/jubilee



Christmas Pageant - Wednesday, Dec. 24, 4:00 - 4:50 pm, in the church. Featuring young parishioners and the OLS Children's Choir, sharing the beauty of the Christmas story.



Children are also invited to make birthday cards for baby Jesus. A basket will be placed by the manger to receive your cards.

The **Mental Health Initiative Christmas Social** will be held on Monday, Dec. 22, 10:00 - 11:30 am, in the parish hall. Optional \$10 wrapped gift exchange. Treats, coffee, and tea provided. Bring a favourite treat to share. Free event, but registration required. Call/text Anne Marie at 416-559-9455.

Join the Social Justice Group! New members are invited to a session to help discern SJC's direction for the coming year. Saturday, Jan. 10, 2026, 1:00 - 3:00 pm, in the meeting room at the parish hall.

Bible Study – Term 2: The Story of Salvation History

Jan. 17 - Mar. 7, 2026 | Saturdays, 10:00 - 11:45 am in the parish hall. Newcomers who missed the first term are still welcome to join. The fee is \$55 plus an optional \$10 US for online access. Those already registered do not need to re-register. To register, email Susy and Jennifer at ministry01@sorrows.ca or call the parish office. Register early as space is limited to 10 participants.

Donations for 2025 must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 31 to be included in the 2025 donation receipt.

2026 donation envelopes are now available at the church entrances and from our Ministers of Hospitality. Please write your name and address on the first few envelopes to assist our counters. This number is assigned to you for the year. New or unregistered parishioners are invited to register using forms at the back of the church, the parish office, or our website. Limited **OLS calendars** also available at the back of the church.



New Hymnal Project - Coming in 2026


Donate a \$60 hymnal with a personalized or memorial bookplate. **Donate online** using bit.ly/48JwNTD or the envelopes in the church. Once accepted, you'll receive a link to submit your bookplate info. For credit card donations or assistance, contact the parish office. All donations are tax receiptable. Thank you for helping enrich our parish worship with a lasting gift.

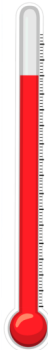
2026 OLS Fundraising Gala Dinner | Friday, Feb. 6, 2026, 6:00 pm at Le Treport Banquet Hall - Only 4 weeks left to purchase tickets! Reserve your ticket with the QR code below (bit.ly/4ozwhwW), our digital display, or the parish website. Volunteers will be at the back of the church after each Mass to process your ticket purchase. More info: events@sorrows.ca

Prices

Adult (19+): \$190 (\$50 will be tax receipted)
 Youth (11-18 y.o.): \$60
 Child (4-10 y.o.): \$30
 Infants (under 4 y.o.): FREE



 We've reached \$428,576 of our \$512,000 **ShareLife** goal (84%). Your gift can be made—and matched—until **Dec. 31**. Use a ShareLife envelope, our parish website, or sharelife.org/donate to donate. Thank you! (Under "How would you like to direct your gift?", select Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke.)



Monthly Maintenance Update - November/December

Thank you for helping care for our spiritual home!

- Outdoor church sign - \$14,645
- HVAC Pre&Schematic Design & Tender - \$13,434
- Hymnal racks repairs - \$3,250
- Organ repairs and tuning - \$2,249
- HVAC turnover to heat - \$2,164
- Cross (main entrance) - \$1,756
- Rectory locks inst. & repairs - \$1,627
- Elevator maintenance - \$1,372
- Groundskeeping - \$1,164

The next Maintenance Collection is on Jan. 3/4.



Coffee Friday - Jan. 2, 2026

After the 9:00 am Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome. Share your treats and bring a friend!

Housekeeper/ Cook needed at OLS!

Read the whole job posting here: bit.ly/4j2g3ur

Save the Dates

- Jan. 16:** Young Adult Ministry Meeting
- Jan. 17:** Family Movie Afternoon
- Jan. 20:** Mom's Group - Pray & Play
- Jan. 25:** Community Building Event
- Jan. 28:** Parents' Small Group



MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 22 - 28

- Mon.** †Francis Carnevale by Marieta Brosas & Ray Sumaya
- Tue.** †Tess Reszenik by Maxine Cramp
- Wed.** †Adela Bianchi by Akos & Albina Jankura
- Wed.** **Christmas Eve Masses:** Parish Intentions
- Thu.** **Christmas Day Masses:** Parish Intentions
- Fri.** Living & †Deceased members of the Weiler & Tyrrell families by Gail Weiler & Dave Tyrrell
- Sat.** †Elizabeth Cascagnett by Marie Clarke
- Sat. 5:15 pm** †Mark & †Pasko Pavkovic by Frances Pavkovic
- Sun. 8:00 am** Parish Intentions
- 9:30 am** †Jeannine Ruebusch by Pamela Ruebusch & Henry Liska
- 11:00 am** †Patrick Guillemette by family
- 12:30 pm** **Sunday Mass Closing of the Jubilee Year:** Intentions of Nick & Gabriella Sklar & family by friend


- Tue.** Intentions of Dina Ferrick by Prescy Manion
- Wed.** †Jose Vincas by Horbatiuk family
- Thu.** **New Year's Day Masses:**
9:30 am Intentions of Dan Kinahan by Anne & Bob Shiley
11:00 am Intentions of Daniella Servedio
12:30 pm †Anna Maria Hong Tran by family
- Fri.** †David & †Carmen Jose by Maria Georgina Jose
- Sat.** †Brendon Fortune by Laura Pacheco
 †Michael Callanan by John Callanan
 †All deceased members of Urzenyi, Rozsos, & Dezse families by Cathy Urzenyi
- Sat. 5:15 pm** Intentions of Maria Theresa Herce by Olivia Torres
- Sun. 8:00 am** †Dita Wegman by Michael & Charlene Yelavich
9:30 am Intentions of Ahmie, Chris & Amalia McCarthy by friend
11:00 am Parish Intentions
12:30 pm †Rovi Montañano-Peralta by Michelle C. McDonnell & Therese C. Gonzales

Dec. 29 - Jan. 4, 2026

- Mon.** †Deceased members of Vargas & Riveros

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