



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

An Ever-Growing Beacon of God's Love, Hope and Joy for All

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*
*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

December 7, 2025

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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul
647-770-4805

Our Lady of Sorrows School
www.tcdsb.org/ourladyofsorrows

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www.tcdsb.org/o/bishopallen

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www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries
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Second Sunday of Advent



Matthew 3:3

This Sunday points us to something new. Isaiah speaks of a branch growing from Jesse's stump. It is a sign of hope. God is doing something fresh. The old ways are ending. A peaceful king will come. Justice and harmony will grow again. Even nature will change.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist appears. He tells the people to repent. Turn around. Get ready. Someone greater is coming. He will bring the Holy Spirit and fire. John reminds us that real faith shows in our actions. We must bear good fruit.

This Sunday is about getting ready in the right way. It is not just about waiting. It is about turning back to God with open hearts and open hands.

Reflection Questions:

- *How can I work for justice and peace in my community?*
- *What areas of my life need repentance and renewal?*
- *How can I prepare my heart for Christ this Advent?*

Find readings here: readings.livingwithchrist.ca

Building a Vibrant Parish Together

We joyfully welcomed Bishop Camilleri for his Episcopal Visitation last weekend. Heartfelt thanks to OLS Elementary, Bishop Allen Academy, Delmanor, our staff, ministry leaders, volunteers, and parishioners for your warm hospitality. Your generosity reflects our vision: a parish rooted in faith, united in service, and alive with welcome.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Mom's Group: Pray & Play - Tuesday, Dec. 16, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm. Parish hall meeting room.

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.



Questions? Email Angelica: familylife@sorrows.ca

"In Yonder Stall" Christmas Concert Tuesday, Dec. 16, 7:00 pm, in the church

Our Christmas concert benefits the Out-of-the-Cold program, administered by our neighbours at All Saints Kingsway. Funds raised will go to helping those facing homelessness, loneliness and food insecurity. Sing Christmas carols and hear seasonal music performed by our own choirs, MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble, the ODIN Quartet, Trumpeter Michael Barth and our Music Director, Gordon Mansell. Free admission, donations are welcomed (over \$20 will be tax receipted).



formed™ Our parish offers free access to FORMED.org with movies, documentaries, audio talks, eBooks, and programs to help you grow in faith. This Advent, discover daily reflections, family-friendly series, Scripture studies, and inspiring films to prepare your heart for Christ's coming. To sign up, visit FORMED.org, select Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Toronto, and enjoy unlimited resources for the season.

Support Our Parish with a Simple Tap

We've added a new Tip Tap Pay stand for parish donations in the main foyer. To receive a tax receipt, scan the parish QR code after your first tap and register your card — just once. Each tap donates the amount shown. Tap more times to increase. This is a convenient, cashless, and secure way to give. Thank you for your continued generosity.



MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE GROUP

On Monday, Dec. 22, from 10:00 - 11:30 am, join us at the **MHI Christmas Social** following the morning Mass. This will be a relaxed, social gathering, celebrating the joy of connecting with others. Those who wish may take part in a fun \$10 wrapped gift exchange. Holiday snacks, sweets, coffee, and tea will be provided by our team. You're welcome to bring a favourite treat to share. The event is free, but registration required. Call/text Anne Marie at 416-559-9455.

Support the Society of St Vincent de Paul Christmas fund

- Help families in need this Christmas by donating cash or gift cards (PC or Walmart, \$25 preferred). Place donations in an envelope marked SSVDP Christmas Campaign with your receipt and contact info in the collection basket at Mass or drop off at the parish office. Cheques payable to Society of St Vincent de Paul. E-transfers: ols.ssvdp.treasurer@gmail.com (include name & address). Tax receipts available. For assistance, email olschristmas@gmail.com or call 647-770-4805.



Coffee Friday - Friday, Dec. 12

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



Advent Day of Confessions - Saturday, Dec. 20

Priests will be available each hour, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. In addition to English-language confession by all priests, a number of priests are also available to hear confessions in other languages.

9:30 am to 11:00 am — Parish hall	Fr. Martin Pereira	Fr. Antoine Badr *French, Italian, Arabic
11:00 am to 1:00 pm — Parish hall	Fr. Carlos Sierra Tobon *Swahili, Spanish, Italian	Fr. Jan Kolodynski *French, Italian, Polish
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm — Church	Fr. John Vetere	Msgr. David Reilander
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm — Church	Msgr. Joseph Shiels	Fr. Nino Cavoto Fr. John Abad *Italian, Filipino, some Spanish

*Languages spoken in addition to English

2026 OLS Fundraising Gala Dinner
Friday, Feb. 6, 2026,
at Le Treport Banquet Hall

Ticket sales have been selling fast! Don't wait too long to finalize your ticket order. Buying tickets for this event would make a beautiful Christmas gift for your family. Volunteers will be at the back of the church after each Mass to process your ticket purchase. You can also visit this QR code (bit.ly/4ozwhwW), our digital display, or the parish website to order online. For more information: 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

**New Hymnals Coming in 2026 -
 Donate a Lasting Gift**

Our parish will be replacing our current paperback hymnals with Gather IV in 2026. These durable, high-quality editions will serve our parish for the next 10–15 years. Parishioners are invited to donate a hymnal for \$60. Each hymnal will include a bookplate recognizing the donor's name or may be dedicated in memory of a loved one. Donors who prefer may also remain anonymous.



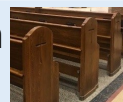
To participate, use the envelopes available in the church. Include your name and contact information together with your donation. Once the parish office receives your gift, you will be sent a Microsoft Forms link where you can submit the names to be printed on the bookplate. For credit card donations or other assistance, please contact the parish office directly. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. Thank you for helping enrich our parish worship with this enduring gift.

Get a head-start on parish events
 using our **3-month-calendar**:

bit.ly/3VbpNHF



Spirit of Welcome - Let's extend a warm welcome to all by making room in the pews.



Opportunity to Serve - 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. Thank you.

Thanks to your support, we have earned a total of \$417,581 out of our goal of \$512,000 for **ShareLife!** That is 81.56% of our goal. Now, until Dec. 31, your contribution will be matched by an anonymous donor up to a total of \$500,000. Support via a ShareLife envelope, our parish website, or at sharelife.org/ donate (Under "How would you like to direct your gift?", select *Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke*).



2026 Pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey, Malta & Italy

Join Fr. Chris and OLS parishioners for a 15-day spiritual journey, Sep. 23–Oct. 7, 2026. Explore sacred sites, deepen faith, and enjoy fellowship aboard the Enchanted Princess cruise. 3 cabins still available. For more information, visit bit.ly/4oS84Se or contact Halina at 647-294-4116.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This weekend, Dec. 6/7: Christmas for the Poor - This collection benefits the Canadian Food for Children and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Your gift is greatly appreciated!



Next weekend, Dec. 13/14: Parish Maintenance Fund Thank you for your support in taking care of our spiritual home.

Mass Intentions
 FOR THE WEEK

December 8 to 14

Mon. †Banu & †Ali Almasi by Tita & family
Tue. †Stephen Doherty by Marieta Brosas & Ray Sumaya
Wed. †Stephen Doherty by Ursula Matthews
Thu. †Leslie & †Anne Carol Sharples by family
Fri. †Doug Cramp by Maxine Cramp
Sat. Intentions of Luciano Conte by Luciana Conte
Sat. 5:15 pm †Joseph O'Toole by Gail Weiler & Dave Tyrrell
Sun. 8:00 am Parish Intentions
9:30 am †Mairead O'Hanlon by O'Hanlon family
11:00 am †Giovanni & †Giuseppina Boschetti by Luciana Boschetti
12:30 pm †Yong Tjan by Lisa Tjan & family

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