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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.)

## Adoration

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

## Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Saturday: 4:00pm-5:00pm

February 11, 2024

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Mr. Sarfaraz Pinto, *Permanent Deacon*

Mr. Jeremy Zou, *Transitional Deacon*

Elise Lee, *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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## Marriage Sunday



The celebration this weekend highlights the importance of the sacrament of marriage, affirms couples who strengthen our faith community through their witness, and complements World Marriage Sunday celebrations that take place across North America. It also honours those who serve in marriage ministries, whether in marriage preparation or marriage enrichment.

As we celebrate Marriage Sunday throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto, Archbishop Leo extends a special message to all married couples: *"I wish to extend my prayer and best wishes to all married couples. This is a wonderful occasion to honour your commitment, fidelity and public witness to the sacrament of holy matrimony. Each day you say "yes", you affirm the vows made on your wedding day to support one another through the joys and struggles of life's journey."*

To read the full text of Archbishop Leo's letter, visit <https://bit.ly/496lmf>

*"Marriage is a precious sign, for when a man and a woman celebrate the sacrament of marriage, God is, as it were, 'mirrored' in them; he impresses in them his own features and the indelible character of his love. Marriage is the icon of God's love for us."*

~ Pope Francis' [Amoris Laetitia](#)

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Pancake Tuesday**  
Feb. 13, 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm, Parish Hall



*Tickets are selling fast!* Get your tickets at the back of the church after all Masses this weekend, the parish office on Feb. 12 & 13 from 9:30 am to 4:00pm. Limited number of tickets available at the door on a first come, first served basis.

**Ticket Prices: 13 years and older: \$10.00, Children 6 to 12 years old: \$5.00, and Children 5 and under: Free.**

Cash, debit or credit card accepted.

The success of any parish event relies on volunteers who share their time and talent. This is an opportunity for you to get involved and serve your parish community. We need volunteers in shifts (between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm): cooks, servers and helpers. Join in on the fun! Please email [office@sorrows.ca](mailto:office@sorrows.ca) or fill out a volunteer form at the back of the church.



**No Greater Love:**  
**A Biblical Walk Through**  
**Christ's Passion**

**Saturdays - Feb. 24 to Mar. 23**  
**10:00 am to 11:30 am Parish Hall**

*Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary?* Join us for this five-part biblical pilgrimage. Witness Christ's unconditional love and walk with Him step-by-step on his journey from agony in the garden to crucifixion on Calvary.

For more information or to register, email Susy or Jen at [ministry01@sorrows.ca](mailto:ministry01@sorrows.ca) or call the parish office at 416- 231-6016.

Cost: \$40.00 (includes resource book & one year online access to the session videos & workbook).



**Stations of the Cross** - Celebrated each Friday of Lent starting **Feb. 16 at 9:30 am & 7:30 pm** in the church.

**Ash Wednesday** marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent - 40 days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving in preparation for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. **Ashes will be distributed on Feb. 14 at the 9:00 am, 1:00 pm (school Mass) & 7:30 pm Masses.**



The tradition of receiving ashes has its roots in the Old Testament, where wearing ashes was a common sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of humility before God. When we receive the blessed ashes, we acknowledge and remember that *"we are dust, and to dust we shall return."*

During **Lent**, penance is an important requirement of Christian life. Fulfillment of this duty involves prayer, works of piety and charity, and self-denial by fulfilling one's obligations more faithfully and especially by observing the prescribed fast and abstinence. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and of abstinence from meat. Christian fasting obtains its full meaning when we deprive ourselves of food in order to be more open to prayer, to share more in the suffering of those who are starving and to save money to give to the poor. Fasting is a penitential discipline intended to open our hearts to God and others, a means of purification and spiritual liberation, a witness of the depth of our faith. The law of "abstinence from meat" binds those who are 14 and older; the law of "fasting" binds those from 18 to 59 years of age. Parents and educators are reminded of their duty to introduce children gradually to the understanding and practice of penance. The actions modeled by adults will be the greatest influence in this matter. Fridays are days of abstinence from meat, but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day. (Pastoral Notes, pgs. 54-5)

We invite you to read Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024. Go to <https://bit.ly/3SzsK2T>



### OLS Moms' Group: Pray and Play

(Meets the third Tuesday of each month in the parish hall) – Calling all moms: Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 20 for Pray and Play! This is an opportunity to 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. For information and registration, contact Elise at [elise@sorrows.ca](mailto:elise@sorrows.ca).



**Family Movie Afternoon** - You are invited to join us in the parish hall on Saturday, February 24 for our next Family Movie Afternoon. This is a great opportunity to watch a family-friendly movie and meet other families at OLS!

We will be watching **Disney's "Up"** (PG/Parental guidance advised) together. This heartwarming Pixar movie brings the viewers on the adventure of a lifetime while portraying the beauty of enduring love and meaningful friendships.

Doors open at 2:30pm and the movie starts at 3:00 pm.

**Free admission, free popcorn, and pizza \$2 a slice.**

Chairs and mats will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your blanket, cushion or lawn chair for added comfort!

**Reminder!** We encourage everyone who is not registered with the parish but have started to use the 2024 offertory envelopes to do so. Parish registration forms are available at the back of the church.

**OLS Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France**, under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Chris Cauchi, Sep. 22 to Oct. 5, 2024. Visit <https://bit.ly/3SCt1SG> or call Halina at 647-294 - 4116 for more information.

### World Day of the Sick – Sunday Feb. 11

Today we observe World Day of the Sick, introduced by St. Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. This date is also the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes and highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It is a reminder of the importance of service to the sick and suffering, and recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care practitioners and pastoral care givers who look after and treat those who are ill.

### Buon Appetito! Fundraising Dinner

**Grazie!** We received raving reviews from those who attended our Parish Fundraising Dinner last Saturday! The event netted \$8,121.11. St. Francis table will receive \$4,000 and the remainder will be shared between the OLS Family Life Ministry and OLS Mental Health Initiative Group.

Thank you to: the amazing volunteers who helped organize and serve at the event; our generous sponsors (Biagio & Shiela Vinci and Family, Pristine Printing, Turner & Porter), and those parishioners who made donations.

Join **MOSAIC** on its third international tour! Our Music Director Gordon Mansell invites you on Nov. 16, 2024 for a remarkable 14-day tour to Sicily, Southern and Northern Italy. You can join the tour as a singer or as a pilgrim. For more details, call or text Gordon at 416-571-3680.


### Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

#### Feb. 12 to 18

- Mon.** †Philip Keane by Gerry Simpson
- Tue.** †John Bou-Younes by family
- Wed.** **ASH WEDNESDAY** - Parish Intention
- Thu.** †Pacita & Graciano Ventura by Gloria Ventura
- Fri.** †John Attley by Tim, Angela & Lily Attley
- Sat.** †German Valenzuela & †Gaby Zapata by Claudia Valenzuela
- Sat. 5:15pm** †Roger Bertrand by McKee family
- Sun. 8:00am** Parish Intentions
- 9:30am** Int. Richard Ruebusch by Ruebusch family
- 11:00am** †Sara Assalone by Angie Assalone
- 12:30pm** †Manuel De Melo & Katherine Da Silva by Patrick De Melo

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