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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

February 16, 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. 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.

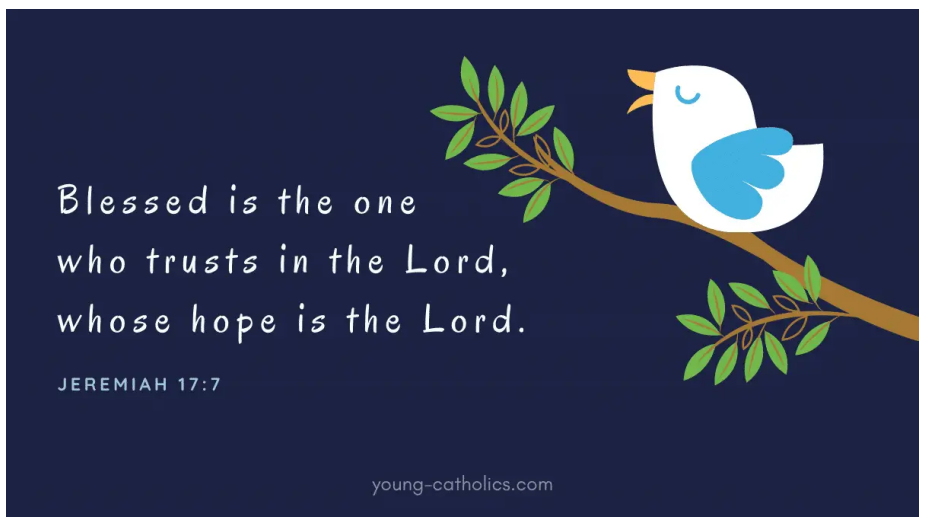
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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The readings remind us to live our lives rooted in faith. Those who place their trust in human strength alone will feel empty and lost, like a shrub in the desert. But when we trust in God, He gives us life and strength. Trusting in God means turning to Him in every situation, knowing that true happiness comes not from our own abilities but from relying on His grace.

In the Gospel, Jesus warns those who are comfortable now that their happiness is fleeting. We are reminded that worldly comforts are not lasting and are encouraged to trust in God's care, seeking His blessings as we serve those in need.

Reflection questions:

- *What does it mean to trust in God's strength in my daily life?*
- *What temporary comforts might I be relying on instead of God?*
- *What steps can I take to deepen my trust in God?*

Family Day – Monday, Feb. 17

The church will be open for rosary at 8:25 am and Mass at 9:00 am but there will be no Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions in the evening. Parish Office will be closed.



Parish ShareLife Campaign Success!

We are thrilled to announce that our parish has raised \$510,869.92 for ShareLife in 2024, which is 102.2% of our goal! This is a wonderful achievement, up from \$493,632.02 in 2023. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this cause, and for your ongoing generosity. Your support ensures that essential programs and services continue to impact our community and beyond. Together, we are making a difference!

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Mom's Group: Pray & Play – February 18

Are you a mother with a young child under 4 years old? Join other mothers for meaningful conversation and reflection on the joys and challenges of motherhood. 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the parish hall.



Parent's Small Group – February 28

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Parents of all ages and stages are welcome. Light dinner and childcare will be provided. Registration required: bit.ly/3YYnlpp



OLS 85th Anniversary Celebration

A reminder — The parish fundraising dinner is on Saturday, February 22. Cocktails at 6:30 pm and dinner begins at 7:00 pm. This event is now sold out. Those attending do not require printed tickets.

Participate in our online silent auction and bid on a variety of items—red wine lots, gift certificates, unique experiences, and more—at prices for every budget. Your participation will help fund upcoming events this fall and ensure our anniversary celebrations are a success. Place your bid today at bit.ly/Ens2SS!

More Exciting Events Coming Soon!

The tickets for the fundraising dinner on February 22 sold out in less than 24 hours! If you weren't able to get your tickets, don't worry — we are planning more special events to celebrate this milestone. Stay tuned for more details!



Sessions on Palliative Care

This four-module program is designed to help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness learn more about palliative care and the importance of building compassionate communities within the context of our Catholic faith.

Sessions take place in the parish hall, on Tuesdays from Feb. 4 to Feb. 25, 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Workshops are free! Printed materials for \$5. Contact Anne Marie at 416-559-9455 to register.



With Joyful Hearts — Next Weekend

We welcome Alexandra at 5:15 pm Mass and Viviane at 12:30 pm Mass who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for these babies and their families.



Wondering what to do with last year's blessed palms?

You can either return them to the parish office or leave them at the back of the church so we can use them to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday.

OLS Pancake Tuesday March 4, 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

We hope you will protect your evening of March 4 to join our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper in the parish hall! Dinner will feature delicious pancakes, sausages, maple syrup, blueberry compote, applesauce, juice and tea/coffee. For kids there will be a dedicated 'pancake decorating table'!



Tickets go on sale this weekend at the back of the church. Get yours before they're gone. \$12 for 13 years+, \$5 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and younger. We are also looking for volunteers. Email office@sorrows.ca.

Stay Connected — Don't miss out on exciting parish events and activities by viewing our 3-month calendar at: bit.ly/4gh3iJS

The **OLS Knitting Circle** meets Tuesdays from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm in the parish hall. All knitted items for babies are donated to charity. To donate extra yarn, please drop them off in the parish office.





**Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
Our Lady of Sorrows Conference**

**Annual Parish Report
2024**

Dear Parishioners,

Our Lady of Sorrows Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul (SSVP) has responsibility for the region of South Etobicoke extending from Eglinton Avenue in the north to the Queensway in the south and from the Humber River to Islington Avenue. Over this past year the Conference has assisted 53 low-income households including 78 adults and 38 children on a monthly basis (a total of 447 visits). Your help has made, and will continue to make a difference in the lives of these families. Assistance is provided in the form of information to help them access appropriate services, grocery gift cards to address food insecurity, basic items of furniture through the SSVP Stores including beds, mattresses, kitchen tables and chairs. In addition, the Conference of Our Lady of Sorrows hosts Periodic Bundle Up weekends during which donated clothing, footwear, and linens are collected on behalf of the St Vincent de Paul Stores.

The money to support these activities comes through parishioners' donations. A guiding principle of the Society is that funds are to be shared so that no Neighbour in Need is left behind because of the area in which they live. Consequently, revenues beyond what is needed in our own OLS Conference area are "Passed Up" within the organization and used to assist other SSVP conferences. These "Passed Up" funds also support city-wide initiatives, such as children's summer camps (Camps Ozanam and Marygrove) as well as residential housing for adults with special circumstances.

During the Christmas Season, parishioners and the classes at Our Lady of Sorrows School support the Adopt-A-Family Campaign through the SSVP which provides extra support to our neighbours at Christmas time.

Financially, the SSVP-OLS received cash and in-kind donations of \$103,873 last year, of which \$21,414 were gifts in-kind, the majority of which was received during our Christmas Adopt-A-Family Campaign. Poor box and tax receipted donations amounted to \$28,406. Donations passed through to SSVP-OLS from other charities totaled \$52,624.

\$77,789 in food cards, clothing, furniture and gifts-in-kind were provided to our Neighbors in Need, including \$2,870 contributed to initiatives supporting the Society's Prison Ministry. A further \$25,500 was "Passed Up" to assist other SSVF conferences with greater need and fewer resources, and to support SSVF city-wide programs.

The volunteer members of the Our Lady of Sorrows Conference of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul sincerely thank our Pastor, Fr. Chris, and the Staff of the Parish Office for their support of our ministry. We also thank you, the parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows for your generous donations.

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Our Lady of Sorrows Conference, Society of Saint Vincent De Paul
Financial Report for Calendar Year 2024¹

Source of Funds

Tax receipted donations from parishioners	\$13,630
Unreceipted donations [poor box, and other anonymous donations]	\$14,776
Parishioner donations to SSDP made through other charities ²	\$52,624
Donation in Kind [Christmas campaign: toys, clothes, food and gift cards]	\$21,414
Misc.	\$1,429

Total Revenue **\$103,873**

Expenses

Food vouchers	\$(71,689)
Furniture, clothing and other support	\$(6,100)
Funds Passed Up and provided to other Saint Vincent de Paul Charities	\$(25,500)
Administration [Bank fees, stationary, phone etc.]	\$(2,003)

Total Disbursements **\$(105,292)**

Surplus (Deficit) **\$(1,419)**

(1) OLS Conference uses the Cash Accounting method which records revenue when cash is received and expenses when they are paid.

(2) Other Charities include Canada Helps, Charities Aid Foundation, the Archdiocese of Toronto as well as Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

Community Building Event
Sunday Feb. 23, after 11:00 am Mass

In the parish hall. Hosted by Family Ministry. Share a special moment with Grandparents and family. Create memories by sharing a treat, make an origami and photo opportunities.



Save the Dates!

March 29 — Parish Lenten Mission

9:30 am to 4:00 pm, by Dr. Josephine Lombardi

March 29 & 30 — Bundle Weekend

Donate to help our neighbours in need

July 6 to 11 — Totus Tuus summer camp

Introduction to Prayer



Get your copy of Bishop Barron's *Introduction to Prayer* for \$10 at the back of the church. Don't miss out and learn how to make prayer a part of your life!

2025 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners

This initiative supports parishioners in sponsoring family members who have been forced to flee their homeland because of war, violence or persecution and who need resettlement.

If you are a parishioner interested in sponsoring a family member, please contact the parish office by mid May to schedule a meeting with Fr. Chris. Please note that interested parishioners will be asked to provide the necessary funds required by Immigration Canada for sponsorship.

OLS Pilgrimage, under the spiritual leadership of Fr Chris Cauchi, September 16 to 30, 2025 (14 days). Please visit bit.ly/40NUerp or call Halina Jablonski at 647-294-4116 for details.



Attend the **Come & See Weekend** Discernment Retreat at St. Augustine's Seminary from Mar 14 to Mar 16.

Explore the call to the priesthood and experience life at our seminary. Space is limited, register at bit.ly/3UdrYKJ.



Prayer Corner

As we continue our focus this month on the second type of prayer, Petition, we don't have to look far to see examples of Jesus' repeated promise to listen and answer our prayers. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus encourages us to place our needs before God, trusting that God loves us and wants to give us what is good for us:

"Which of you would hand his son a stone when he asks for a loaf of bread, or a snake when he asks for a fish? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good things to those who ask him?" Matthew 7:9-11

We are also encouraged to persevere in this kind of prayer. In the parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8) Jesus underscores the need to *"pray always without becoming weary."* God hears and answers those who have faith, and that faith is shown in our determination to continue our prayer dialogue with Him and not to give up when our prayer is not answered immediately or in the way we expect.

Pick up a Petition prayer card at the church entrances and make time to pray or go to bit.ly/4hOvrlR.

Mass with Contemporary Music - Sunday, March 2 at 12:30 pm. Come 10 minutes early to rehearse with Alejandra Ballon and the ensemble before the Mass begins. Contemporary music adds a prayerful, accessible element to our liturgies.



Mass Intentions
 FOR THE WEEK

February 17 to 23

- Mon.** †Philip Orsino by Elsa Kucher
- Tue.** Int. of Dan Kinahan by Anne & Bob Shiley
- Wed.** †Ed & +Dixie Wickham by Marianne Wickham
- Thu.** Int. of Barbara Czaplá by Stefania Czaplá
- Fri.** Int. of Anthony Trimboli by Francesca Racco
- Sat.** †Connie Pillo by Clare Pillo
- Sat. 5:15pm** Living & Deceased members of Vito D'Attolico family
- Sun. 8:00am** Int. of Camillo & Cheryl Quadros
- 9:30am** Parish Intentions
- 11:00am** †Lydia Dallarte Combate by OLS knitting Group
- 12:30pm** †Neil Pinto by Ryan, Tyler & Kaitlyn Pinto

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