



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

Parish Office will be closed on Family Day - Monday, February 19

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:00pm

3055 Bloor St W, Etobicoke ON M8X 1C6

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 18, 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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First Sunday of Lent



During Lent, we remain in the desert. We face the reality of temptation, and at times give in to temptation. Let us call to mind those times when temptation has won out, repent and receive God's mercy.

On this First Sunday of Lent, a time when most of us are inclined to reflect more deeply on how we live as Christians, we are reminded of God's everlasting love.

The forty days Jesus spent in the desert was a time of intense focus on his relationship with God, preparing himself for the important work God has given Him to do. We can follow his lead, stripping away distractions and making ourselves more available to the Father in prayer.

May our observance of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving become means through which we engage with the world: seeking not only our own conversion, overcoming adversity, the healing and restoration of all creation and living out the hope of the Gospel in every aspect of our lives.

What service could you commit to during your forty days? Make a plan for this spiritual work.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

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



Join us for this five-part biblical pilgrimage. The first session is on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the parish hall. Witness Christ's unconditional love and walk with Him step-by-step on his journey from agony in the garden to crucifixion on Calvary.

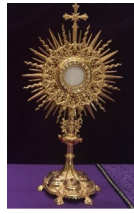
To register, email Susy or Jen at ministry01@sorrows.ca or call the parish office at 416- 231-6016.

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



Stations of the Cross

Parishioners are encouraged to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon Christ's suffering and death. Recited each Friday of Lent starting Friday, Feb. 16 at 9:30 am & 7:30 pm in the church.



Adoration is where we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ.

~ St. Pope John Paul II.

Takes place **Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the church (except on Feb. 19 - Family Day).**



Reconciliation is the sacrament of the tenderness of God, his way of embracing us.

~Pope Francis. Offered **Monday evenings (except Feb. 19, Family Day) and Fridays of Lent from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm.**

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY



Moms' Group: Pray and Play

Calling all moms! Join us on Tuesday, Feb. 20 in the parish hall at 10:00 am to noon. Live out the vocation of motherhood by getting to know other moms and share practical parenting tips. Young children aged 4 and under are welcome. For information and registration, contact Elise at elise@sorrows.ca.



Family Movie Afternoon - You are invited on Saturday, Feb. 24 to watch **Disney/Pixar's "Up"**. This heartwarming movie brings the viewers on the adventure of a lifetime while portraying the beauty of enduring love and meaningful friendships. (PG/ Parental Guidance advised)

Doors open at 2:30 pm and the movie starts at 3:00 pm. **Free admission, free popcorn, and pizza \$2 a slice.**

Chairs and mats provided, but you are welcome to bring your blanket, cushion or lawn chair.

LENTEN RESOURCES

Hallow - Our parish is offering the **Hallow App** for a special price of \$1.00

U.S. during the 40 days of Lent. The app includes an audio-guided Lent Pray40 Challenge: He Leadeth Me, which is led by Fr Mike Schmitz and includes actors Jonathan Roumie and Mark Wahlberg. Download the app and use Pray40 to help create a new habit of praying every day.

After Lent, you can choose to continue to use it or cancel. The app will automatically renew for \$9.99 US/month or \$69.99 US/year – minus a 20% discount. You will receive an email from Hallow prior to the automatic renewal.

To get started, position your phone camera on the QR code or visit hallow.com/pray



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Living Faith Series

Week 1: Developing a consistent prayer life

To watch the video visit <https://bit.ly/3OMoDPQ>



Baptisms Next Weekend - On Sunday, Feb. 25 at the 11:00 am Mass, we welcome Charlotte, Daniella, Gianna and Maya as they celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.



Bundle Up Weekend - From 9 am until 6 pm on Saturday Mar. 2 and Sunday Mar. 3, the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVDP) truck will be in the church parking lot to collect gently used items in support of our neighbours in need in the community. The Society welcomes clothing, coats, shoes, boots, linens, towels, drapes, and toys (new only). Please note we can NOT accept appliances, furniture, mattresses, dishes, books, cassettes, video tapes, or, construction materials. Volunteers will be present before and after each Mass to help load your items.

Insights on Wellness - Everyone is invited on Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 10:00 am in the parish hall for a workshop on "Handling Conflict." Hosted by the OLS Mental Health Initiative Group and Catholic Family Services.

To register, call or text Anne Marie at 416-559-9455. Light refreshments will be served.

COMMUNITY



LIFT
JESUS
HIGHER

The **Lift Jesus Higher Rally** is an annual event for Youth and Adults that focuses on evangelizing

through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. It will be held on Sat, Mar. 2 from 8:00 am to 5.30 pm at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Simultaneously, a Youth Rally for ages 13-18 will be held at another location at the same venue.

For tickets contact Deacon Sarfaraz Pinto in person or via email: dn.pinto@sorrows.ca by Sunday, Feb 25, 2024. Adults: \$30. Youth: \$15.

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.

Save the Dates!

Lenten Day of Confessions

Saturday, Mar. 16 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm.

Parish Lenten Mission: *Pledge of Future Glory*

Monday, Mar. 18 to Wednesday, Mar. 20 offered by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

Confessions at 7:00 pm, presentation, adoration, and praise & worship at 7:30 pm in the church.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Day Camp (Gr. 1-6): Monday, Jul. 8 – Friday, Jul. 12
Evening Program (Gr. 7-12): Sunday, Jul. 7 – Thursday, Jul. 11

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 19 to 25

- Mon.** †Ray Hollidge by Michael Foran
- Tue.** †Dixie Wickham by Ed Wickham
- Wed.** †Douglas Cramp by Carol Lundy
- Thu.** †Connie Pillo by Jan & Matt Sullivan and Christine & Joe Kissick
- Fri.** Int. of Marina Mooney by Ruebusch family
- Sat.** †Elisa Ong by family
- Sat. 5:15pm** †Mary & †Frank Ferkul by Anne Pohole
- Sun. 8:00am** †Joaquim & Maria Rosa Santos by Rosa, Natalie and family
- 9:30am** Int. of Michael McKee by family
- 11:00am** Parish Intentions
- 12:30pm** †Nicholas Ward by family

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