



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

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Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Monday-Saturday): 9:00am
Saturday Vigil: 5:15pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am*, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Adoration

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Saturday: 4:00pm-5:00pm

*Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)

February 25, 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.

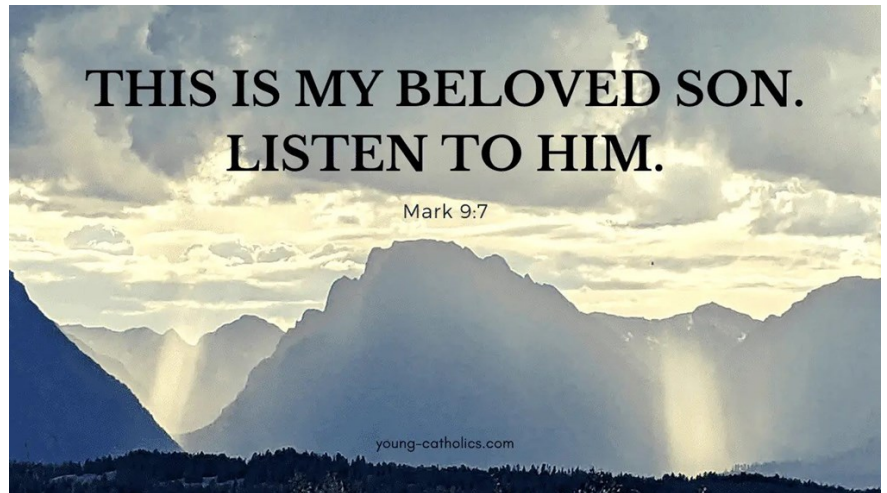
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Second Sunday of Lent



The Gospel for the second Sunday of Lent anticipates Jesus' resurrection. The Transfiguration invites us to contemplate the Paschal Mystery, where the suffering and death of Jesus find their ultimate meaning in the glory of the resurrection. It challenges us to look beyond the trials and tribulations of the present, anchoring our hope in the promise of eternal life.

Reflection Questions:

- In what ways am I called to make sacrifices during Lent, and how can these sacrifices contribute to growing my faith?
- How can I better understand the suffering, glory, and the purpose of my own life?
- What specific steps can I take to align my life more closely with the lessons of faith, sacrifice, and divine revelation highlighted in this weekend's readings?

Almsgiving this Lent. Here are a few ideas on how you can practice almsgiving: reflect on your own consumption, practice acts of kindness, volunteer your time, set aside a certain amount of money to donate to the church or a charitable cause or organization.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

INITIAL ME25 ENGAGEMENT SURVEY RESULTS

Last Fall, OLS parishioners 18 years and older were invited to complete a parish engagement survey to help provide a picture of our overall level of spiritual engagement.

Why is Engagement at church important?

Engagement is not the same as involvement. Involvement is what I do at my parish. Engagement is how I feel about my church. Engaged members use the language of “family” about their church. Engagement creates deeper spiritual commitment. Research has shown that by focusing on growing engagement, increased spiritual commitment follows.

Here is an overview of our highest and lowest rated survey questions:

| Highest Scores (Hope) | Lowest Scores (Biggest Opportunities) |
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| • I am a person who is spiritually committed | • I worship and pray every day |
| • I speak words of kindness to those in need of encouragement | • I have opportunities to learn and grow |
| • At my parish my spiritual needs are met | • Besides family, I have a best friend at church |

To help delve into the meaning behind each of these responses, we will invite parishioners from different perspectives to join Focus group sessions. This additional insight will uncover detailed feedback to help us determine where we should focus to be a stronger, more engaged parish. In the coming months, we will also share more details about our overall OLS Engagement Index and what it reveals – and how these insights will help us build out a plan together.

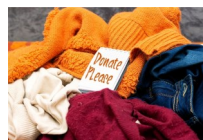
PARISH ADMINISTRATION

The **2023 Tax Donation receipts** for your contributions to OLS and related charities have been mailed out. Together with the receipt, you will find an update on the initial results from our OLS ME25 Gallup Engagement survey which parishioners were invited to complete last Fall. *Note that the Holy Week schedule enclosed should say Easter Vigil at 8:00 pm.*

Monthly Maintenance Update - Our faith encourages us to restore our church building so that generations to come will have adequate facilities to support their faith journey. **The special monthly collection will take place next weekend, March 2 & 3.** Thank you for your ongoing support.

The following maintenance projects were undertaken in the past month: electrical \$548, fire safety system inspection \$2619 and snow care \$754.

OUTREACH



Bundle Up Weekend - The Society of St. Vincent De Paul container will be in the church parking lot on Mar. 2 & 3 from 9:00 am until 6:00 pm to collect gently used items. 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.

SEASON OF LENT

Stations of the Cross is a 14-step devotion commemorating the journey of Jesus Christ to Calvary. Recited each Friday of Lent after the 9:00 am Mass and at 7:30 pm. Parishioners are encouraged to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon Christ's suffering and death.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

- Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- Fridays of Lent from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Lenten Day of Confessions

Find your way back to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Two priests will be available each hour, from **9:30 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, Mar. 16**. In addition to English language confessions by all priests, a number of priests are also available to hear confessions in other languages: Polish, French, Italian, Arabic, Spanish, and Maltese.

Parish Mission: *Pledge of Future Glory* Monday, Mar. 18 to Wednesday, Mar. 20

Offered by the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Fr. Luke Joseph Leighton and Fr. Juan Diego Sutherland. The mission starts at 7:30 pm and includes a presentation, Adoration, and Praise & Worship music. Confessions available between 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Free will offerings welcome.

The **Lift Jesus Higher Rally** is an annual event that focuses on evangelizing through uplifting music, testimonials, reflections, Divine Mercy celebration and Eucharistic Adoration. **Sat, Mar. 2 from 9:00 am (Rosary at 8:40 am) to 5.30 pm**. Adult Rally: North Bldg., Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Youth Rally (ages 13-18): John Basset Theatre, MTCC. For tickets email Deacon Sarfaraz at dn.pinto@sorrows.ca by Sunday, Feb 25. Adults: \$30. Youth: \$15.

Hallow We invite and encourage families to pray together during this Season of Lent and create a new habit of praying everyday. Download the Hallow App or go online to hallow.com/how-to-pray. Check out the page on How to Pray with Kids!

After Lent, you can choose to continue to use the app 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.

Living Faith Series

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Week 2: Mass and Confession.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3wrv9FH> to watch the video.



Coffee Friday - In observance of Lent, we will not be having our monthly coffee social on Mar. 1st. We look forward to celebrating the Feast Days of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. More details to follow.

Save the Date!

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
More details to come.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

February 26 to March 3

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| Mon. | †Susanne Sutherland by Pat & Paul Matthews |
| Tue. | †Francesco Racco by granddaughter |
| Wed. | †Susanne Sutherland by Ursula Matthews |
| Thu. | †Mary Lucey by Ursula Matthews |
| Fri. | †Joan Brady by Ursula Matthews |
| Sat. | † Rory Watson by Jim & Winnie Magee |
| Sat. 5:15pm | †Dixie Wickham by Marianne Wickham |
| Sun. 8:00am | †John MacDonald by Karen & Doug Farrar |
| 9:30am | Parish Intentions |
| 11:00am | Living & Deceased members of the Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families |
| 12:30pm | †Johanna Zbogar by Zbogar family |

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