



# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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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.)

## Reconciliation

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

*First Sunday of Lent*

*February 26, 2023*

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Agustin Meneses, *Deacon*

Gordon D. Mansell, M. Mus, *Music Director*

### Ministries and Groups

Alpha • Altar Servers • Altar Society • Bible Study • Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion • Garden Buddies • Knitters Circle • Lectors • Liturgy of the Word with Children • Ministers of Hospitality • Music Ministry • Religious Education for Children • Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) • Sacramental Preparation • Social Committee Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Call the office for info on:

### Sacrament of Baptism

#### 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.*

### Our Lady of Sorrows School

[www.tcdsb.org](http://www.tcdsb.org)

### Archdiocese of Toronto

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

### Catholic Cemeteries

[www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)

## Temptations and Faith

The readings for the 1st Sunday of Lent reflect on sin and temptation.

The first reading recounts the story of how Adam and Eve turned away from God. The psalm is a repentant appeal to the goodness of God. The second reading reminds us that even though we are sinners, we are saved through the obedience of Jesus Christ. And the gospel tells us how Jesus went to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days and resisted the temptations of Satan.

In Matthew's Gospel, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

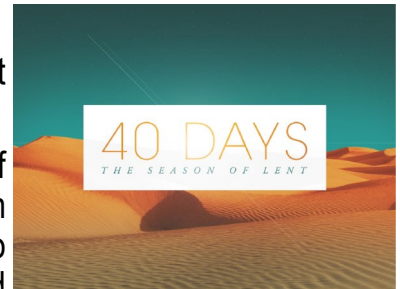
The account of Jesus' temptations in the desert are filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted.

### Reflection Questions:

- *What can I do to grow in my faith this Lent?*
- *How can I turn away from dangerous temptations in my life?*
- *Do I trust in God during difficult times?*



# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## Pancake Celebration to Remember!



What better way to launch our Lenten season than for our OLS community to celebrate together the pancake tradition of Shrove Tuesday! Over dinner Monday, Feb 20 and breakfast Tuesday, Feb 21, approximately 180 parishioners, family members and friends attended the festive Mardi Gras event, thankful that we are able to gather once again. We served approximately 712 pancakes and 534 sausages! Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and to our generous donors who covered the cost of food and supplies. A special thank you to the 60 enthused volunteers who worked seamlessly (from set up to pancake flipping to greeting to ticket taking to serving to clean up and more!) to make it a well orchestrated, fun and memorable event. We are deeply grateful for the gift of everyone sharing their time and talent! A total of \$1200 was raised for ShareLife.

**S**tations of the Cross - Celebrated each Friday of Lent after the 9am Daily Mass and at 7:30pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

- Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm
- Fridays of Lent from 7pm-7:30pm
- Saturday afternoon from 4-5pm



**Lenten All Day of Confessions** will be held at OLS on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>. Priests will be available from 9:30am to 5:00pm to hear confessions.

### Our Life of Encounter with the Lord Parish Lenten Mission with Bishop Ivan Camilleri

Monday, Mar 27 to Wednesday, Mar 29

Confessions at 7:00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Praise & Worship

Presentation by Bishop Ivan Camilleri

7:30pm-8:45pm

No cost to attend.

## Lenten Resources

### Pope Francis' Lenten Letter: Lenten Penance & the Synodal Journey

We invite you to take a few minutes to read Pope Francis' message to all Catholics for Lent 2023: <http://bit.ly/3xMm4Ez>

### Explore Lent on FORMED



What does the Lord have planned for you this Lent? Discover resources available on FORMED to help you respond to his call. Visit <http://bit.ly/3SsguRS>

### Journey Through Lent 2023

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops offers Lenten reflections every week. To watch, go to <http://bit.ly/3kqiJbk>

## Liturgy of the Word with Children

Our young parishioners, ages 4-10 are invited to participate in our *Liturgy of the Word with Children* every Sunday at the 9:30 am Mass. After the opening announcement, children go down to the parish hall to listen to a children's version of the Gospel.



## Church Maintenance Update

An update on maintenance projects at the Parish this past month:

- Completed maintenance and minor repairs to our church organ. (\$490)
- Upgraded snow care including purchase of a salt spreader machine and 2 skids of rock salt. (\$2550)
- Roof & Maintenance – we appreciate your continued support towards future phases of the church roof and masonry projects. Please use the special donation envelopes included in your 2023 envelope packages at the beginning of each month.

**OLS 2022 Tax Donation Receipts** have been mailed out & you can expect to receive yours in the coming week.



## Lay Pastoral Associate Position

In the coming months, we will be reposting the position of Lay Pastoral Associate – Family Life. We wish Isabella Bruno well and thank her for her dedication and service to the OLS Community.

**Coffee Friday** - There will be no Coffee Friday on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, in lieu of the celebration of the Feast of St. Patrick (March 17) and St. Joseph (March 19).

### Feast of St. Patrick Friday, March 17



Join us in the parish hall after the 9:00am Mass for Irish coffee, tea & scones.

### Feast of St. Joseph Monday, March 19



Join us in the parish hall after the 9:00am Mass for coffee/tea and zeppole.

**Mother's Group Meeting  
on Tuesday, Feb 28  
has been postponed.**



## Living Your Faith

### Rosary

Monday - Saturday 8:25am

### Private Prayer & Exposition

Monday: 7:00pm-8:30pm



### Devotion to

### Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays before the 9am daily Mass

## Indigenous Healing and Reconciliation

On February 8, 2023, the Bishops of Canada released a series of pastoral letters to advance the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope with Indigenous Peoples of this land. Copies of the letters can be accessed by visiting: [www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation](http://www.archtoronto.org/healingandreconciliation)

Catholics throughout the archdiocese are invited to reflect, learn and join in efforts to nurture and deepen our relationship with Indigenous Peoples. We pray that the letters may serve as an additional tool to guide the journey of healing, reconciliation and hope.

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

February 27 - March 5

**Mon.** Int. of Meryl Mitchell by Castellarin Family

**Tues.** Int. of Michael McKee by Family

**Wed.** †Joan Brady by John & Ursula Matthews

**Thurs.** Int. of Margaret & Greg Hornberger  
by Mary Ellen Stiles

**Fri.** †Dixie Wickham by Marianne Wickham

**Sat. 9am** †Pacita Ventura by Gloria Ventura

**5:15pm** †Ludvik Jakopin by Friends of Ludvik

**Sun. 8am** †Bibiana Dalusong by Eileen Dalusong

**9:30am** Parish intentions

**11:00am** †Goseco, Valencia & +Feliciano Families by Linda Feliciano

**12:30pm** † Anthony Rinomato by Jack & Santina Lonergan  
& Family

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