



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

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

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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 & Confessions

Mondays 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Saturday: 4:00pm-5:00pm

January 14, 2024

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Mr. Sarfaraz Pinto, *Permanent Deacon*

Mr. Jeremy Zou, *Transitional Deacon*

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 in Ordinary Time



The readings this weekend invite us to hear and respond to God's calling.

In the first reading, Samuel is a young boy who hears God's call and becomes a great prophet, even amidst the corruption and spiritual decline in his community. Samuel's readiness sets an example for us today to listen carefully and respond to God's personal messages.

In the Gospel, John the Baptist calls Jesus the "Lamb of God," and two other disciples start following Jesus. The disciples' decision to follow Jesus begins with curiosity and leads to a deeper understanding of His identity. We too are invited to grow and transform our relationship with Jesus.

Reflection Questions:

- *Do I recognize Jesus at work in my life and am I enthusiastic in growing my relationship with Him?*
- *How can I be more attentive and listen to God's guidance amidst the noise of my busy life?*
- *What can I do to deepen my relationship with Jesus to grow from following to understanding to action?*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

***Buon Appetito!* Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Fundraising Dinner Saturday February 3, OLS Parish Hall (Cocktails at 6:30 pm & Dinner at 7:00 pm)**

Mark your calendars and purchase your tickets starting this weekend!

Enjoy a 4-course Italian dinner and a great evening out – all while raising funds for three important ministries: St. Francis Table, OLS Family Life Ministry and OLS Mental Health Initiative Group. Tickets are limited, so get yours starting today after all Masses. Invite your friends and book a table! Cost: \$100 per person. Proudly sponsored by Biagio Vinci and Family, Pristine Printing, and Turner and Porter Funeral Home.

Each weekend leading up to the dinner, we will share information about the 3 beneficiaries of the funds raised. The first beneficiary is our OLS Family Life Ministry. This Ministry is dedicated to supporting OLS families in different stages of life. Programs and events provide practical support to help build community and support faith development. Please see more from Elise below.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! I hope you and yours had a joyous Christmas season and a great start to the new year. It's been such a blessing to meet and to get to know many of you since I joined the team here in August, and I am pleased to share below some exciting highlights of the Family Life Ministry programs and events planned for 2024:

- **OLS Moms' Group Pray and Play:** Calling all moms! Pray and Play has been meeting monthly since last October and the group has grown to a community of more than twenty moms and their children. Pray and Play will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month in the parish hall from 10am to 12pm, with the next meeting coming up on January 16. Get to know other moms, share practical parenting tips, and help one another live out the vocation of motherhood. Children ages 4 and under are welcome.
- **Introducing Monthly Family Movie Afternoons!** You are invited to come join us in the parish hall for a fun-filled afternoon on the fourth Saturday of each month. Watch a family-friendly movie and get to know other OLS families! Afterwards, you are welcome to stay for the Vigil Mass celebrated at 5:15pm. The first Movie Afternoon of the year will take place on Saturday, January 27 from 3 to 5 pm, and will feature "The Prince of Egypt" (Rated G but parental guidance may be advised for young children due to subject matter).
- **Dating, engaged, or married, and looking to nurture your relationship as a couple?** Couples' Night will return as a recurring event series with a number of special evenings planned for the year, so stay tuned for more updates throughout the year!
- **Save the date: Totus Tuus is returning to OLS this summer!**
Day Camp (Grades 1-6): Monday, July 8 – Friday, July 12
Evening Program (Grades 7-12): Sunday, July 7 – Thursday, July 11

If you would like to join the Family Life Ministry mailing list and receive regular updates, please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3tNNGuM>

Come say hello when you see me at the parish, and you can also reach me by email at elise@sorrows.ca. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

ARCHDIOCESE

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Prayer Service

Sunday, January 21, 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
St. Mark Coptic Orthodox Cathedral (455 Ferrier St.)

Join Archbishop Francis Leo and a wide representation of Christian leaders to pray for the restoration of full visible unity willed by Jesus for the Church. In this annual celebration, we are reminded that the unity of the Church is both a gift of the Holy Spirit and a task for all Christians.

This event is jointly organized by the Office for Promoting Christian Unity and the Greater Toronto Area Council of Christian Churches (GTACCC). All are welcome to attend.

Celebration of Marriage Mass

Archbishop Francis Leo will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples, with special recognition for those celebrating milestone anniversaries in 2024 (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th and 60+). The Mass will take place at 3:00 pm on Sunday, February 11, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica. Couples celebrating milestone anniversaries may register for reserved seating at <https://archtoronto.org/marriage>. Reserved seating is limited. All other seating is on a first-come, first-served basis.

OLS PILGRIMAGE

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/46S4T3V> or call Halina at 647-294-4116 for more information.

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Give yourself the gift of a joyful marriage!

Sign up for the next **Retrouvaille Weekend**: January 19th to 21st, 2024 (Mississauga). For information visit torontoretrovaille.com and call 437-234-5610 to register.

2024 Donation Envelopes - If you haven't already, please pick up a box of 2024 Donation Envelopes at the entrances of the church and begin using your new numbered envelopes. **Kindly write your name, address and donation amount on your envelope for the next few weekends to assist staff in verification.** Thank you for your ongoing generosity

OLS Junior Choir!



Come & sing with us at the 9:30 am Mass on Sundays! We rehearse Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the parish hall.

If your child/grandchild (ages 8-18) would like to join the choir, contact Alejandra at aballon2@gmail.com. Sign-up forms are online at www.sorrows.ca.

Insights on Wellness - The first workshop for the year hosted by the OLS Mental Health Initiative Group is entitled "*Mending and Repairing Relationships with Family/Friends*". Join us on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 10:00 am in the parish hall. Come with a friend! To register, call or text Anne Marie at 416-559-9455. Light refreshments will be served.

Mass Intentions


FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 15 - 21

- Mon.** †Patrick Joseph O'Neill by Sal & Patricia Borraccia
Tues. †Fiarose Panachi by Rena Guerard
Wed. †Vittoria Pistilli by Mary Veneziano
Thurs. †Jane Moonie by Ronayne O'Connor
Fri. †Dixie Wickham by Marianne Wickham
Sat †Damaso Caluag by Eileen Dalusong, †Anthony Rinomato by Cathi Krewicki, †Maria Elena Martinez by Nera Avalos
Sat. 5:15pm †Jack Korpela by Rena Guerard
Sun. 8:00am †Candelaria Honorio by Jovita Ragnoni
9:30am Parish Intentions
11:00am †Frank Kielty by Mary Pat Kielty
12:30pm †Carlo Sparano by Rosanne Jabbour

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