



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.)

January 21, 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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www.tcdsb.org

Archdiocese of Toronto
www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries
www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mark's Gospel introduces the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus proclaims the good news of God's kingdom, calling people to repentance and belief in the Gospel. The immediacy with which Simon, Andrew, James, and John respond to Jesus' call is striking. They leave their nets, their family, and their livelihoods to follow Him.

This invitation is extended to each of us today. For us, it might mean different sacrifices or changes – perhaps a change in lifestyle, priorities, or attitudes. The call to follow Jesus is both personal and transformative, demanding a response that is as immediate and decisive as that of the first disciples.

Reflection Questions:

- *In what areas of my life is God calling me and how can I be more open to change?*
- *How have I experienced God's mercy and forgiveness in my life, and in what ways can I extend that same mercy and forgiveness to others?*
- *How can I be more responsive to God's call in my daily life, and what might be holding me back from fully embracing the Gospel message?*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Weekend Afternoon Retreat

Are you a married couple at OLS? You are invited to join in a marriage enrichment afternoon on Saturday, February 10, from 11:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the parish hall. The topic for the afternoon will be "*Nurturing Our Marriage and Strengthening Emotional Connection*".

What can we expect?

It's like a date where you give each other the gift of time and attention. You will be seated at your own table for two, listen to practical talks and have time to discuss it with your partner in private conversation. Background music ensures that you can chat in privacy. This afternoon is open to all married couples, regardless of whether you are in the early years of your marriage or have been married for decades.

Afterwards, you are invited to attend the 5:15 pm Vigil Mass.

A light lunch and refreshments will be served. Participation is free of charge, but registration is required. To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/4aZfHQp> or see Elise after Mass this weekend (January 20/21).

Family Movie at OLS!



You are invited to the first fun-filled Family Movie afternoon on Saturday, January 27 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

The first featured movie will be "*The Prince of Egypt*" (PG/Parental guidance advised). This is a great opportunity to watch a family-friendly movie and meet other families at OLS! Free admission, free popcorn, and pizza \$2 a slice – what more could you want on a cold January winter weekend?

Chairs will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your blanket, cushion or lawn chair for added comfort.

Marriage Sunday - Renewal of Vows

Each year on the second Sunday of February, we celebrate the importance of the Sacrament of Marriage and honour married couples as well as those who serve in marriage preparation and enrichment ministry. The weekend of Feb. 10/11, couples married in the Catholic Church will have the opportunity to renew their marriage commitment and receive a blessing.



***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)**

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 selling fast and already 50% sold! Don't miss out - get your tickets after all Masses this weekend. Credit/Debit/Cash accepted. Invite your friends and book a table! Cost: \$100 per person. Proudly sponsored by Biagio Vinci and Family, Pristine Printing, and Turner and Porter.

Our second featured beneficiary is **St. Francis Table**. Since opening its doors in 1987 as the first expression of Capuchin Outreach to the Poor, St. Francis Table serves 9 meals per week to an average of 250 people per day. These nutritious and balanced meals are provided in a warm and welcoming environment in Toronto's Parkdale neighbourhood. To learn more, please visit www.capuchinoutreach.org.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Today has been designated the “Sunday of the Word of God.” Instituted by Pope Francis and coinciding with the beginning of the Week of Christian Unity, it is significant that we are asked at this time to reflect on the importance of the Sacred Scripture and how it demonstrates a constant dialogue between Jesus and his people; literally the Word of God.

The Gospel this Sunday refers to the beginning of Jesus’ ministry and preaching. Pope Francis asks that we take time to recognize the importance of the Word of God in the daily life of the Church, as well as in our own lives. God’s Word is not confined to a book. Through the Scriptures, the Word of God remains alive and become tangible signs that continually bring hope to those who hear and welcome it with an open heart.

OLS BIBLE STUDY

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

No Greater Love is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ’s amazing love for us.

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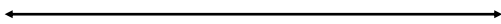
Will You Follow Jesus to Calvary? Join us this February for 5 sessions. More information to follow.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - JANUARY 18 to 25

The **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** is an annual global ecumenical celebration when Christians around the world are invited to pray for the unity of all the baptized, to reflect together on Scripture, to participate in jointly organized worship services, and to share in acts of outreach and fellowship. The theme for 2024 is drawn from Luke 10:27: **“You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbour as yourself.”** To learn more visit: <https://www.weekofprayer.ca/>.

SSVDP BUNDLE WEEKEND

Mark your calendar and start bundling! The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVDP) truck will be in the church parking lot the weekend of March 2 & 3. More details to come.



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.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Remember to pick up your 2024 offertory envelopes at the church entrance.


Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Jan. 22 - 28

- Mon.** Int. of Dan Kinahan by Anne & Bob Shiley
- Tue.** †Marie Ann Shannon by MaryLou Cronan
- Wed.** †Giovanni Riccio by Debra Gervasio
- Thu.** †Berardino Veneziano by Mary Veneziano
- Fri.** †Boguslaw Slazyk by Anna Slazyk
- Sat.** †Julie McLaughlin by Tony & Catherine Dodds
- Sat. 5:15pm** †John Carroll by Michael Foran
- Sun. 8:00am** †Paquito Dalusong by Eileen Dalusong
- 9:30am** †Michael Jurkiewicz by Susan Gagliardi
- 11:00am** †Bruno Campese by Rena Guerard
- 12:30pm** Parish Intentions

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