

OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:00pm 3055 Bloor St W, Etobicoke ON M8X 1C6 416-231-6016 <u>office@sorrows.ca</u> <u>www.sorrows.ca</u>

Mass ScheduleReconciliationWeekdays (Monday-Saturday): 9:00amMonday: 7:00pm - 8:30pmSaturday Vigil: 5:15pmSaturday: 4:00pm-5:00pmSunday: 8:00am, 9:30am*, 11:00am, 12:30pm*Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)

Sacrament of Marriage

*Parishioners must be registered and regularly attending Mass. Please contact us 1 year prior to your requested wedding date.

Our Lady of Sorrows School 32 Montgomery Rd. 416-393-5246

Archdiocese of Toronto

www.archtoronto.org 416-934-0606

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God's Blessings

The readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time show us how to seek God and what it means to follow Jesus in our world today.

The first reading gives us a roadmap for discipleship. The psalm sings of God's faithfulness and kindness. The second reading from 1st Corinthians reminds us that the world might consider our path a foolish one.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives us the Beatitudes. They show us that the promise of a "universal blessing" which was made to Abraham will be fulfilled in Jesus. They also show us what it means to follow Him -- the first Beatitude illustrating the way:

"How blessed (or "happy") are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of Heaven is theirs."

-Matthew 5:3

"Poor in spirit" means an inner humility. Unlike the world, God blesses those who are without power and influence.

While God's blessings are for all, we must work for the virtues which Jesus lists here. We are called to be poor in spirit, meek, merciful, peacemakers, and more.

Reflection Questions:

- · How do I thank God for my many blessings?
- How can I be a blessing to others today?
- Am I actively and humbly seeking God in my life?



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Church Maintenance Update

This winter, several church maintenance and repair projects have been completed or are underway:

- To heighten the security of our parish, we have installed 7 cameras around the church property. Funding came from an Anti-Hate Security Grant from the government. There will be additional cameras installed in the spring.
- Completed boiler repairs, resulting from heating issues at the start of the cold weather (\$3,500);
- Completed electrical repairs on the Bell Tower & purchased LED light bulbs for the church and hall (\$3,300);
- Improved drainage issues to the east-side flower bed to find the source of a leak and to prevent further damage. Also completed repairs to the storage room underneath (\$2,350);
- Roof & maintenance we appreciate your support towards future phases of the church roof, masonry projects and ongoing preventative maintenance. Although we won't have an extra collection, an envelope has been added to the 2023 donation envelope packages for the first Sunday of each month. We appreciate your monthly support of these ongoing important needs.



OLS Mother's Group Tuesday, Jan 31 * OLS Parish Hall

Join us for food and fellowship with other mothers in the OLS community! Drop in any time between 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. Children welcome!!

Baptisms Next Weekend

Next Sunday at the 9:30 am & 12:30 pm Masses we welcome: Anna, Celine, Ella, Gavin and Xavier into the Catholic faith. Please pray for these newest



members of our parish community and for their families.

OLS <u>Salsa Night Dinner & Dance</u> Saturday, Feb 18, 6:30 pm - 10:00 pm



Tickets available after the Masses this weekend!

Enjoy dinner, wine and a salsa lesson with the West-Way Dance club. No partner required.

Cost is \$45 per person.

Alpha Starts this week! Tuesdays, starting Jan 31st 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm * No cost, Dinner included

You've heard the invitations – now Come and See what Alpha is all about! Join us this Tuesday to explore without commitment. Each Alpha session includes dinner, a video and conversation. Take time for yourself to reflect and ask questions about life, faith and meaning. Here's the link to register <u>https://bit.ly/3wl2krb</u> to help us with meal preparation. Email <u>alpha@sorrows.ca</u> if you have any questions.

Pancake Tuesday



Monday, Feb 20, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm Tuesday, Feb 21 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Cost: \$10 Adults (\$12 at the door) \$5 Children (6 - 17 yrs old) / Children under 5 are free

Mark your calendars for not one, but two opportunities to join our February Pancake Celebrations! Tickets go on sale next weekend, Feb. 4/5. Come and share your gift of time and volunteer for this event. Volunteer forms for Feb. 20 & 21 are available at the back of the church or contact the parish office at 416-231-6016 and ask for Luisa.

Candlemas & World Day for Consecrated Life - Feb 2

At the 9 am Mass this Thursday, Feb. 2nd, we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life, instituted by Pope Saint John Paul II. We pray for women and men who are commit to live the vows of chastity, obedience and poverty as a way of serving Christ and be light to the world. On this day, we also celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ, who is the light of the world.

The Feast of St. Blaise followed by Coffee Friday - Feb 3

After the 9am Mass this Friday, Feb. 3rd, you are invited for the blessing of throats. Saint Blaise was a bishop in Armenia in the 4th century. He was a physician before becoming a bishop and miraculously cured a boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the 8th century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat. Everyone is invited to Coffee Friday in the parish hall after the Mass.



Totus Tuus: Summer Camp Sunday, July 9 – Friday, July 14, 2023

Totus Tuus is back! Children and youth (Day Camp for Grades 1-6 & Evening Camp for Grade 7-12) are invited to

this FAITH nurturing, FUN-filled summer camp. Mark your calendars! Email totustuus@sorrows.ca for more information and to volunteer.

Everyone Needs a Home Wednesday, Feb 1, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm All Saints Kingsway, Anglican Church

ECULINKS Etobicoke and KAIROS Toronto West, are co-sponsoring this inperson presentation on homelessness and the need for affordable housing. For more information, please contact Cora at 416-894-6590 or info@eculinks.ca

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 9am daily Mass

OLS Marriage Sunday Weekend of Feb 11 & 12



On weekend of Feb 11th and 12th we celebrate Marriage Sunday in the Archdiocese of Toronto. There will be a special blessing for all married couples at all of our Masses that weekend.

Blessed Palms - Wondering what to do with your old palms? You may bring them to the parish office by Monday, Feb. 6 to help make ashes for Ash Wednesday.

Mass Intentions

January 30 - February 5

Mon. †Josephine Kerr by John & Ursula Matthews

- Tues. †Margaret Hirst by Gordon & Inis Mansell
- Wed. †Carmen Nordio by Loni Chandler
- Thurs. †Gretta Mulrooney by Mulrooney Family
- Fri. †Michele Tedesco by family
- Sat 9am †Goseco, †Valencia & †Feliciano Families by Linda Feliciano
 - 5:15pm + Joan Simone by Gail Weiler & Dave Tyrrell
- Sun. 8am †Connell Broden by Liz Broden
- 9:30am †Bill Borron by Melba De Witt
- 11:00am Parish Intentions
- **12:30pm** †Luiz Antonio Andrade by Luciana, Alicia & Tyler Huff



