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Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Monday to Saturday): 9:00 am
Saturday Vigil: 5:15 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am*, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm
*Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)
Rosary is prayed Monday to Saturday at 8:25 am

Adoration

Mondays 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Saturday: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
By appointment - call the parish office

January 5, 2025

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*
Angelica Chacon, *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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Unveiling OLS's New Vision and Mission!

As we approach our 85th anniversary in 2025, this is a moment for our parish community to celebrate the blessings of our past and look forward to responding to our current and future needs. Over the past two years, OLS has worked diligently to renew and affirm our identity as a parish, ensuring that we continue to grow together in faith. Initiatives such as Alpha, Bible Study, family programs, and mental health initiatives have brought us closer as a community, reflecting our shared desire to deepen our relationship with God and one another. Many of you have contributed through surveys, focus groups, and stewardship efforts, helping us define the path forward. As we enter this new chapter, we are called to embrace our role as a parish that reflects Christ's light in the world.

In light of this, we are excited to unveil our new Vision and Mission, which will guide us in the years ahead:

Our Vision — To be an ever-growing beacon of God's love, hope, and joy for all.

Our Mission — OLS is an oasis of faith and belonging where everyone looks forward to getting to know you. We are a spiritual home where all can come and see a vibrant family of believers, encounter God's love and care, and grow as disciples and witnesses. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and through the compassion of our Mother Mary, we are the light of Christ, sharing our time, talents, and treasure to worship together while serving God in the world.

As we dedicate ourselves to living out this Vision and Mission, we will give our time, talent, and treasure as a parish community. Everyone is called to participate in this mission, especially through prayer, as we work together to fulfill the purpose God has set for us in this season of growth. Let us move forward with joy and hope, guided by God's love and the support of one another.

Fr. Chris

A Heartfelt Thank You for Your Support and Service This Christmas Season

During this Christmas season, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to all of you who attended and participated in our Christmas liturgies. Your presence, your invitations to family and friends, and your warmth in welcoming all who joined us for the celebration of the birth of Jesus truly helped create a spirit of faith, hospitality and community.

I also want to extend my gratitude to our visiting clergy for their assistance with preaching and presiding at Masses, as well as for their support during the Day of Confessions. My thanks go out to our parish staff and volunteers who played a key role in making our liturgies meaningful, including the altar servers, the altar society, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, livestream team, children's liturgy ministers, ministers of hospitality, and music ministers. I am especially grateful to Gordon Mansell, our cantors, and the parish choirs for their beautiful music at the various Masses and at the Christmas Concert for the Out of the Cold program.

A special thank you to those who helped decorate the church, transforming it into a beautiful setting for our celebrations. Your efforts made our space truly shine during this holy season.

I would also like to acknowledge the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the OLS Community Building team for their efforts in serving those in need both within our community and beyond, as well as all those who contributed through their generous donations.

If I've inadvertently missed anyone, please know that my gratitude extends to all who helped make this season so special.

Fr. Chris

PARISH ADMINISTRATION

2025 Donation Envelopes

Donation envelopes for the year are available at the church entrance and you may begin using your new numbered envelopes. Kindly write your name & address on the first few envelopes as that number is assigned to you for 2025. All donations will be included in a donation receipt for the calendar year. Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Second Collection This Weekend Parish Maintenance Fund

We thank you for your continued support in taking care of our church for future generations.

During the month of December, the following maintenance and repair project were undertaken:

- Scaffolding - \$5,657.41
- Eastside glass door repair - \$4,152.75
- Snow removal - \$3,014.99
- Elevator Maintenance - \$1,435.10

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Mom's Group: Pray & Play

Are you a mother with a young child under 4 years old? You are cordially invited to join other mothers for meaningful conversation and reflection on the joys and challenges of motherhood. Please join us on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the parish hall. For more information, email familylife@sorrows.ca.

Parent's Small Group

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday January 22, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Parents of all ages and stages are welcome to join. Light dinner and childcare will be provided.

Registration required: bit.ly/3YYnlpp.

Family Movie Afternoon

Save the Date!!! You are invited to join us on Saturday, January 25 in the parish hall for a fun family movie event. Doors open at 2:30 pm and the movie starts at 3:00 pm. Admission is free. Enjoy free popcorn. We hope to see you there!



The **Epiphany** marks the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, guided by a bright, shining star. This light is different from the power of King Herod. Despite having kingly power himself, Herod reacts to the news with violence and orders male children to be killed. Jesus, though a baby, shows a different kind of kingship. He is humble and vulnerable, representing a different kind of authority marked by gentleness and love.

Although the Magi are wise and powerful, they bow down to the infant Jesus, recognizing the true value of humility. In God's kingdom, the humble are lifted up, and power is found in love and service. The Epiphany reminds us that Jesus came for all people, and His light shines on everyone.

Reflection Questions:

- *How can I share the light of Jesus with those around me?*
- *How does Jesus' kingship challenge traditional views of power?*
- *What does the Feast of the Epiphany teach me about God's kingdom and my place in it?*

OLS 85th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Fundraiser Dinner — February 22, 2025

Enjoy an excellent Italian dinner and a great evening out. Stay tuned for further details, and mark the date on your calendar.

OLS Pilgrimage, under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Chris Cauchi, September 16 to 30, 2025 (14 days). Visit bit.ly/40NUerp or call 647-294-4116 for details.



Vesnivka Choir Christmas Concert January 12, 2025 at OLS Church

Enjoy Ukrainian Christmas *Kolyadky* and New Year *Schedrivky*. 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Doors open 3:00 pm. Ticket: \$30. Free for 16 and under.



Jubilee News

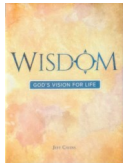
We are pleased to announce that Cardinal Leo has designated OLS as a Pilgrimage Church for our region! Bishop Camilleri, Auxiliary Bishop for the Western Region, will be visiting our parish for a special Mass on Wednesday, February 5 at 7 pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 5:30 pm that day. Please plan to attend.

Prayer Corner

First Prayer Type: Adoration

The first type of prayer we will focus on in January is Adoration. Adoration prayers praise God for who he is and give thanks to God for what he has done in our lives. Please refer to the Adoration prayer card handed out at Masses this weekend and take time to pray throughout the month. adobe.ly/41QYPcR

Winter Bible Study — Jan. 18 to Mar. 8 Wisdom: God's Vision for Life



Saturday mornings, 10:00 am to 11:30 am. A companion journal included. Cost: \$35, plus an optional \$5.95 for 1-year online video access. To register email ministry01@sorrows.ca or call the parish office.

Cognitive Decline Workshop — Jan. 27

10:00 am to 11:30 am in the parish hall.

An informative workshop by Catholic Family Services of Toronto and the OLS Mental Health Initiative, focused on understanding dementia, its symptoms, and how it affects memory and wellbeing. Workshop is free. Bring treats to share! Register with Anne Marie at 416-559-9455.


Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

January 6 to 12

- Mon.** †Zulmira Romao by Mendes family
- Tue.** †Lucyna Slomka by Danuta Gorski
- Wed.** †Miriam Kelly by the Brennans
- Thu.** †Denis Guerard by Rena Guerard
- Fri.** †Mario Della Camera by Cristina, Paolo & Stefano Della Camera
- Sat.** †Sharlene McLearn by Anique Asher
- Sat. 5:15pm** †Frank Ferkull Jr. by Fatoumata Kebe
- Sun. 8:00am** Parish Intentions
- 9:30am** †Ludvik Jakopin by family
- 11:00am** †Paula Praja by OLS counters
- 12:30pm** †Matilde Romao Guerra by Mendes family

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