



OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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.)

Reconciliation

Monday: 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Saturday: 4:00pm-5:00pm

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 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

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www.archtoronto.org

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www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Seek Living Water

The readings for the 3rd Sunday of Lent call us to examine our internal spiritual desires. The first reading tells us how God satisfied the thirst of the Chosen People in the desert. The Psalm reminds us to let God open our hearts and flow through them. The second reading tells us again that God pours himself into our hearts.



The Gospel is the story of the woman at the well, whom Jesus brings to new life through his mercy and compassion. The woman is a Samaritan, a member of a different religious tradition. For a Jewish man to speak to her was shocking.

Jesus knows of her past life and her broken relationships. In her daily life, she would have experienced rejection and shame by her community. In contrast, Jesus treats her with great respect and dignity. When she departs, the woman "left her water jar" by the well. Symbolically, her thirst is quenched by this encounter with Jesus.

When he reveals himself as the Messiah, she believes. Then she goes and tells everyone she knows.

We too have a thirst for the perfect love and acceptance that Jesus offers. He offered it to her, and He offers it to us.

Reflection Questions:

- *How can I encounter Jesus' love and acceptance during trials in my life?*
- *Do I believe in the Living Water Jesus offers me?*
- *Who are the women of faith in my life who have shared God's love?*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

RCIA Scrutinies - This Sunday at the 9:30am Mass, we celebrate the first of the three scrutinies.

The three scrutinies are celebrated during Lent and are designated to help “the Elect,” those participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), prepare to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Communion at Easter. Our OLS RCIA candidates are: *George, Aubrey, Keira, Oliver, George & Birsen.*

The scrutinies are rites of conversion and repentance. Though the word “scrutinize” sounds negative, its true meaning is simply “to see clearly or inspect closely.” During the scrutinies, the community prays for the candidates to be protected from temptation and be drawn closer to Christ.

First Scrutiny: This weekend of the first Scrutiny, the Gospel is about the Samaritan Woman at the well. Jesus asks her for some water, but he also offers her living water, promising eternal life.

The Elect desire a new life through Christ in greater fullness. For those of us who are already Catholic, the scrutinies are an opportunity to experience the same gift of renewal of life from God.

Please continue to pray for our Elect as well as our baptized candidates, *Daniel & Amen*, who are seeking their full initiation this Eater Vigil. May they continue to grow in their faith and love for God.

Lenten Day of Confessions Saturday, April 1, 9:30am to 5:00pm

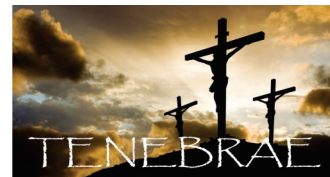
Find your way back to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests will be available to hear confessions in the church from 9:30am to 5:00pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also celebrated:

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



Stations of the Cross - Celebrated each Friday of Lent after the 9am Mass and at 7:30pm. Parishioners are encouraged to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon Christ's suffering and death.



Tuesday, April 4, 7:30pm - 8:45pm

Tenebrae responsories convey the sorrow of Holy Week through solemn and noble music. The scripture readings will be read by our lectors and the nine responsories will be sung by MOSAIC, the OLS choir and the gentlemen of the St. Michael's Choir School Alumni.

All are invited to attend this highly moving service of light through darkness on Tuesday of Holy Week.



Parish Lenten Mission with Bishop Ivan Camilleri “Our Life of Encounter with the Lord” Monday, March 27 to Wednesday, March 29

You're invited to join us for our Parish Lenten Mission over three evenings from 7:30pm to 8:45pm in the church. Confessions is at 7:00pm. There will be Adoration, Praise & Worship Music by Chico Nuguid and Spiritual Reflections by Bishop Camilleri.

No cost to attend. Free will offering appreciated.

COMMUNITY

Mass of Celebration to Welcome Archbishop Francis (Frank) Leo

The installation of Bishop Francis (Frank) Leo as Archbishop of Toronto will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 a.m. Given capacity restrictions at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, this will be an invitation-only event. The Mass of Installation will be livestreamed through www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live and broadcast on Salt & Light Catholic TV and through their website: www.slmedia.org.

Please continue to keep Archbishop Leo in your prayers as he begins his ministry as our shepherd.



Feast of St. Patrick - March 17

Feast of St. Joseph - March 20

Join us in celebrating the Feast Day of St. Patrick on Friday, March 17 at 9am (Stations of the Cross after Mass)

and

Feast Day of St. Joseph on Monday, March 20 at 9am



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Refreshments to follow in the parish hall after Mass.



ORGANIX CONCERTS will be presenting young virtuoso organist Alexander Straus-Fausto at OLS church for a lunch-time concert on Wed, March 15 from 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Living Your Faith

Rosary

Monday - Saturday 8:25am

Adoration & Confessions

Monday: 7:00pm-8:30pm

Devotion to

Our Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays before the 9am Mass



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

March 13 - March 19

Mon. †Sheila Wade by family

Tues. †Maria Lucas Garcia by David & Belinda Leitoguinho

Wed. †Dolores Chua by family

Thurs. †Rosemary Cronyn by Sonja deVerteuil

Fri. †Wendy Wade by John & Ursula Matthews

Sat. 9am Sick: Anne Garrett

†Members of Keane Family by Family, †Nano Carroll by The Carroll Family

5:15pm †Linda Villani by Shirley Barrett

Sun. 8am Parish Intentions

9:30am †Paul R. Larkin by Manion Family

11:00am †Brukner & †Smyslo Families by Helen Brukner & Family

12:30pm †Christine Crooks by family

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