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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

March 23, 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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul
647-770-4805

Our Lady of Sorrows School
www.tcdsb.org

Archdiocese of Toronto
www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries
www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Third Sunday of Lent



The parable of the barren fig tree in the Gospel highlights God's patience as he waits for us to change and grow in faith. Although the fig tree has not produced fruit in three years and should be cut down, the gardener asks for more time. Similarly, we are given chances to repent and improve in our lives. God doesn't give up on us easily but waits for us to bear fruit. Bearing fruit means living out our faith through good actions. Through almsgiving, we are called to give, driven by a love for God and our neighbours. In this season of Lent, we reach out to people in need—not just with our money—but with our time and our talents.

Reflection questions:

- *How do I see God's patience in my own life?*
- *What can I do to bear fruit and show my faith through actions?*
- *In what ways can I share God's love to others?*



Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday, March 25, we will have an Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 9:00 am Mass. This is a unique and grace-filled opportunity. To learn more, visit <https://bit.ly/41M2IOI>

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION - 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 Season. Our RCIA candidates are: Abigail, Aidan, Alison, Andrea, Anthony, Chris, Davide, Ellena, Helena, Leo, Philip, Romeo, Scott, Stacy, and Tessa.

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.



Parish Lenten Mission Mary: A Sure Sign of Hope

Led by Dr. Josephine Lombardi

Saturday, March 29 | 9:30 am – 4:00 pm



Join us for a day of reflection and renewal as Dr. Lombardi leads us through a powerful meditation on the sorrows of Mother Mary, helping us remain anchored in the hope that defines this Jubilee Year. The day will include insightful presentations, time for prayer and faith sharing, and Eucharistic Adoration with uplifting Praise and Worship music.

Dr. Lombardi is the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Pastoral and Systematic Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary and the Ecclesiastical Faculty of Theology.

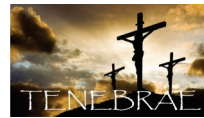
Attendance is free of charge, but free-will offerings are appreciated. Lunch available for \$15 in the parish hall for those who RSVP by March 23 at office@sorrows.ca.

Mass with Contemporary Music Sunday, April 6 at 12:30 pm

This contemporary style, including hymns with keyboard, guitar, and drums, will add a prayerful, accessible element to our liturgies. Not feeling comfortable with singing? Come ten minutes early to rehearse before the Mass begins.

Praying the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady: A Special Prayer for Children - Tuesday, April 8

Our Family Life Ministry warmly invites children and their families to join us from 5:30 to 6:30 pm in the church. For more information, contact Angelica at familylife@sorrows.ca.



Tenebrae Service Tuesday, April 15 at 7:30 pm

Tenebrae, meaning Darkness, conveys the sorrow of Holy Week through solemn and noble music. This year's presentation features the MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble, Alumni of St. Michael's Choir School and members of the Our Lady of Sorrows adult choir, led by our Music Director, Gordon Mansell.



Lenten Day of Confessions

Saturday, April 5 from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. In addition to English language confessions by all priests, a number of priests are also available

to hear confessions in other languages: Arabic, Filipino, French, Italian, Polish and Spanish.

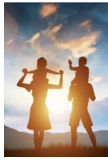
Your Guide to a Meaningful Lent

Please visit bit.ly/3RfNQ62 for resources and activities to support your growth in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent.

Stations of the Cross is a way to pray and meditate on Christ's sacrifice for us. Join us every Friday of Lent, at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Parent's Small Group This Wednesday, March 26



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. Register at

bit.ly/3YYnlpp.

Prenatal Child Loss Memorial Mass Monday, March 31, at 7:00 pm



If you have lost a child during pregnancy or shortly after birth, you and your family members are invited to participate in this Mass. For your child to be remembered by name and for a candle to be lit in their memory, submit their name at bit.ly/3WpzUK0. You can also drop off an envelope with your child's name in the rectory marked "March 31, Memorial Mass." We hope you can be part of this time of remembrance. All are welcomed.

Save the Dates!

Totus Tuus Summer Camp - July 6 to July 11.

Email totustuus@sorrows.ca for information.

Begin the Greatest Adventure Tuesday, April 1, at 6:45 pm



An Invitation for All! Alpha is a place where questions are welcomed, and faith is explored together. We encourage you to bring loved ones along for this exciting journey. Attendance is free. Registration with alpha@sorrows.ca is recommended to help with food preparation.

Attention young adults ages 19-39! Spiritus Ministry Night - March 29



The Office of Catholic Youth is hosting a Young Adult Ministry Night from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Our Lady of Sorrows. Following an inspiring talk, there will be a fun social with young adults from across the archdiocese. Don't miss out on this amazing event! Follow @spiritusministry on Instagram for updates. We hope to see you there!



Prayer Corner

We continue our focus on Intercession prayers this month asking for God's help for others. We may wonder why intercessory prayers are so powerful. Our requests for help and spiritual health can be amplified through the prayers of others. Prayer is a powerful way of showing our affection and interceding for one another is one of the most urgent things we can do.

One thoughtful way to respond to the needs of your neighbours at OLS is the "Take a prayer/Leave a prayer" basket, located behind the last pew in the church. Simply take any anonymous request for intercessory prayer from a fellow parishioner.

Intercession prayer cards are available at the church entrances and make time to pray every day. Access the online version at: <https://bit.ly/3D65m9z>.



Bundle Weekend - March 29 & 30

From 8:30 am until 6:00 pm each day, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul container will be in the church parking lot to collect gently-used items in support of our neighbours in need. They only accept clothing, coats, shoes, boots, linens, towels, drapes, and new toys.

ShareLife Sunday is on March 29 & 30. Next week is



our first collection. Our parish goal this year is \$512,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

March 24 to 30

- Mon.** †John Joseph Keane by Gerry Simpson
- Tue.** Int. of Mercy Anselm by Anne & Bob Shiley
- Wed.** †John Matthews by Ursula Matthews & family
- Thu.** †Pawel Hac by Danuta Jedriejek
- Fri.** †Art & +Barb Wade by Ronayne O'Connor
- Sat.** †Philip Keane by Gerry Simpson
- Sat. 5:15pm** †Hassam Sanoughi by Maria (Tita) Goncalves & family
- Sun. 8:00am** †Paul Venskaitis by family
- 9:30am** Parish Intentions
- 11:00am** †Eleanor Smyslo-Watson by Helen Brukner
- 12:30pm** †Maria Armandina Da Silva by Badia family

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