



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

Office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 1, 2024

Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

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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

March 31, 2024

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Mr. Sarfaraz Pinto, *Permanent Deacon*

Mr. Jeremy Zou, *Transitional Deacon*

Elise Lee, *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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Encounter the Risen Lord!

2023-2024 RCIA

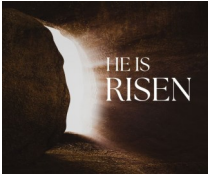
Congratulations to our new Catholics!

We welcome those who joined the Catholic church and celebrated the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil:

Alicia, Ashley, Charlotte, Clayton, David, Ify, Jane, Janika, John, Jonmichael, Joonsuk, Leanne, Marcus, Rohan, Sharon, Susan, Vaibhav, Hannah, Oscar and Martin

Please continue to remember them in your prayers – along with the young people of our parish who are celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation this Easter Season.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Easter Message from our Pastor

In his Easter video, Fr Chris invites us to reflect on Jesus' invitation to move the barriers that stop us from accepting His message of Love. *What's holding you back? How can you continue to grow in your faith?*

We invite you to take a few minutes to watch this short reflection about the message of Hope and Joy that Jesus brings to us this Easter Sunday. Go to <https://bit.ly/3PIP7Cj>

Thank you to OLS parish staff, ministries and the many volunteers who have worked so hard behind the scenes to prepare for Holy Week and Easter.

Wishing you and your families all the blessings of Easter, Fr. Chris

Liturgical Bites: Easter Peace! - The first greeting of the Risen Christ to His bewildered apostles was, "Peace be with you." They were living in fear of their external enemies, the Jews and the Romans; and they were also feeling the internal guilt of betraying and abandoning Jesus. So, they were overjoyed when Jesus reiterated the gift of peace a second time.

Jesus knew that peace was what they most needed then, and what is most needed in our troubled and divided world today. By His death and resurrection, Jesus shows us that love is stronger than hatred, life stronger than death.

God forgives us without conditions. For Easter peace to be ours, we are called to let go of our hurts and anger. Reconciliation with God and with each other is the key to peace in our hearts and peace in the world.

Pope Francis often speaks about the importance of creating this inner peace in our lives:

"Every human being desires communion and peace. Everyone needs peaceful co-existence. But this can grow only when we also build inner peace in our heart. Many people live in a constant hurry. In this way all that they have inside them tends to be overwhelmed.

This also affects how we treat the environment. It is necessary to grant oneself more time to recover a serene harmony with the world, creation, and the Creator."

Let us try, in contemplation and prayer, to achieve ever greater familiarity with God. And gradually we will discover that the heavenly Father wants what is good for us. He wants to see us happy, full of joy and serene."

Parish Administration

On Easter Monday, April 1, the **parish office will be closed**. Phone and email messages will be monitored. The office will re-open on Tuesday, April 2 at 9:30 am.

There will be no **Adoration & Confessions** on Monday, April 1. Resumes Monday, April 8.

Offertory Envelopes - If you have been lucky enough to be able to spend the winter in warmer climates, you may not realize that we no longer mail out donation envelopes.

We invite you to pick up a box of offertory envelopes for the year from the Bloor vestibule.

Simply record your name & address on the first few envelopes you use so that we can assign the envelope to you.

OLS Maintenance Update

On the last weekend of each month, we provide an update on the maintenance projects underway at our church:

\$1,159	Purchase of Storage Bins
\$484	HVAC work
\$774	Fire System Maintenance
\$1,320	Elevator Maintenance
\$2,645	Plumbing work
\$868	Snow Care
\$448	Grounds Keeping
\$9,878	Security

There will be a special collection next weekend, April 6/7 to help with the ongoing upkeep of our church. Thank you for your support.

Marian Consecration - April 8

All parishes in the archdiocese will be Consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Monday, April 8 as requested by Pope Francis.

Our parish will celebrate a Marian Triduum for Consecration to Our Lady by praying the rosary: 8:20 am on Friday, April 5 & Saturday, April 6 and 7:20 am on Sunday, April 7.

On Monday, April 8, the Day of Consecration, everyone is invited to pray the rosary at 8:20 am followed by Mass. We will also say the rosary at 8:00 pm followed by the Act of Consecration and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3TDNsz3> to read Archbishop Leo's message. Go to sorrows.ca for more information and resources.

Religious Items for Sale

April 13 & 14, Parish Hall after all Masses

The [Daughters of St. Paul](#) are bringing a mini-Bookcentre to Our Lady of Sorrows! Choose from an excellent selection of Catholic resources for children, youth & adults, including for Communion & Confirmation. Call the Sisters at 416-781-9131 for special requests. Cash, debit/Interac, Mastercard and Visa will be accepted.

We also have **The Handicraft Holy Land Christians** to sell religious items crafted in the Holy Land to help the neediest Christian families living there. Cash, debit and credit cards will be accepted. Visit www.HolyLandChristians.ca for more information.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Day Program (gr 1 to 6 in Sept.) July 8 to 12, from 8:45 am to 2:30 pm, parish hall. Cost \$125 (includes lunch, snacks & camp shirt).

Evening Program (gr 7 to 12 in Sept.), July 7 to 11, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, parish hall. Cost \$75 (includes dinner & camp shirt).

Registration forms available at the back of the church. Email totustuus@sorrows.ca or visit sorrows.ca

ALPHA

Explore life, faith, meaning

We meet on Tuesdays, beginning April 2nd, from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm in the Parish Hall.



For more information and registration scan the QR code or email: alpha@sorrows.ca Program and meals are free. Registration recommended for meal preparation.



A Great Symphony of Prayer: *The Our Father as a Programme of Life*

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has arranged for a two-part (April & October) webinar series to help Catholics participate in the Year of Prayer.

Dr. Josephine Lombardi, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor of Systematic and Pastoral Theology at St. Augustine's Seminary will present 4 sessions in April: 2, 9, 23 & 30.

Parishioners are welcome to join us in the parish hall for this free webinar series starting April 2, 1:00 pm to 2:30pm. Email office@sorrows.ca or call the parish office to register.



Join us this month for **Coffee Friday** on April 5th after the 9:00 am Mass in the parish hall. All are welcome – bring a friend & a treat to share!


Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

April 1 to 7

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| Mon. | †Anna Mruzova by Monika Kozak |
| Tue. | †Secondo Pontarollo by McCarthy family |
| Wed. | †Delia Montoya by Delia Urosevic |
| Thu. | Int. of Ngugama family by Theresa Ngugama |
| Fri. | †Teresa Bellissimo by Cathy & Franca Tigani |
| Sat. | Living & Deceased Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families |
| Sat. 5:15pm | †Robert Solda by Roberta Clough & family |
| Sun. 8:00am | †Bibiana Dalusong by Eileen Dalusong |
| 9:30am | Parish Intentions |
| 11:00am | †Jack Volpatti by Gemma Volpatti & Family |
| 12:30pm | †Alfreda Jachyra by Jachyra family |

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