



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

Second Sunday of Lent

March 5, 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

Archdiocese of Toronto

www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries

www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Transformation through Faith

The readings for the 2nd Sunday of Lent focus on the transformative power of God's love.

In the first reading, Abraham encounters God who calls him to leave his home and go to an unknown land. In an act of great trust, he obeys. He does not know what lies ahead, but he walks in faith. We must also walk in faith, especially during our Lenten journey.

The psalm declares: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you", which echoes the theme of trust heard in the first reading.

The second reading reminds us that God is always present in our lives, giving us strength. Paul writes a letter to Timothy from jail, extending the challenge: "bear your hardship for the Gospel." The question of covenant and challenge are essential during this Lenten season as we prepare for the Passion.

The gospel recounts the story of the Transfiguration when Peter, James, and John also encounter God. They experience the divine presence in the transformed Jesus Christ. The change in Jesus' face "shown like the sun" and his clothes become "white as light". We too witness the transformative power of God and get a foreshadowing of His resurrection, with a simple but direct reassurance from Jesus: "Rise, do not be afraid."

Reflection Questions:

- ◆ *Do I recognize Jesus when I encounter him?*
- ◆ *Am I open to being transformed?*
- ◆ *Can I think of a significant life event where I encountered God's divine presence?*



PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



2023 ShareLife Campaign Live the Gospel by supporting ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is March 26. Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$440,000. More than 40 Catholic organizations and social service agencies in our community are supported through your generosity. Without your contributions, more than 150,000 people would not receive the hope offered through the vital work of these agencies. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or online through our parish website, www.sorrows.ca.



Stations of the Cross - Celebrated each Friday of Lent after the 9am Mass and at 7:30pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

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



Lenten All Day of Confessions will be held at OLS on Saturday, April 1st. Priests will be available from 9:30am to 5:00pm to hear confessions.

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

Make a plan to join our OLS Parish Lenten Mission over three evenings from 7:30-8:45pm in the church.

Confessions at 7:00pm
Adoration
Praise & Worship Music
Spiritual Reflection by Bishop Camilleri

No need to RSVP.
Free will offering appreciated.

Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)

Our parish offers an easy and convenient alternative to Offertory Envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG). The PAG program allows parishioners to make a single monthly donation through their bank account or by credit card to cover weekly offertory and/or special collections. To enroll, please go to <https://bit.ly/3RCTJlw>.

Baptisms Next Weekend



Next Saturday at the 5:15pm Mass and next Sunday at the 11:00am Mass we welcome: Aliana, Bruce, Emma and Samantha into the Catholic faith. Please pray for these newest members of our parish community and for their families.

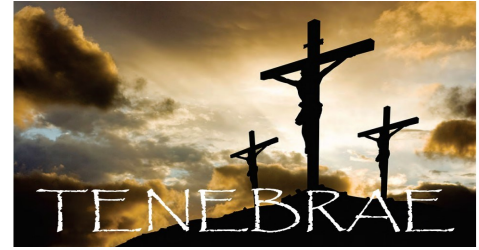
Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners

The Archdiocesan Office for Refugees has launched its 2023 Refugee Sponsorship Program for Parishioners. This program assists parishioners who would like to sponsor *family members* who are in need of refugee resettlement. If you are a parishioner, and would like to sponsor a family member, please contact the parish office to schedule a meeting with Fr. Chris. Interested parishioners are asked to provide the funds that will be required for sponsorship. For the cost of sponsorship go to <http://bit.ly/3mr45ky>.

COMMUNITY



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 - 1:30pm. Free-will offering gratefully accepted.



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

Tenebrae, meaning darkness, was written in the middle of the last century by Monsignor John Edward Ronan. 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.

Feast of St. Patrick

Join us in celebrating the Feast Day of St. Patrick on Friday, March 17 at 9am and Stations of the Cross after Mass. Refreshments to follow in the parish hall. Enjoy Irish coffee, tea & scones.



Feast of St. Joseph Monday, March 20

We invite you to Mass at 9am to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph. Join us after for refreshments in the parish hall. Enjoy coffee/tea and *zeppole*.



Come & See

Discernment Weekend Retreat
Friday, March 17 – Sunday, March 19
St. Augustine's Seminary

Are you being called to religious life? The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older at St. Augustine's Seminary. For more details, please visit: www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee.

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 6 - March 12

Mon. †Bob Sutherland by Suzann Sutherland

Tues. †Denis Guerard by Cathy Kelly

Wed. †Don Sbrolla by Sbrolla Family

Thurs. †Denis Guerard by Inis & Gordon Mansell

Fri. †Bob Sutherland by John & Ursula Matthews

Sat. 9am †Alexandra Emma Giovenco by Giuseppe & Ninfa Giovenco & Family

5:15pm Int. of Luisa McKee by family

Sun. 8am †Gianpaolo Ardizzon by Elena Dell'Osbel

9:30am †Dolores Chua by family

11:00am †Jamie Bookman by Family

12:30pm Parish Intentions

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