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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 9 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.

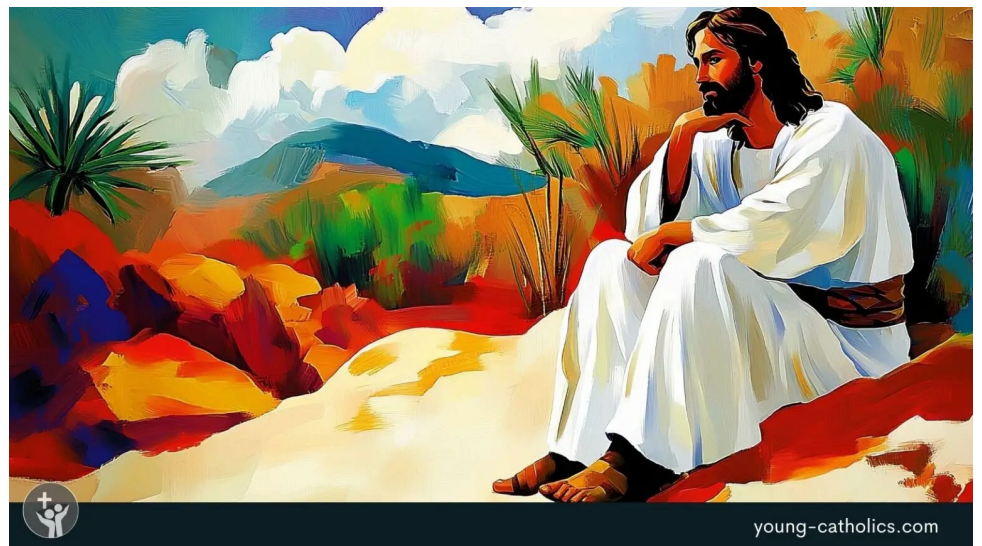
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First Sunday of Lent



Lent is a season of reflection, penance, and renewal, inviting us to deepen our relationship with God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It's a time to prepare our hearts for the Paschal mystery, as we walk with Jesus in His journey toward the cross.

In the Gospel, Jesus faces three temptations in the desert, each testing His commitment to His mission and His trust in God. We face similar challenges in our lives. We must rely on God in times of trial to stay focused on what's important. We turn to Him in prayer and believe that He will guide us on the right path.

Reflection questions:

- *What steps can I take to deepen my faith during Lent?*
- *What temptations do I face that challenge my faith?*
- *In what ways can I trust God more in difficult situations?*

The Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

Pray the special Rosary of the Seven Sorrows of Mary every Tuesday during Lent starting March 11, at 8:25 am. We will gather in the church to reflect on Mary's sorrow and love during this holy season.

Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent, at 9:30 am and 7:30 pm.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated:

- Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- Fridays of Lent from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm
- Saturdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Parish Lenten Mission
Mary: A Sure Sign of Hope
Saturday, March 29 | 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Led by Dr. Josephine Lombardi for a day of reflection and renewal 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.

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

Hallow Our Lady of Sorrows is offering all parishioners a \$1.00 USD subscription to Hallow for the next 120 days. The app features the audio-guided **Pray40 Challenge: The Way**.

Hallow is a popular Catholic App and includes over 10,000 different sessions on contemplative prayer, meditation, bible reading, rosary, lectio divina, music & chants, and sleep Bible stories.

Access this promotion at hallow.com/parish

We encourage you to use the Hallow App and Pray40 to help create a new habit of praying every day during Lent.

Cardinal Leo's Lenten Message - We are invited to reflect on God's transformative love as we prepare for Lent and Easter. Read at bit.ly/3DkqpMr.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Mom's Group: Pray & Play — March 18

10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the parish hall

Family Movie Afternoon — March 22

Doors open at 2:30 pm and the movie starts at 3:00 pm. Admission is free. Enjoy free popcorn.

Parent's Small Group — March 26

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Light dinner and childcare 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. All who have experienced a recent loss or one that occurred many years ago are welcomed.

For your child to be remembered by name during the Mass and for a candle to be lit in their memory, submit their name at bit.ly/3WpzUK0. You can also drop off a note with your child's name through the mail slot of the rectory in an envelope marked "March 31, Memorial Mass." We hope you can be part of this special time of remembrance.

Curious about life's big questions?



Join us for Alpha starting Tuesday, April 1, at 6:45 pm in the parish hall. Alpha is a great way to explore faith, ask questions, and connect with others. All are welcome — whether you're new to faith or looking to grow deeper. Program and meals are free. Email alpha@sorrows.ca for any questions or to register.



Your love is a guiding light during Lent

This Lent, consider making a difference in the lives of those in need through ShareLife.

Our parish goal for this year's campaign is \$512,000. Donate using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Save the Date!

Bundle Weekend: March 29 & 30 | **All-Day Confessions:** April 5

Totus Tuus Summer Camp: July 6 to July 11. Email totustuus@sorrows.ca for information.



Tutti a Tavola a Mangiare Fundraising Dinner

The dinner committee is pleased to announce that the fundraising for Bloor West Food Bank and our 85th anniversary initiatives was very successful.

In total, the dinner raised \$14,036.13 with a bit more expected to come in over the next few days. With the funds currently in hand, we will send \$8,968.07 to Bloor West Food Bank and \$5,068.06 will support 85th anniversary events.

We thank all who attended the dinner and wish to also offer a special appreciation to Biagio Vinci, Larry Dupuis, Volunteers, and to our generous sponsors and donors, including Croatian Electric (Yelavich family), Delmanor Prince Edward, Maureen and Victor Dodig, Jay and Lorena Mandarino, Princeview Dental, Pristine Printing, Fr. David Reilander & Turner and Porter.

We hope to give you an update on the online auction results soon!

Feast of St. Patrick - March 17



Join us for a nine day novena beginning on Sunday, March 9 at 7:45 am. During the week, the novena begins at 8:50 am. Light refreshments in the parish hall on Monday, March 17.



Feast of St. Joseph - March 19

Pray with us for nine days starting Tuesday, March 18 at 8:45 am.



Tickets for the **Toronto Blue Jays** game have been emailed. Please check your inbox or junk/spam folder. Go, Jays! Go!

Forty Days for Life - Saturday, March 15 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Charles Borromeo Church parking lot. To participate, sign up with Angelica at familylife@sorrows.ca.



Prayer Corner

We continue our focus this month on the third type of prayer, Intercession. Intercession prayers ask for God's help for others and express gratitude for their presence in our lives. As Catholics, we pray several intercession prayers during each Mass; including the Our Father, the Eucharistic Prayer and Prayers of the Faithful. Throughout the Mass, these prayers ask for God's help for others. Other examples of prayers of intercession during Mass include hymns and litanies, where we sing prayers to petition God's help.

Pick up an Intercession prayer card at the church entrances and make time to pray every day. Access the online version at: <https://bit.ly/3D65m9z>.

Catholic Charities' Online Job Board

Are you seeking meaningful employment or volunteer opportunities within Catholic agencies? Look no further! Catholic Charities' online job board connects passionate individuals with rewarding positions in Catholic organizations across the archdiocese. Check us out at www.1155jobs.ca or contact hkandiah@ccat.ca

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

March 10 to 16

Mon. †Leslie Sharples by Catherine & Joe Mallia

Tue. Int. of Luisa McKee

Wed. †Virgilio Slegar by Kmet family

Thu. †Bill William Fox by Judith Fox and family

Fri. †Sandy Hatulan by Thelma & family

Sat. †Richard Nytko by Danuta Gorski, †Ludvik & †Margaret Bubrin by the Bubrin family, †Juanito Lopez Sr. by family, †Netta Parrott by Kevin & Diana, †Edwardo Bigelli by Anique Asher, †Cathy Senzel by Mary Rukavina, †Gladys Chial de Fiengo by Guillermo Suarez & Adriana Fiengo, †Gerardo Suenmyor by Marianna Torres
Int. of Anjali Anselm & family by Mercy Anselm, Int. of Manuel Rodriguez by Mansouri family

Sat. 5:15pm †Dolores Chua by family

Sun. 8:00am Parish Intentions

9:30am †Earl Anselm by Mercy Anselm & family

11:00am †Maria Lucas Garcia By David & Belinda Leitoguinho

12:30pm †Tony Czaplá by family

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