



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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

Agustin Meneses, *Deacon*

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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



God walks along the dusty paths of our lives and responds to our longing for love and happiness by calling us to joy.

- Pope Francis

Come Holy Spirit

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming of the Holy Spirit. He tells them that he will ask the Father to send them another Advocate, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them forever. This Advocate will teach them all things and remind them of everything Jesus has said to them.

As Catholics, we believe in the Holy Trinity – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, and it is through the Holy Spirit that we receive the grace and strength to live our lives. The Holy Spirit is not just an abstract concept, but a real and present force in our lives. When we receive the Sacraments, particularly Baptism and Confirmation, we are filled with the Holy Spirit and become part of the Body of Christ.

Ultimately, the love we express for each other is the love of the Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that we can love one another as Jesus has loved us and are empowered to be witnesses to Christ in the world.

Reflection Questions:

- *How do I make space for the Holy Spirit in my daily life & listen for the Spirit's guidance?*
- *Where do I see the Holy Spirit - at work, my family & community?*
- *How can I be a better witness to Christ by allowing the Holy Spirit to work through me?*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

Second Collection

Pope's Pastoral Works - May 13 & 14

Today's second collection is for the Pope's Pastoral Works. These funds are passed on to the Holy Father for immediate response to countries stricken by war, famine and natural disasters. The Pope's Pastoral Works display Christ's love and compassion for people in desperate need. Thank you for your generosity.

Offering envelopes are available at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



OLS is excited to be hosting **Totus Tuus** back at OLS! Sign up your children or grandchildren today! Email totustuus@sorrows.ca to register, volunteer or if you have any questions.

Day Program: 8:45 am – 2:30 pm. (gr 1-6)

Registration fee: \$125 (\$100 for subsequent siblings)

Evening Program: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. (gr 7-12)

Registration fee: \$25



Looking for a last-minute Mother's Day gift? Pick up a copy of the **OLS Dessert Recipe Book**. These favourite recipes have been shared by your fellow OLS parishioners! Cost \$10. Copies are available at the back of the church

after each Mass. Proceeds go to our OLS Building/Maintenance Fund.

Religious Education

Registration for School Year 2023-2024 now open!

Visit www.sorrows.ca for more information and to register.

Loving God,

You have loved us with an everlasting love. (Jer 31:3)

Today, we give you thanks and praise for the gift of mothers.

We pray for mothers-to-be, as they prepare to welcome their child with loving anticipation and joy.

We pray for young mothers, may they cherish their child with tender care and unconditional love.

We pray for the mothers who are separated from their children. Comfort them, strengthen their hope, and let them feel your loving embrace.

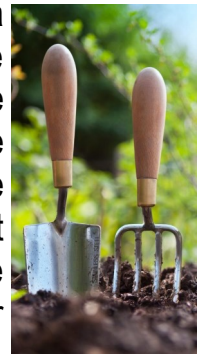
We pray for all mother-figures; those who have loved, surrounded and shaped us with motherly care and compassion.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us, whose sacrifices and care gave us a glimpse of the depth of your love for us.

We offer prayers of remembrance for our mothers and grandmothers who have died and live forever in our hearts and memories. Amen.

Garden Buddies

Spring has Sprung! Do you have a love of gardening and need a place to focus that passion? Be part of the OLS Garden Buddies. We are growing our team who will take care of the parish flower beds throughout the spring, summer and fall. Call the parish office at 416-231-6016 or email office@sorrows.ca.



Message from Lt. Virginia-Ann (Mervar) Gawel

Thank you all for the warmth and support during my 18 month internship in the OLS community! It has been a tremendous joy and powerful learning experience for me to be stationed in this community.

As excited as I am to follow my call to serve in the Armed Forces, I'm also going to miss serving this community and having OLS as my spiritual home. I ask for your continued prayers, and know that I will carry you in mine, and look forward to coming back to visit as soon as I can!

With gratitude, Virginia

Congratulations to the seven priests who celebrated their ordination this weekend: *Rev. Mr. Sávio Bruto da Costa, Rev. Mr. Sean Jacob, Rev. Mr. Mirko Ljuba, Rev. Mr. Carlos Marquez, Rev. Mr. Cole Powers, John Wang & Matthew Wang.* Let us continue to pray for them as they begin their ministry. To learn more [visit https://bit.ly/3pCNTP2](https://bit.ly/3pCNTP2).

Sowing Seeds of Hope



At all Masses next weekend, members from the OLS Social Justice Group will be handing out small packages of 12 Bush Beans. They invite all parishioners to take a package home and plant them in a sunny patch in their gardens. Apart from needing a good amount of sun, these beans aren't fussy and can be planted in pots, hanging baskets, planters or a patch of soil. This is a great activity for all -- especially with children!

This initiative by the OLS Social Justice Group was inspired by Pope Francis' 2015 letter to the whole Church entitled "[*Laudato Si*](#)" (Praise be to you). Pope Francis shared his reflections on the vital importance of living in greater harmony with nature and one another. Like the 12 Apostles who were sent out, the hope is that these seeds will result in an abundant harvest to share!

On the weekend of August 12th and 13th, we invite you to bring back some of your bean harvest to Mass! Our collective harvest will then be donated to the kitchen of the Good Shepherd Refuge.

Planting and care instructions will be included with each bean package. To learn more about the Pope's important message and the OLS "Seeds of Hope" initiative, please visit <https://bit.ly/42TEPnh> or our website www.sorrows.ca.

Canadian Bishops Address Assisted Suicide Legislation

The [Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops \(CCCB\)](#) have issued an *Open Letter to the Government of Canada* as well as a Message to the Catholic Faithful regarding federal legislation which, by March 17, 2024, will permit those living with mental illness to access euthanasia.

As stated in both the Open Letter and Message, "*Expanding access to euthanasia and assisted suicide for individuals living with a mental illness closes the door to any hope of recovery...undermines the universal and inviolable dignity of human life and harms the building up of society.*"

Referencing our common dependency on each other in varying degrees throughout life, the CCCB calls on the federal and provincial/territorial governments to allocate more resources and funding to mental healthcare as well as to palliative care.

The CCCB also encourages the faithful "to witness to life, to tend to and accompany the sick, to resist pressure, to participate in the Special Joint Committee on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and to pray that our lawmakers see the harm in what they are permitting to take place."

For the full text on the Open Letter go to <https://bit.ly/3M022NB>

For the full text on the Message to the Catholic Faithful go to <https://bit.ly/44U1fGy>

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

May 15 to 21

- Mon.** †Dixie Wickham by Ed Wickham
- Tues.** †Marguerite Doran by Anne & Bob Shiley
- Wed.** †Denis Guerard by OLS Lectors Ministry & Senior Choir
- Thurs.** †Martin Turner by Manion Family
- Fri.** †Arthur O'Connor by Peggy & Paul Hughes
- Sat.** Int of Christina D'Addese, †Maureen Keane by Gerry Simpson, †Tony Fernandez, †Serafim Vitorino by Family
- Sat. 5:15pm** Int of the Anselm Family by Earl & Mercy Anselm
- Sun. 8am** †Olga Mary Domet by Owens & Domet Families
- 9:30am** †Ludvik Jakopin by Irena & Family
- 11:00am** † Denis Guerard by Rena Guerard
- 12:30pm** Parish Intentions

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