



# OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH

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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

*Ascension of the Lord*

*May 21, 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](http://www.tcdsb.org)

### Archdiocese of Toronto

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)

### Catholic Cemeteries

[www.catholic-cemeteries.com](http://www.catholic-cemeteries.com)



## Sharing Jesus' Message

The feast of the Ascension of the Lord commemorates the day that Jesus Christ ascended into heaven. He also gave the Great Commission: that all the world should be Saved. In the first reading, the ascension of Jesus is recounted, and the Apostles are told they will receive the Holy Spirit. In the second reading, we hear that Jesus rules heaven and earth. And in the Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples to preach the Good News to the whole world.

The Ascension of Jesus is a significant event in the Christian faith. As He ascended into heaven, his disciples watched in awe, wondering what would come next. Jesus left them with a command to be his witnesses, and to spread the message of salvation and being "disciple makers". This command was not only for Jesus' first disciples but for all believers throughout history, including us today.

The Holy Spirit plays a central role in our faith, empowering and guiding us. Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples, and he continues to guide and empower us today. The Holy Spirit gives us the strength, wisdom and gifts we need to serve others, proclaim the gospel message, and work for justice and peace.

## Reflection Questions

- *How do I welcome the Great Commission to be a witness of Christ?*
- *When have I experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in my life?*
- *How can I share the message of the love of Christ in my interactions with others?*

# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

## Pentecost Sunday



Pentecost will be celebrated next Sunday, May 28. The word has its roots in the Greek word “*pentecoste*” which means “50th day” and accordingly occurs 50 days after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and ten days after his ascension.

Pentecost concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church. It is the celebration of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary and the first followers of Jesus. The Holy Spirit gave the apostles the gifts necessary to fulfill The Great Commission – to go out and preach the Gospel to all nations – and calls on each of us to continue to spread His message.

**Confirmation** - Next week, May 23 to 25, Bishop Ivan Camilleri will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with 80 of our young adult parishioners.

We would like to thank all the parents and catechists who prepared the confirmandis to celebrate this special moment of receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit which will strengthen them as they continue their faith journey.

Please continue to pray for them and their families.



Email [totustuus@sorrows.ca](mailto:totustuus@sorrows.ca) to register, volunteer or if you have any questions. Visit [www.sorrows.ca](http://www.sorrows.ca).

## Victoria Day Schedule at OLS Monday May 22

Daily Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am. The parish office is closed and will reopen on Tuesday, May 23 at 9:30am. Adoration & Confessions will resume the following Monday, May 29, from 7:00 pm to 8:30pm in the church.



### Silent Voice

Your support of ShareLife is improving the lives of Deaf people in our community.

More than 60% of families with a Deaf child do not know or use a signing language. Silent Voice, a ShareLife agency, provides an array of accessible programs and services, responding to the needs of Deaf adults, youth, children, infants, and their families in American Sign Language. The help you give brings hope and supports many lives. Thank you for your generosity.

Thus far we have raised \$266,103.34 (60.5%) toward our goal of \$440,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish [website](#), or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

The third ShareLife Sunday of the year is June 4.

### With Joyful Hearts - Baptisms Next Weekend



On Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 am Mass we welcome into the Catholic faith Hailey and Jack who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please pray for these new members of our parish community and their families.

## Religious Education

### Registration is now open for School Year 2023-2024!

Our ministry provides religious education for Catholic students, grades 1-7 inclusive, not attending a Catholic school. Classes are held Monday evenings from 7:00-7:40. We follow the religious education curriculum set by the TCDSB. Attendance is mandatory for those children who wish to receive their sacraments at OLS Church if they are not attending a Catholic school. Visit our website, [www.sorrows.ca](http://www.sorrows.ca) for more information and to register.

## 57<sup>th</sup> World Day of Social Communications - Sunday, May 21

Today is the World Day of Social Communications, observed by the Vatican and Dioceses around the world. Pope Francis has released a communication on the theme “Speaking with the heart: *Vertatem facientes in caritate* (The truth in love).

Pope Francis calls on all Catholics to develop a cordial way of communication, for words capable of doing good for others and of touching even the “most hardened of hearts”.

In a world that is “so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at time even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth”, Pope Francis emphasizes that it is important to create space for proclaiming the truth “even if at times uncomfortable.”

Pope Francis prays that Jesus might “help us to make our communication clear open and heartfelt” and “help us speak the truth in charity, so that we may feel like protectors of one another.”

We invite you to read and share Pope Francis’ beautiful message in its entirety. Visit <https://bit.ly/438TRpc>

### Sowing Seeds of Hope



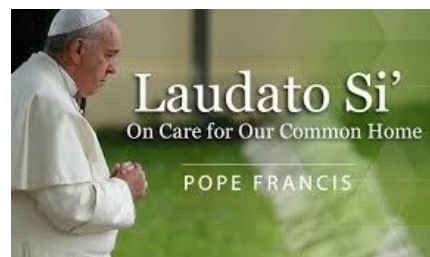
This weekend members of the Social Justice Committee are handing out a limited number of packages of Bush Beans after all Masses this weekend. Please take a package if you would like to grow and share a part of your harvest later this summer with the kitchen of the Good Shepherd Refuge.

This initiative 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.

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](http://www.sorrows.ca).



**OLS Dessert Recipe Book** available on the book rack at the back of the church. Get your copies while supplies last! Cost \$10. Proceeds go to our OLS Building/Maintenance Fund.



*Lord of Creation, we pray for our parishes and archdiocese, that we may be attentive to the cry of the Earth and promote clean energy, ensure clean air and water for all, protect creation, especially its biodiversity and climate. May we and our parishes re-discover our original vocation as carers of our common home and of one another. (Laudato Si' 246)*

## Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

May 22 to 28

- Mon.** †Marguerite Doran by Peggy & Paul Hughes
- Tues.** †Robert & †Neal McCarthy by Family
- Wed.** †Rona, †Olivia & †Irene Newton-John by Michael Forman
- Thurs.** †Rosemary Hogan by Mary Ellen Stiles
- Fri.** †Veronica Corlevic by Family
- Sat** †Declan French by wife Christine & children
- Sat. 5:15pm** †Denis Guerard by Gail Weiler & Dave Tyrrell
- Sun. 8am** Parish Intentions
  - 9:30am** †Attilio Chiaravalloti by Family
  - 11:00am** †Gerald Brukner by Helen Brukner & Family
  - 12:30pm** †Stella Lichacz by Family

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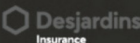
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