



# OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

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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

November 19, 2023

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*

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 offered on the 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.

## 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)

## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

For all of you are  
children of the light  
and children of the day.  
We are not of the night  
or of darkness.

1 Thessalonians 5:5

[young-catholics.com](http://young-catholics.com)



## Reflection Questions:

- Am I a good steward of the gifts I have been given? Do I use them for a greater good?
- Am I aware of my responsibilities and take a proactive approach to my spiritual life?
- What are some concrete steps I can take to serve others and grow my faith?

## OLS Parish Engagement Survey



Our Parish Member Engagement Survey closes this weekend, at the end of the day Sunday, Nov 19th. If you or a family member (18 years +) haven't had a chance to complete it yet, please visit <http://bit.ly/3Sf4YL0> or scan the QR code using the camera on your phone. Thank you for your support!

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# PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

**Archdiocesan Consultation Underway.** Share your ideas to assist with future planning! Archbishop Francis Leo is inviting the Catholic community to share thoughts and ideas regarding future pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Toronto. Feedback will help inform a renewed Pastoral Plan to be used in the years ahead. To learn more about the process, read the letter of invitation from the archbishop and *complete the short survey* by December 15, 2023, please visit: [www.archtoronto.org/consultation](http://www.archtoronto.org/consultation). Please take a few minutes to share your insights and ideas. Thank you for your collaboration in this archdiocesan initiative.

**2023/2024 Sunday Missals are available for purchase beginning this weekend in the Bloor foyer - \$7.00 each.** Parishioners are encouraged to prepare for Mass by reviewing the readings before coming to Mass & listening to the proclaimed Word of God during Mass.

**Christmas Cards – Final weekend – while supplies last!** Monsignor Joseph Shiels will be selling his home-crafted Christmas Cards again this weekend, while supplies last. Each card was created by Monsignor Joe with his photography and a Christian message. Only \$10.00 for 6 cards and \$20.00 for 12 cards packs.

**The second collection this weekend is for the Shepherds' Trust.** The mission of The Shepherds' Trust is to help ensure that elderly and disabled priests are provided with sufficient financial resources to lead a dignified life after many years of ministry. Thank you for your support.



**Baptism Preparation Sessions for School-aged Children (aged 6+) begins this Sunday, Nov. 19th** following the 9:30 am Mass in the parish hall. Christian Initiation for these children will take place over 10 Sundays. For more information, please email: [baptism@sorrows.ca](mailto:baptism@sorrows.ca)

**OLS Moms' Group: Pray and Play** (Meets the third Tuesday of each month the parish hall). Calling all moms: Join us this Tuesday, Nov. 21 for the next Pray and Play! Get to know other moms, share practical parenting tips and help one another live out the vocation of motherhood. Young children aged 4 and under are welcome.



The topic of this month's meeting is *Living Out Your Domestic Church*. Our guest speaker is Patricia Dal Ben, who has co-authored *One Home at a Time, Realizing and Living Out Our Domestic Church*. She will share with us some helpful ideas and suggestions for building and strengthening the family, the domestic church. 10:00 am to 11:00 am: Informal meet and greet (Drop-in) | 11:00 am to 12:00 pm: Talk and group discussion. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP: <http://bit.ly/40dnOEj>

**Self-care: A Life Skill for Healthy Living.** You are invited to join us this Wednesday, Nov. 22, from 10:00 am to 11:30 am in the parish hall for this next workshop led by Catholic Family Services of Toronto and hosted by the OLS Mental Health Initiative Group. To RSVP, please call or text Anne Marie at 416-559-9455.

**Free Catholic Estate Planning Seminar.** Monday, Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall, brought to you by the Archdiocese of Toronto. Topics will include: how to avoid problems in your will, how to create your own legacy, and Catholic traditions around cremation, burial, and funerals. To register: contact the parish office via email at [office@sorrows.ca](mailto:office@sorrows.ca) or phone: 416-231-6016.

**Adopt a Family for Christmas through the Society of St Vincent de Paul.** With the rising costs of just about everything, our neighbours who use the services of St Vincent de Paul need your help more than ever. Share your Christmas spirit by adopting a family this Christmas! Families, couples or singles are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. We also welcome donations that will be used to purchase food vouchers and/or gift cards. You can contribute as a family, an office or on your own. Tax receipts available. Please email [olschristmas@gmail.com](mailto:olschristmas@gmail.com) or call 647-770-4805.



**Advent Celebration for Families** Saturday, Dec. 2 from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm in the parish hall. In joyful preparation for the Christmas Season, the OLS Family Life Ministry presents this event featuring: Craft activities for children (The Liturgy of the Word with Children Team), Story Corner (Lector Ministry), and OLS Children's Choir performance and singalong. Free-will offerings welcome.

**Pope Francis' Message for the 2023 World Day of the Poor.** On the occasion of the World Day of the Poor on Sunday, Nov. 19, Pope Francis has released an important message and reflection: "Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tobias, 4:7). In these times that are not particularly sensitive to the needs of the poor, every Christian is asked not to take the easy road of delegating charity to others, but rather to get personally involved. Pope Francis reminds us: "...when we encounter a poor person, we cannot look away, for that would prevent us from encountering the face of Jesus."

He also asks us to carefully consider the words: "from anyone who is poor". He reminds us that everyone is our neighbour -- regardless of the colour of their skin, their social standing, or where they were born. "The Book of Tobit teaches us to be realistic and practical in whatever we do with and for the poor. This is a matter of justice. It requires us to seek out and find one another, in order to foster the harmony needed for the community to feel itself as such. Caring for the poor is more than simply a matter of a hasty hand-out. It calls for re-establishing the just interpersonal relationships that poverty harms. In this way, "not turning our face away from anyone who is poor" leads us to enjoy the benefits of mercy and charity that give meaning and value to our entire Christian life.

Take a few minutes to read Pope Francis' reflection in full at: <https://bit.ly/3QzONWe>

**OLS Pilgrimage to Portugal, Spain and France,** under the spiritual leadership of Fr Chris Cauchi, September 22 to October 5, 2024 (14 days). Please visit <https://bit.ly/46S4T3V> for the detailed itinerary or call Halina at 647-294-4116 for more information.

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**Advent Retreat for both Men and Women.** Prepare for Christmas by signing up to participate in an Advent retreat at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga. The retreat will take place on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 9:30 am to 2:20 pm (ends with Mass). Cost: \$45.00 (includes a light breakfast and a hot lunch). For more information or to register, email [office@qoa.ca](mailto:office@qoa.ca) or call 905-278-5229.

**November: Month of Remembrance** You are invited to add the names of your family and friends who have died into the Book of Remembrance, located at the front of St. Joseph's altar. Prayers for all included will be offered at all Masses during the month of November.

**Register at Our Lady of Sorrows** Are you and your family registered at OLS? Registering helps us better understand the needs of the parish and plan programs to support you and your family throughout your faith journey. It also ensures you receive timely communications, and your family is known to the parish office when requesting Sacraments. Registration forms are available at the front vestibule of the church or online at <https://bit.ly/3QHCwR1>

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

**Nov. 20 to 26**

**Mon.** †James O'Brien by family

**Tues.** †Connie Pillo by Rena Guerard

**Wed.** Int. of Cecilia Torres by Olivia Torres

**Thurs.** †Ismael Caceres by Delia Urosevic

**Fri.** †Emil Jokay by family

**Sat.** †Maureen, †John & †Philip Keane by Gerry Simpson

**Sat. 5:15pm** †Boguslaw Slazyk by Anna Slazyk

**Sun. 8:00am** †Mary Sidora by Stephanie Ball & Timothy Crone

**9:30am** †Camen Spedaliere by Anna Boyko & family

**11:00am** †Robert Brukner by Helen Brukner & family

**12:30pm** Parish Intentions



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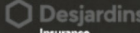
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