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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*
*Includes Liturgy of the Word with Children
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

November 23, 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 the baptism preparation session.

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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647-770-4805

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Celebrating 85 Years: A Heartfelt Thank You



My heartfelt thanks to all who participated in our Candlelight Vespers on November 16. It was a beautiful and grace-filled evening. As Bishop Camilleri reminded us, "This anniversary is not nostalgia. It is Eucharistic joy—a joy that remembers the past with gratitude, lives the present with faith, and faces the future with hope." Your prayerful presence embodied that spirit.

I am especially grateful to our 85th Anniversary Working Group—Scott Allan, John Ashbee, Joan Brennan, Marushka D'Silva, Kathe Docker, Nelson George Doray, Gordon Mansell, Sheree North, Edmund O'Keeffe, Daniela Strucelj, and Amy Szwez—whose dedication has blessed our parish throughout this anniversary year. In addition to Candlelight Vespers, they prepared our other special events: the Fundraising Dinner in February, the Blue Jays game in June, and our OLS Feast Day celebration in September.

My sincere thanks as well to our parish staff for their constant support and quiet, faithful work behind the scenes. For those who would like to rewatch the Vespers, or for anyone who was unable to attend, the recording is now available here: bit.ly/4oLosEs

God bless,
Fr. Chris



Cardinal Leo's Message on World Youth Day 2025 - This Sunday, Nov. 23

"...My dear Young People, I want you to know how precious you are in the eyes of God and of our archdiocesan family; you are blessed in so many ways; you have been gifted in numerous manners; you have enormous potential inside of you..." Read more at bit.ly/3LTI1fd

Book of Remembrance - All are welcome to add the names of family and friends into the Book of Remembrance, located in front of St. Joseph's altar. Prayers will be offered for all names included in the book, at all Masses during the month of November.



Christmas Cards - This Weekend of Nov. 22/23
Msgr. Joseph Shiels will be selling his home-crafted Christmas Cards after all Masses at the back of the church. Cash only. \$10 for 5 cards or \$20 for 10 cards.



Upcoming Episcopal Visitation Next Weekend

Most Reverend Ivan Camilleri, Auxiliary Bishop of Toronto will pay a pastoral visit to OLS from Friday, Nov. 28 to Sunday, Nov. 30. During his time with us, Bishop Camilleri will visit our Catholic schools and the seniors at Delmanor, preside at parish liturgies, and meet with parish staff, ministry leaders, volunteers, and parishioners. All parish volunteers are invited to a Townhall on Saturday, 10:30 am in the parish hall, and all parishioners are invited to Mass and lunch on Sunday, 12:30 pm. This visitation is a grace-filled opportunity to strengthen our communion and reflect on our shared mission.

Adopt a Family for Christmas through the Society of St Vincent de Paul - Share  your Christmas spirit with our neighbours-in-need by adopting a family. We have families, couples and single adults who need your help. Contact olschristmas@gmail.com or call 647-770-4805. Prefer to donate? Place cash or gift cards (PC or Walmart, \$25 preferred) in an envelope marked SSVDP Christmas Campaign with your receipt and contact info in the collection basket. Tax receipts available. Cheques must be made out to "Society of St Vincent de Paul." Thank you!



2025-2026 Missals

Available at the back of the church.

Cost: \$7 per Sunday Missal.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY

Parent's Small Group - Wednesday, Nov. 26, 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm. Parish hall. Light dinner and childcare provided! Register at bit.ly/3YYnlpp

Advent Celebration - Saturday, Dec. 6, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, in the parish hall. Join us in joyful preparation for the Advent season! Enjoy craft activities for children, a sing-along, hot chocolate, and cookies.



Questions? Email Angelica: familylife@sorrows.ca

Thanks to your support, we have earned a total of \$359,816 out of our goal of \$512,000 for **ShareLife!** That is 70% of our goal, and your generosity is deeply appreciated.



Now, until Dec. 31, your donations will go twice as far, as every donation up to \$500,000 will be matched! Support via a ShareLife envelope, our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate (Under "How would you like to direct your gift?", select *Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Etobicoke*).

New Hymnals Coming in 2026 - Donate a Lasting Gift

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish will be replacing our current paperback hymnals with Gather IV in 2026. These new hardcover editions, printed on high-quality paper, are designed for durability and beauty, and will serve our parish for the next 10-15 years. Parishioners are invited to donate a hymnal for \$60. Each hymnal will include a bookplate recognizing the donor's name or dedicated in memory of a loved one. Donors who prefer may also remain anonymous.



To participate, please use the special envelopes available in the church, including your name and contact information together with your donation. Once the parish office receives your gift, you will be sent a Microsoft Forms link where you can submit the names to be printed on the bookplate. For credit card donations or other assistance, please contact the parish office directly. All donations are eligible for a tax receipt. We are also grateful to DSV for their assistance with freight. Thank you for helping enrich our parish worship with this enduring gift.



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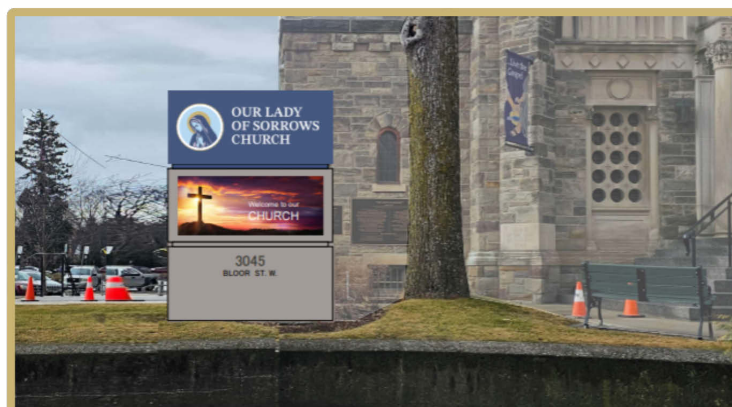
Annual Building Committee Report

We are pleased to provide this annual update of the important building and maintenance projects undertaken at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in 2025, a significant milestone year as we marked our 85th Anniversary, and to share information about what's in the planning stages for 2026.

Throughout the year, the OLS Building Committee discusses, assesses, and monitors an ongoing list of priority projects in and around the church buildings and property. This list is assessed with a focus on: restoration and repair of damaged areas, prevention of future deterioration and parishioner safety and security. In their Stewardship role, the OLS Building Committee members use their deep business experience to assess and prioritize each project, with a keen eye on budget and resources.

2025 Building Committee Priorities

During 2025, Our Lady of Sorrows continued to improve the ways we share parish communications, with the installation of digital displays in the church narthex. A new outdoor digital church sign is also planned for installation by year-end. Digital signage helps improve communications and build community within our church – while also welcoming people in the neighbourhood who may not yet be parishioners.



Our church sound system is also an important component of communication, and work is underway to improve sound coverage and clarity at various locations within the church. The first phase of the sound-system upgrade, replacing sound boards, will be completed by the end of the year.

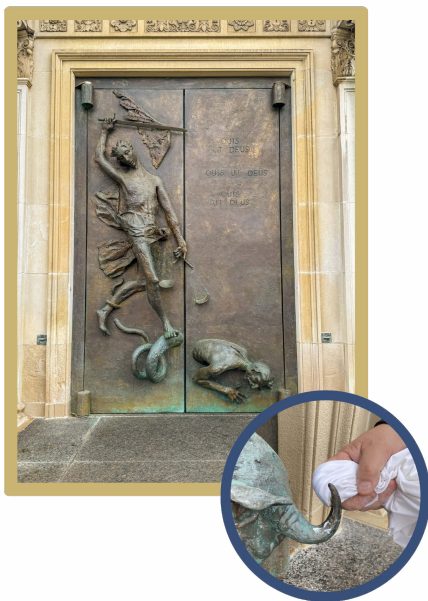
Over the past few months, you have seen the construction work underway to improve accessibility in front of the rectory. The tree and hedge in front of the rectory had reached the end of their life and were safely removed. In their place, new native trees and plants were added to support local biodiversity and seasonal beauty.

The front yard was regraded to improve drainage, and the stepping stones were replaced with a safer, more accessible walkway. The Marian shrine was repaired and moved to the front for better accessibility and prominence. Fencing and gates are also being installed to enhance security, and provide privacy for the clergy in residence.



Inside the rectory, repairs to improve functionality included the addition of insulation in the attic, a new front storm door, washer and dryer and the repainting of all windows.

With an ongoing focus on safety, the rectory and parish offices now have a new integrated burglar, fire and carbon monoxide alarm system. As in past years, security upgrades were funded in part by the provincial Anti-Hate, Security and Prevention Grant.



In terms of ongoing attention to help mitigate deterioration and erosion in our aging church in 2025, a number of problematic areas of marble deterioration within the church were stabilized and repaired. Also, the outer bronze church door has been affected by the elements and winter salt oxidation was noted, particularly at the base of the door. A gentle, wax-based treatment was used to preserve the original patina. This work was completed pro bono by Foglia Construction I.M. guided remotely by artist Ernesto Lamagna.

Here is an overview of these key projects and estimated costs for the work undertaken this year:



Security & landscaping:
\$58,000



Audio-visual: \$20,000



Marble repairs: \$6,000



Rectory work: \$25,000



Electrical work: \$19,000



Security system upgrades:
\$5,000



Digital Signage: \$22,000



**Bronze door
restoration:** \$6,000



**Repair and installation of
cross above church main
entrance:** \$3,000

Looking ahead: 2026 and beyond

Turning to 2026, the OLS Building Committee and Finance Council have prioritized five top-level items. With an ongoing focus on repair, prevention and security, here are the initial projects under consideration:

1. HVAC system replacement

As you recall from our 2025 planned priority list, the first key item was the Mechanical Systems review of our church's existing mechanical heating and cooling systems which were installed almost thirty years ago. While well-maintained over the years, they are nearing end of life, as the majority of this equipment has a lifespan of between twenty to thirty years.

The main components of the system include two boilers, an air-cooled chiller, three main pumps, a make-up air unit and various fan-coil units installed throughout the church. Parts for this equipment are difficult to source making repairs potentially challenging and costly.

This year, the Finance Council and Building Committee began planning for its renewal to ensure comfort, efficiency, and long-term reliability.

With guidance from the Archdiocese, a mechanical consultant reviewed the system and recommended moving forward with design work for a Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system, offering zoned temperature control and improved energy savings.

The project is now in the design phase which will clarify details, timing, and costs before any installation begins.

Early estimates suggest the project could cost around \$1 million, with installation targeted for summer 2026, pending Archdiocesan approval. We recognize this will be a significant capital expenditure for our parish. The Finance Council is reviewing funding options and the Building Committee will provide further detailed next steps to parishioners in early 2026.

2. Church marble

The parish continues to monitor the condition of the marble walls and panels, especially near HVAC units.

3. Stained-glass windows

A recent professional condition survey has confirmed that while our church's stained-glass windows remain structurally sound overall, some are showing signs of age and will need attention in the coming years.

The Building Committee has reviewed the report and is consulting with experts and the Archdiocese to determine appropriate next steps for care and restoration.

4. Audio-visual systems – the next phase of the sound-system upgrade is currently under review.

5. The flat roof on the south side of the rectory is at the end of its expected service life and is carefully being monitored over the coming months to prevent any leakage or other issues before they occur.

In the coming months, the Building Committee will continue to create detailed plans and source multiple quotes for all of these planned projects, working closely with the Finance Council. We will keep you updated on these next steps.

These ongoing OLS projects are funded in a large part by your generous donations to the monthly OLS Maintenance fund. OLS relies on and greatly appreciates your ongoing contributions. We are committed to being good stewards of your donations to help keep our parish home in good repair, in order that OLS can continue to be a place where our spiritual lives can thrive.

If you are interested in helping with a targeted leadership or in-memory gift, we invite you to reach out to the parish office to schedule an appointment with Fr. Chris, or our bookkeeper, Johnri Velez, bookkeeper@sorrows.ca or 647-933-6248.

Thank you to our OLS Building Committee members for their ongoing work: Mark McKee, Dennis Rossetti, Anna Stranks, David Tyrrell and Rino Zan.

If you have any questions or comments about this report, please contact Luisa McKee, Operations Manager, at luisa@sorrows.ca or 647-933-6209.

2026 OLS Fundraising Gala Dinner Friday, Feb. 6, 2026, at Le Treport Banquet Hall

In 2026, we invite parishioners and families to a wonderful evening of fine dining and entertainment. This event will provide an opportunity for philanthropy, with 50% of proceeds going to our partner charity, The Angel Foundation for Learning. A portion of the proceeds will also go to the upkeep and maintenance of our 85 year old parish, ensuring the continued health of our spiritual home.

Interested? Visit this QR code  (bit.ly/4ozwhwW), our digital sign at the back of the church, or our parish website. For more info: events@sorrows.ca

Prices

Adult (19+): \$190 (\$50 returned as tax receipt)
Youth (11-18 y.o.): \$60
Child (4-10 y.o.): \$30
Infants (under 4 y.o.): FREE

"In Yonder Stall" Christmas Concert Sunday, Dec. 16, 7:00 pm

OLS will host our annual Christmas concert in support of the Out-of-the-Cold program, administered by our neighbors at All Saints Kingsway. Last year, the concert raised over \$15,000.00 which went to the many services offered to those facing homelessness, loneliness and food insecurity. The concert will feature an opportunity to sing many of the most popular Christmas carols and hear seasonal music performed by our own choirs, MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble, the ODIN Quartet, Trumpeter Michael Barth and our Music Director. Free admission, donations are welcomed (over \$20 will be tax receipted).



Get a head-start on parish events
using our 3-month-calendar:

bit.ly/3VbpNHF



2026 Pilgrimage to Greece, Turkey, Malta & Italy - Join Fr. Chris and OLS parishioners for a 15-day spiritual journey, Sept 23–Oct 7, 2026. Explore sacred sites, deepen faith, and enjoy fellowship aboard the Enchanted Princess cruise. Visit bit.ly/4oS84Se or contact Halina at 647-294-4116.

Earlybird: \$5,990 (until this Monday, Nov 24).

Regular: \$6,190.

Support Our Parish with a Simple Tap

We've added a new Tip Tap Pay stand for parish donations in the main foyer (northwest side). The St. Vincent de Paul stand remains on the northeast side. To receive a tax receipt, scan the parish QR code after your first tap and register your card — just once. Each tap donates the amount shown. Tap more times to increase your gift. This is a convenient, cashless, and secure way to give. Thank you for your continued generosity.



Save the Dates

Saturday, Dec. 20 | Day of Confessions
Wednesday, Dec. 24 | Christmas Pageant



Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions - Mondays, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm in the church. A quiet time for prayer, reflection, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Millions of Monicas - Wednesdays, 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm in the church. Mothers gather to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for children who've drifted from faith.

Knitting - Tuesdays, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, in the parish hall. Knitting for babies in need. Yarn donations welcome. Contact Helen: 416-239-2274.

Bridge - Thursdays, 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm, in the parish hall meeting room. No partner needed. Contact Gail: 416-889-1331 or Rena: 416-236-0728.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

November 24 to 30

Mon. †Marian Gorski by family
Tue. †Abdulali Mansouri by Mansouri family
Wed. †Stephen Doherty by OLS Office Staff
Thu. Intentions of Francesca Racco by Daniela Trimboli
Fri. †Ida Riccio by Debra Gervasio
Sat. †Pedro Cerna Flores by Mansouri family
Sat. 5:15 pm Intentions of Mark by Mom
Sun. 8:00 am Parish Intentions
9:30 am †Eugene McDermott by family
11:00 am †Rita Antonacci by family
12:30 pm †Leokadia Kucinski by family friend

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