



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 26, 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.

Society of St Vincent de Paul — OLS
647-770-4805

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www.tcdsb.org

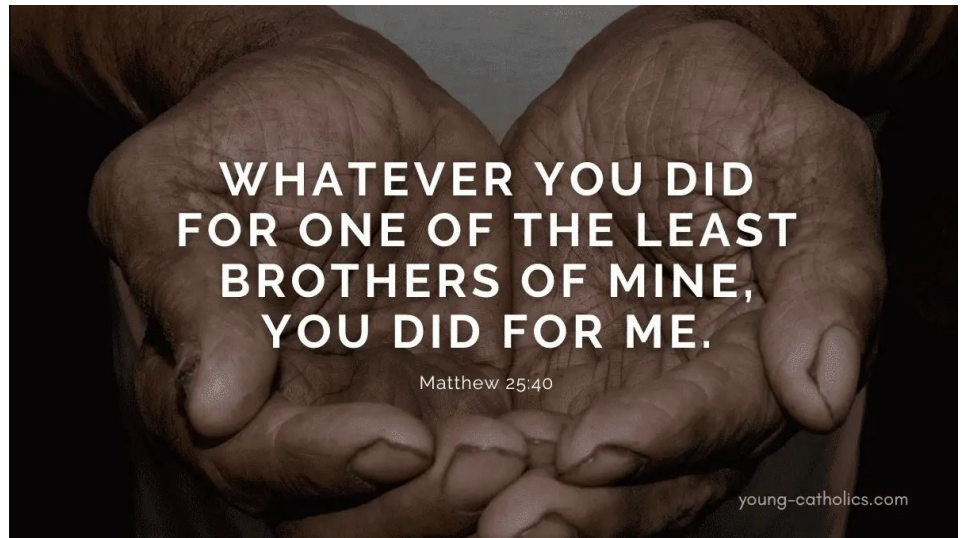
Archdiocese of Toronto

www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries

www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Reflection Questions:

- Do I recognize Christ in the vulnerable?
- What steps can I take to become more proactive in support of marginalized individuals?
- How will I answer the call to actively follow Christ's example of compassion and service to others?

OLS Member Engagement Survey Our OLS Parishioner Engagement Survey is now closed and we look forward to sharing the results and plan in the New Year. Thank you to everyone who participated in lending their voice as we take important steps grow our spiritual engagement and faith at OLS.

Free Catholic Estate Planning Seminar. This 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 or phone: 416-231-6016.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

2023/2024 Missals are available for purchase 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.

Second Collection next weekend: Christmas Gifts for the Poor – Your support of next weekend's special collection is shared between two important charities in our community: Canadian Food for Children and the OLS Conference of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Please make any cheques payable to *Our Lady of Sorrows*.

Adopt a Family for Christmas through the Society of St Vincent de Paul. This Christmas, many of our neighbours are struggling to afford groceries. The Society of St Vincent de Paul provides food vouchers to help families have a nutritious and memorable holiday meal. We welcome your donations. You can contribute as family, as an office group, or on your own. Tax receipts available. Please email olschristmas@gmail.com or call 647-770-4805 to participate.

Archdiocesan Consultation on Pastoral 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 and complete the short survey by December 15, 2023, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/consultation.



Advent Celebration for Families. Join us next 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. No RSVP required, free-will offerings welcome.

Monthly OLS Maintenance Update. We appreciate your ongoing support to help keep our parish in good order. During November, the following maintenance and repair projects were undertaken:

Fall groundskeeping: \$1,247 | Plumbing repairs: \$705 | Sound System repair: \$500 |
Waterproofing – Parging & Pointing: Rectory \$3,586, Church/Office \$6,538, Running Room, our commercial building \$7,172 | HVAC \$1,003.

Next weekend, there will be an insert with the bulletin that will provide a more detailed look of the important work that has been completed to repair the Bell Tower, along with an overview of larger projects scheduled for 2024. Your support towards our “Roof / Maintenance” monthly collection next weekend is appreciated.

Coffee Friday – Dec 1. Everyone is welcome to gather in the hall following the 9:00 am Mass. Coffee/Tea provided. Treats to share are welcome!

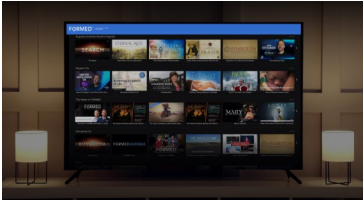
2024 Parish Calendars available this weekend. Please take one for your family. The parish supports Catholic Missions in Canada in order to offer these calendars at no cost to parishioners.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession – every Monday, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the church. Thank you to a generous parishioner who donated *Prayers for Eucharistic Adoration*, a booklet intended for ‘in-church use’ during this weekly time of prayer.

“We do well to spend time in adoration before the Eucharist in order to contemplate God’s weakness. Let us make time for adoration, a way of praying too frequently forgotten. Let us allow Jesus the Living Bread to heal us of our self-absorption, open our hearts to self-giving.” – Pope Francis



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.



Seasonal Resources: 'Formed', a premier Catholic streaming service, is a great resource for daily reflections, movies, e-books and inspiring content. OLS provides this service at no charge to parishioners. You can download the Formed App for free on your mobile phone, tablet, computer or TV from the App Store or Google Play. To create a free account, simply enter the OLS parish name and address. To learn more, visit: www.formed.org.

Just in time for Advent, Formed has recently released *"Drawing Closer To God: A Catholic Art Show for Kids"*. Join art teacher Ms. Kim as she teaches children to draw different scenes from the Nativity story. As kids learn new art skills, they also begin to see the connections between the big picture of God's story and their place within it.

As this month of remembrance ends, it is a fitting time to reflect on the very real questions we all have about death. What happens when we die? What does Scripture teach about death? *"Eternal Rest"* is a 4-part film series from the Augustine Institute, presenting the Catholic Church's teaching about death and God's response to it with wisdom and truth, gentleness and compassion. Visit <https://watch.formed.org/eternal-rest>

Bereavement Resources. Catholic Family Services hosts free, online drop-ins for sharing discussions in a safe, welcoming and non-judgmental forum. Session topic: November Grief, Remember and Reorder.

- Bereavement Support: Wednesday, Nov. 29, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Register at <https://bd1123.eventbrite.ca>
- Separated/Divorced Support: Thursday, Nov. 30, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Register at <https://sdd1123.eventbrite.ca>



ShareLife Speaker Series: Coping with Grief at Christmastime. For many who have lost someone they love, Christmastime can be a difficult period marked by quiet grief, lingering sadness and loneliness. The ShareLife Speaker Series event invites you attend this free virtual event on December 6 at 7:00 pm with Amanda Wendelgass, Catholic

Family Services, Counselling & Wellbeing. This session will explore practical coping skills and provide support to help make Christmastime a bit more manageable for those who need compassion most.

To register, please visit: <https://bit.ly/coping-with-grief-at-christmastime>

For questions, please email Jennifer Lazo: jlazo@archtoronto.org

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Nov 27 to Dec 3

- Mon.** †Seamus Tierney by Ursula Matthews
- Tues.** †Simplicio Tagle by Manion Family
- Wed.** †Desmond McCann by Christine McCann and Family
- Thurs.** †Rita Antonacci by Family
- Fri.** †Mario & †Norina Bulfon by McCarron/Bulfon Family
- Sat.** †Barbara Hansel Oratowska by Dariusz and Leszek
- Sat. 5:15pm** †Wayne Dusk by Family
- Sun. 8:00am** †Bibiana Dalusong by Eileen Dalusong
- 9:30am** Parish Intentions
- 11:00am** †Goseco, †Valencia & †Feliciano Families by Linda Feliciano
- 12:30pm** †Yong Tjan by Lisa Tjan & Family

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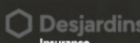
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