

## **OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH**

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Mass ScheduleReconciliationWeekdays (Monday-Saturday): 9:00amMonday: 7:00pm - 8:30pmSaturday Vigil: 5:15pmSaturday: 4:00pm - 5:00pmSunday: 8:00am, 9:30am\*, 11:00am, 12:30pm\*Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)

November 5, 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 every 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

Archdiocese of Toronto www.archtoronto.org

Catholic Cemeteries www.catholic-cemeteries.com

## **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### **Reflection Questions:**

- Am I receptive to God's message in my life, allowing it to deeply affect me?
- How can I convey and share my faith through genuine, heartfelt connections?
- Am I setting a positive example in my leadership role, whether in my community, workplace, or family?

#### **Baptism Preparation Sessions for School-aged Children**

There will be an information session for families requesting Baptism for their children who have reached their 6th birthday. Please join us next Sunday, Nov 12, following the 9:30 am Mass in the parish hall. The session will answer questions and outline the program that will take place over 10 Sundays after the 9:30 am Mass. The program will start on Sunday, Nov 19 and families will meet in the parish hall after attending the 9:30 am Mass. For more information, please email: <a href="mailto:baptism@sorrows.ca">baptism@sorrows.ca</a>.

# **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

#### OLS Parish Engagement Survey

This weekend at all Masses, we will conduct a parish Member Engagement Survey. Every parishioner aged 18 and older is invited to share his or her opinion about key aspects of our parish life together. The survey was created especially for churches by Gallup, a leading survey organization. All responses are anonymous and will be grouped together to provide a collective view. Thank you to the Father Offutt Fund for Formation and an anonymous parishioner for sponsoring the survey.

If you have family members who were not able to attend Mass at OLS this weekend, please share this information with them. The higher our participation rate, the more comprehensive our results will be.

The survey will remain open until Sunday, November 25th. To complete the survey online with your smartphone, visit <u>http://bit.ly/3Sf4YL0</u> or scan the QR code below with your camera:



For a paper copy of the survey, please visit the Parish Office during business hours or ask one of the Ushers after Mass. For Frequently Asked Questions, please visit: <u>https://bit.ly/46z9wjT</u>.

This is an exciting time for OLS as we take important steps to focus on growing our spiritual engagement and faith. Thank you for your support.



#### November: Month of Remembrance

You are invited to add the names of family and friends who have died 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.



#### An Invitation on Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day, Saturday, Nov 11, we invite parishioners who are current or retired military, police, fire & ambulance personnel, girl guides, boy scouts and cadets to join us in uniform at the 9:00am Mass.

Remembrance Day Poppies. Need a poppy? Please drop by the Church office during business hours!



**Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well.** Have you visited Formed? It's a premier Catholic streaming service and a great resource for daily reflections, movies, e-books and inspiring content. It will help enrich your faith and grow your knowledge.

During this month of remembrance, we direct you to the video series; "Eternal Rest: The Art of Dying Well." We all have very real questions about death. What happens when we die? What does our faith teach us about death and life after death? Each 30-minute episode of this four-part series presents the Church's teaching about death and God's response to it.

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, you will be asked to enter in the OLS parish name and address. To learn more, visit: <u>www.formed.org</u>.

**OLS Moms' Group.** We invite all moms and their children aged 4 and under for the next Pray and Play on Tuesday, Nov 21, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the parish hall. Get to know other moms, share practical parenting tips and help one another live out the vocation of motherhood. RSVP: <u>http://bit.ly/40dnOEj</u>

**Countering Isolation and Depression.** You are invited to join us this Wednesday, Nov 8, 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.

**Christmas Cards – Sale starts next weekend!** Monsignor Joseph Shiels will be selling his home-crafted Christmas Cards after all Masses in the front vestibule of the church for the next two weekends: Nov 11 & 12 and Nov 18 & 19, while supplies last. Each card was created by Monsignor Joe with his photography and a Christian message. Prices remain the same! Only \$10.00 for 6 cards and \$20.00 for 12 cards packs! Cash only.

**ORGANIX CONCERTS** presents South Carolina organist Andre Rakus with trumpeter Katie Clark in concert here at Our Lady of Sorrows on Wednesday, Nov 15, from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Free-will offering gratefully accepted.

**Come & See Weekend Retreat: November 17-19.** The Office of Vocations will be hosting a Come & See Weekend Discernment Retreat for men 18 years and older at St. Augustine's Seminary. For more information, please visit: <u>www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee</u>

**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 <u>https://bit.ly/46S4T3V</u> for the detailed itinerary or call Halina at 647-294-4116 for more information.

**Register at Our Lady of Sorrows.** We encourage all OLS parishioners to register their family at the parish. If you have moved or added new family members recently, it's also a good time to fill out an OLS Registration Form to update your information. 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 <a href="https://bit.ly/3QHCwR1">https://bit.ly/3QHCwR1</a>

**The Palliative Care HopeLine.** Are you a family in search of support for palliative care services? Accessing resources to support the end-of-life journey for someone you love can seem overwhelming for patients, caregivers and family members.

The HopeLine – established as part of the Catholic Charities/Archdiocese of Toronto Palliative Care Project and operated by the Saint Elizabeth Foundation – is an information resource tool to help people establish connections with hospice palliative care options within their home community. Supported in part by ShareLife funding, the HopeLine is open to individuals within the geographical boundaries of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

If you need help with hospice palliative care resources, please call the HopeLine at 416-619-5700. Please note, this service is an information line; in case of an emergency please call 911.

#### Friars Student Writing Contest 2024

High school students (ages 13-19 years) in the Catholic School Boards located in the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to participate in this annual event that commemorates the global Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25.

Write a five-hundred-word essay that explores the 2024 theme. Great prizes await the top three submissions.

Visit: <u>https://bit.ly/3SplgA6</u> for more information.

### Nov. 6 to 12

Mon. †Boguslaw Slazyk by Maricn Slazyk

FOR THE WEEK

- Tues. †John Matthews by Helen Brukner
- Wed. †Robert Wojdygo by Family
- Thurs. †Noreen McAneney by Nan McAneney
- Fri. †Jack Carroll by The Carroll Family
- Sat REMEMBRANCE DAY †Gervasio Estorba by Josie Estorba
- Sat. 5:15pm *†*Frank & *†*Irene McCarron by McCarron/Bulfon Family
- Sun. 8:00am †Connell Broden by Liz Broden 9:30am Parish Intentions
  - 11:00am †Maureen O'Hanlon by O'Hanlon Family
  - **12:30pm** †Desmond Collins by Kate Collins

