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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  
\*Children's Liturgy of the Word (ages 4-10 yrs.)  
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

October 27, 2024

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*  
Angelica Chacon, *Family Life Minister*  
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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.

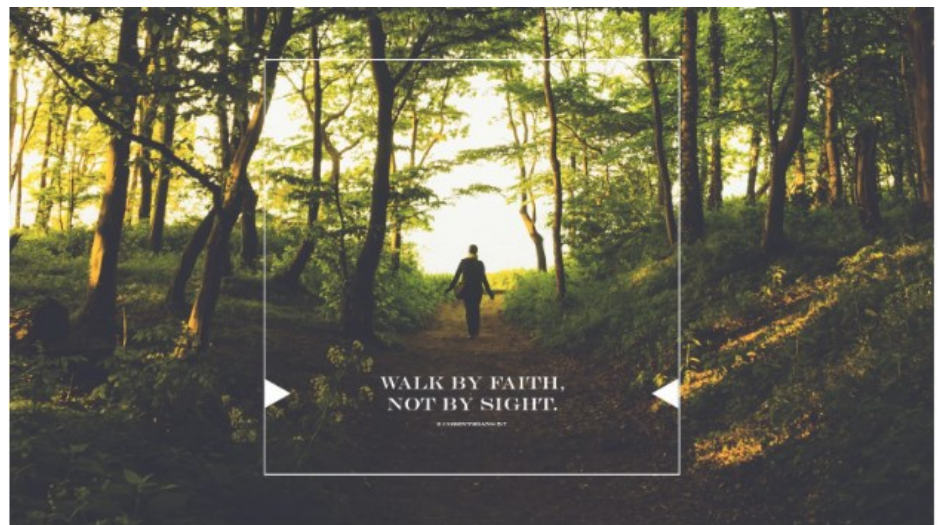
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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



In today's Gospel, a blind man, Bartimaeus, calls out to Jesus, despite the crowd's attempts to silence him. His faith healed him and Bartimaeus immediately regained his sight. Not only that, Bartimaeus chose to follow Jesus, leaving everything behind.

We are called to put our trust in God by opening our hearts to healing and new beginnings. Like Bartimaeus, we can put aside our hesitations and hear Jesus' call to willingly follow Him.

Reflection questions:

- *How does my faith help me in difficult times?*
- *Am I willing to leave behind my old ways to follow Jesus?*
- *In what ways do I trust God with my future?*

## Community Building Sunday - after the 12:30 Mass TODAY



Join us in the parish hall for casual conversation, coffee/tea and treats, hosted by some of our Liturgical Ministries! Explore a new way to meet fellow parishioners and help grow our parish community.

## The Stewardship Journey: Focus on Liturgy

Perhaps the best way to explore the right fit for your personal talents and gifts at OLS is through the journey of other fellow parishioners. Over the past 5 weeks, we hope you have been inspired by the stewardship stories from 5 different ministries and volunteers. Our final "The Stewardship Journey" communication features Liturgy – with a focus on our Altar Servers.

Discover Michael De Biasio's personal Stewardship Journey and consider how you can share your gifts and grow your faith at OLS!

## ShareLife



Through your support, ShareLife agencies are helping the most vulnerable in our community and around the world.

Thus far we have raised \$371,403 (almost 75%) toward our goal of \$500,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](https://sharelife.org/donate).

## Parents' Small Group – Monday, Oct. 28

The mission of this group is to help parents face challenges of family life through the Catholic faith. Come and share your experiences, advice, and challenges with other parents. We meet from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Parents of all ages and stages are welcome to join. Light dinner and childcare provided. Register at [bit.ly/4dzN6BB](https://bit.ly/4dzN6BB)



## Coffee Friday — Nov. 1

Join us after the 9:00 am Mass. All are welcome — bring a friend & a treat to share!

## Baptism Preparation for School-Aged Children

Families whose children have reached their 6th birthday and have not yet been baptized, are invited to learn more about this process. Contact [baptism@sorrows.ca](mailto:baptism@sorrows.ca) or Gabriella in the parish office.

## First Communion & Confirmation

Registration packages are available at the back of the church after Mass. Email [firstcommunion@sorrows.ca](mailto:firstcommunion@sorrows.ca) or [confirmation@sorrows.ca](mailto:confirmation@sorrows.ca) for any inquiries.



## Horizons of Hope #2: Discerning and Making Decisions at the End of Life

Facing difficult end-of-life decisions can be overwhelming. This week's session will guide participants through the ethical and spiritual considerations involved in discerning care options, with practical advice on how to navigate these conversations with loved ones. Learn more about how the Catholic faith informs decisions about life-sustaining treatments, palliative care, and preparing for death. Join us this Monday, Oct. 28, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the parish hall. Feel free to bring treats to share. **Workshops are free! To register, contact Anne Marie at 416-559-9455.**



## Alpha Come & See — This Tuesday, Oct. 29

Alpha creates a space to ask questions about life, faith and meaning. Curious? Come this Tuesday and see! Program and meals are free. Contact [alpha@sorrows.ca](mailto:alpha@sorrows.ca) for details. Register at [bit.ly/3MJuVhK](https://bit.ly/3MJuVhK).



## All Souls Mass — Saturday, Nov. 2, 9:00 am

Please join us in prayer during this special Mass next Saturday as we light a candle and call out the name of each parishioner whose funeral was held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in the past year.



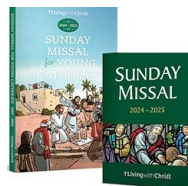
## Book of Remembrance – available on Nov. 2



You are invited 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.

## 2024-2025 Missals

Available at the back of the church. Cost: \$7 per Sunday Missal and \$10 for Young Catholics Missal.



## OLS Religious Education

Parishioner families with children in grades 2-7 attending non-Catholic schools are encouraged to register. Classes take place at OLS school on Monday evenings, 7:00 pm to 7:40 pm, from October to May. Email [ReligiousEd@sorrows.ca](mailto:ReligiousEd@sorrows.ca).





## Mass with Contemporary Music

OLS is embarking on a journey to diversify our music at Mass and will test this effort with a once-a-month initiative led by a small ensemble consisting of young talented musicians from the parish, led by Alejandra Ballon. Please plan to join us on Saturday November 9 at 5:15 pm for the first Mass at OLS with Praise & Worship Music.

## Remembrance Choral Service Sunday, Nov. 10 at 4:00 pm



Our parish adult choir, cantor Shawn Scanlan and trumpeter Michael Barth will honour the men and women who have served our country, giving their lives for the freedoms we now enjoy. All are welcome!

## Monthly Maintenance Update

Your support for next weekend's Maintenance Collection is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping with the upkeep of our parish. This month we addressed:

- Church LED lighting: \$11,601.26
- Elevator maintenance: \$1,435.10
- Fire system: \$1,401.18
- Electrical updates: \$3,160
- Piano repairs (offset by donations): \$2,375
- Church Façade (lower portion): \$3,955
- Domestic Hot Water Tank (Rectory): \$5,085

A detailed report on phase 3 of the Roof Project will be shared in our year-end report.

## Free Evening — Dying to Meet You: Preventing Euthanasia & Encouraging Hope Thursday, Nov 14, 7:00 pm in the parish hall

*Why has euthanasia become such a temptation for so many Canadians? How can we envision a more hopeful alternative for end of life?*

Join Guest Speaker Amanda Achtman as she shares her experiences engaging Canadians on the profound questions of suffering, death, meaning, and hope. Free-will offerings accepted. Come ready to engage in conversations that concern us all!

## Prayer Corner



*Why do we pray?*

We pray to develop a relationship with God and to remain in Christ. Pope Francis says "that prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope."

These are the rewards of prayer. When we pray, we receive God's peace. (Phil.4:6-7) We also receive his joy. (John 16:24)

*God, from Your love I can experience the fruit of Your Spirit. These fruits are natural outpouring of knowing You and Your love. Help me to be more joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, and faithful. Deepen my relationship with You so that Your fruit becomes a natural part of my life. Amen.*

## Bundle Up Weekend — Next Weekend

It's time to start gathering your donations!

St. Vincent de Paul is collecting gently used items in support of our neighbours in need. The truck will be in the parking lot on Nov. 2 & 3, from 8:30



am to 6:00 pm, to receive your donations. The Society welcomes clothing, coats, shoes, boots, linens, towels, drapes, and toys (new only). Volunteers will be present before and after each Mass to help load your donations. Thank you for your support!


## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

October 28 to November 3

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| <b>Mon.</b>        | †Richard Nytko by Anne & Bob Shiley  |
| <b>Tue.</b>        | †Richard Nytko by Rena Guerard   |
| <b>Wed.</b>        | †Chelsea Ince by Michael Foran   |
| <b>Thu.</b>        | †John Keane by Gerry Simpson   |
| <b>Fri.</b>        | †Georgette Docker by Kathe Docker & family   |
| <b>Sat.</b>        | Parish Intentions  |
| <b>Sat. 5:15pm</b> | †Giovanni (John) Poverelli by Mary & Joseph Veneziano                              |
| <b>Sun. 8:00am</b> | Parish Intentions  |
| <b>9:30am</b>      | †Earl Anselm by Mercy Anselm & family  |
| <b>11:00am</b>     | Living & Deceased Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families                            |
| <b>12:30pm</b>     | Int of friends & family of the Nardi/<br>Naccarato families by Alfred & Lina Nardi |

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# The Stewardship Journey

*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." - Peter 4:10*



## What is Stewardship?

As individuals, we are stewards or managers of the gifts God has given us. We are called to imitate Jesus by being other-centred rather than self-centred and be grateful and generous with our gifts. Living out our faith means that we are expected to share our time, talent and treasure to build up our Church and make our world a better place. The goal of stewardship at Our Lady of Sorrows is for us to become more involved, and in turn, deepen our relationship with God.

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## How can I grow in my faith?

The more deeply we grow in love for God, the more our hearts see stewardship as a way of life and see the gifts we have received from God -- and respond in gratitude with the gift of self.

In the deepening conversion of love, a steward learns to give of self, not out of obligation and duty, but out of a sincere and growing desire. As Archbishop Leo reflects in his 2024 Stewardship address:

*"Stewardship is the crucial process or a way of living our Catholic faith...a life-giving development of faith and engagement...a living and active commitment that changes life and changes lives -- not a one-time act of giving or sacrifice."*

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## What's the best path for me?

Stewardship is a natural part of our faith journey. The first step is to reflect on your own personal talents and actively discover what options are available. Ask yourself: What are my natural talents? What do I like to do?

There are many ways to share your gifts and live your faith at OLS. To learn more, please refer to the OLS "Get Involved" Stewardship brochure, available at the back of the church or online at [www.sorrows.ca](http://www.sorrows.ca).

*"Use the gifts you have received and pass on the love that has been given to you."*  
– St Therese of Lisieux

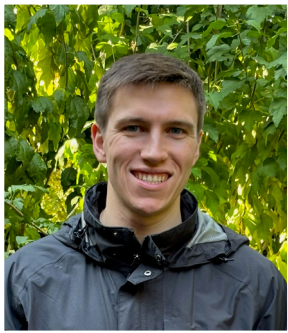




## Stewardship Focus: Liturgy - Altar Servers

Perhaps the best way to explore the right fit for your talents, is through the examples of others who are sharing their personal gifts in various ministries at Our Lady of Sorrows. Let's take a closer look at the Altar Servers Ministry at OLS. Traditionally, this ministry is a great option for young parishioners to participate directly in the Mass and learn more about their faith. Boys, girls and young adults assist the priest at Saturday and Sunday liturgies. Each server is provided with training and a flexible schedule. OLS also has an Adult Altar Servers ministry who serve at 9:00 am weekday Masses and are called upon to help at Funerals.

### Introducing: Michael De Biasio



How long have you been part of this ministry at OLS? I started serving as an Altar Server 12 years ago, and have served as a Sacristan for over 10 years. Being a Sacristan is a bit more involved, and I really enjoy this added responsibility. Sacristans assist other altar servers, liturgical ministers and the priest. Before the celebration of Mass, they help arrange the liturgical books, vestments, and other items. After Communion, the Sacristan also helps ensure everything is purified and set back in its place. There's a lot to organize before and after each Mass!

Why were you drawn to volunteer in this ministry at OLS? I was drawn to volunteer as an altar server because it gives me a way to be more involved in the Mass and deepen my faith. Being an altar server has grown my respect and understanding of the Mass. I also enjoy learning more about the rituals and practices of the Church, and managing the logistics around preparing for and assisting with these rituals.

What personal talents do you have and enjoy sharing? I believe that I am well-organized and detail-oriented - which helps when serving during Mass to ensure everything runs smoothly. I also like working with others, and being an altar server allows me to assist the priest and other servers during Mass. As a Sacristan, I enjoy explaining things to younger servers and sharing my knowledge and experience with them.

What skills would be a good fit for others who are interested in this ministry? I think it is most important to have a positive attitude and willingness to learn! Being reverent and respectful is also something that you develop as you train and become more experienced. As I've grown up in this ministry, I think it's a great way to get involved when you are young. It helps you learn more about your faith, how to be accountable to others, and develops your sense of personal responsibility. Others rely on you to perform important tasks during the Mass and to arrive at church early and on time.

How has your volunteer stewardship in this ministry helped you grow in your faith? Serving as an altar server has helped me grow in my faith by bringing me closer to God in a more personal way and gain a deeper understanding of the meaning and rituals of the Mass. It has also helped me develop a stronger connection to the OLS Church community.

**For more information about volunteering in the altar servers ministries at OLS, please email: [altarservers@sorrows.ca](mailto:altarservers@sorrows.ca)**