



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:00pm
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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

October 29, 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

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

MATTHEW 22

young-catholics.com

Reflection Questions:

- What specific actions can I take to demonstrate my love for God and neighbour?
- Do I consider all people my neighbours, even those I have strong disagreements with?
- How can I put my love for God into action by helping someone vulnerable or marginalized?

Sacramental Preparation – Final Deadline this Tuesday

The final day for parishioners to register their children for First Communion and Confirmation preparation is this Tuesday, Oct 31. Forms can be found at the back of the church or at www.sorrows.ca. Children in non-Catholic schools must also be registered and attending the OLS Religious Education Program.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

OLS Parish Engagement Survey – Next Weekend at all Masses

How engaged are we in our faith today? Where can we grow? As we continue to journey together as a faith community at Our Lady of Sorrows, this is a timely moment to stop and reflect on where we are.

Next weekend, November 4 & 5th, we will conduct a parish Member Engagement Survey at all Masses. Every parishioner aged 18 and older will have the opportunity to share his or her opinions about some of the key aspects of our parish life together. Please bring your cell phone to complete the survey! Paper copies will also be available for those who prefer it.

The survey is specially designed for churches by Gallup, an independent research company. It is easy to complete and will take about 10 minutes. All responses will be anonymous and will be grouped together to provide a collective view of the spiritual health of our parish. For Frequently Asked Questions, please go to: <https://bit.ly/46z9wjT>.

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

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. Families are invited to attend this information session on Sunday, Nov 12th following the 9:30 am Mass in the parish hall. This information session will answer questions and outline the program that will take place over 10 Sundays after the 9:30 am Mass. The first session for the program will begin on Sunday Nov 19th and families will meet in the parish hall after attending the 9:30 mass. Each session will be 35 minutes. For further information please email: baptism@sorrows.ca

Book of Remembrance. 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.

All Souls Mass – Thursday, Nov 2, 9:00 am & 7:30 pm. Please join us in prayer at either of these Masses as we light a candle and read the names aloud of each parishioner whose funeral was held at OLS in the past year.

Coffee Friday – Nov 3, 2023. Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the 9:00 am Mass in the parish hall. Please bring a treat to share.

OLS Moms Group. Calling all moms! Mark your calendars and make a plan to join us for the next *Pray and Play* on Tuesday, Nov 21, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the parish hall. It's a great opportunity to 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. RSVP: <http://bit.ly/40dnOEj>.

Countering Isolation and Depression. We invite you to join us on Wednesday, Nov 8, 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. Interested in attending? Call or text Anne Marie at 416-559-9455 to register. Light refreshments will be served.

Alpha - Welcome to the 55 participants who have begun their journey in the OLS Alpha program. Please keep them in your prayers.

ShareLife: 2023 Campaign continues. Thanks to your generosity we have collected \$438,001 towards our 2023 goal of \$440,000! Your support of the additional food insecurity grants is welcome!

Honey available for Sale this weekend! Pick up a jar of raw unpasteurized honey from the Bloor foyer. This super-local honey was collected from bee hives in the Kingsway. \$10 per jar, proceeds go towards ShareLife.

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



Monthly Maintenance Update (Monthly Maintenance & Roof Collection—next weekend) We appreciate your ongoing support to help keep our parish in good order. During October the following maintenance and repair projects were undertaken:

- Plumbing Repairs \$1,214; Service to Glass Doors \$680; Shrubs for east planter \$449
- Repairs to Bell Tower \$50,297 (full details will be presented at the end of November)

OLS Children's Choirs! – Joining the OLS Children's Choir is a great way to meet other young people in the parish and learn valuable music skills! Rehearsals take place in the parish hall every Thursday, 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm and the choir sings on Sundays at the 9:30 am Mass. Sign-up forms are available at the back of the church or online at www.sorrows.ca. Contact Alejandra at: aballon@gmail.com.

Children's Liturgy of the Word – Every Sunday at the 9:30am Mass, we invite our young parishioners ages 4 to 10 to celebrate the children's version of the Liturgy of the Word in the parish hall. They will hear & talk about the Gospel message at an age-appropriate level. Registration not required. We welcome volunteers to help with this ministry! Email Alicia at office@sorrows.ca.



Do you know someone from our parish community who is not able to attend Mass because of health issues? Please let the parish office know so that an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion can visit to administer Holy Communion.

Religious Christmas Cards on sale the weekends of Nov. 11/12 & Nov. 18/19 in the Bloor foyer. Created by Monsignor Joseph Shiels with his photography and Christian message, the cost remains stable: 6 cards for \$10; 12 cards for \$20. Msgr. Joe looks forward to greeting you as you purchase the cards.



Following the most inclusive meeting in the synodal process, the participants have issued a letter to reflect on the fruitfulness of this year's meeting. The outcome is a pressing call to pastoral and missionary conversion; to proclaim the Gospel by focusing outward to the service of others. Visit <https://bit.ly/3tTWcb3>

Organix Concerts presents South Carolina organist Andre Rakus with trumpeter Katie Clark in concert here at Our Lady of Sorrows on November 15, 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. Free-will offering gratefully accepted.



We invite you for **Adoration and Confessions**, Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the church. "Jesus awaits us in the Sacrament of Love. Let us not refuse to go meet him in adoration." ~ Pope Saint John Paul II

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Oct. 30 to Nov 5

- Mon.** †Amelia Udasco by Tessie Udasco
- Tues.** †John Keane by Gerry Simpson
- Wed.** Parish Intentions
- Thurs.** †All Souls (9:00 am & 7:30 pm)
- Fri.** †Patrick Walsh McCool by McCarron/Bulfon Family
- Sat** †Goseco, †Valencia & †Feliciano Families by Linda Feliciano
- Sat. 5:15pm** Parish Intentions
- Sun. 8:00am** †Harry Hodson by Dan Kelly
- 9:30am** †Dixie Wickham by Marianne Wickham
- 11:00am** †Guerard & †Giacomini Families by Rena Guerard
- 12:30pm** †Dora Carvalho by Wendy & Larry Wilson

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