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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

September 29, 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.

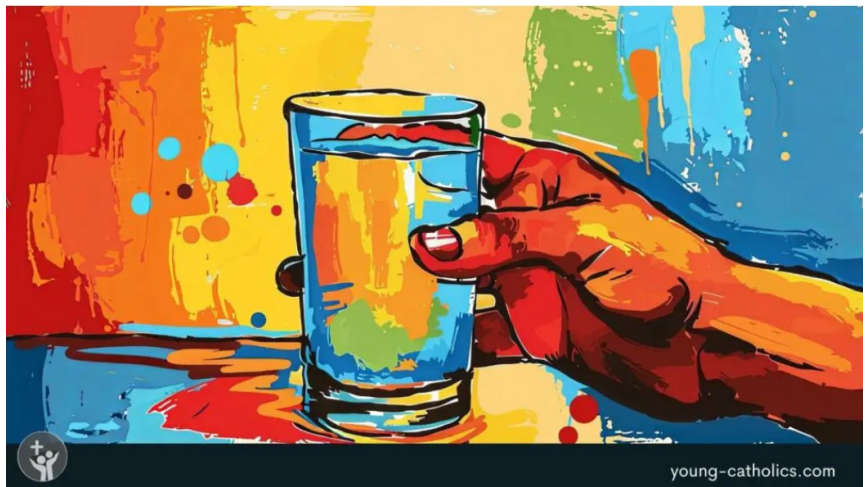
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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Today's readings invite us to see God's spirit in unexpected places, use our wealth justly, and recognize the good works of others. These lessons remind us to stay humble, be generous, and be inclusive. In the Gospel, when the disciples try to stop someone from casting out demons in Jesus' name, Jesus emphasizes that good works done in His name are valuable. We should not be quick to judge others who are doing good work as Jesus values all efforts done in His name. By recognizing that we are all working towards the same goal, we build an inclusive community that strengthens our faith and unity.

Reflection Questions:

- *What can I do to be more open to seeing God's spirit in unexpected places?*
- *How can I avoid the dangers of greed?*
- *How can I practice the spirit of inclusivity in my community?*

World Day of Migrants & Refugees — Sept. 29

Amidst fears, persecution, and broken hearts, we are reminded that "God Walks with His People." We are all God's people on our way to the eternal homeland. Let us unite in prayer for all those who have had to leave their land in search of dignified living conditions.

The Stewardship Journey: Focus on Catechesis

Starting this weekend, and continuing over the next 4 weeks, a different OLS ministry will be highlighted in “The Stewardship Journey” communications inserted with the bulletin.

This week’s communication features Catechesis — the group of ministries who help prepare candidates to receive the sacraments. Please read Angelica Chacon’s personal Stewardship Journey as a First Communion volunteer — and consider how you can share your gifts as a part of your faith journey!

Baptisms – With Joyful Hearts



Today at the 12:30 pm Mass, we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Margot, Noa and Spencer. Next Saturday, October 5th, we welcome Asher, Enea and Scarlett who will be baptized at the 5:15 pm Mass.

Please pray for these children and their families.

Blessing of the Pets — Friday, Oct 4

On the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, families are invited to bring their animal companions to church. A blessing will be offered at the front of the church between 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm.

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 or the parish office.



2024/2025 Sacramental Preparation

The sacraments of **First Communion** and **Confirmation** are significant milestones in the faith journey of our young parishioners. Registration packages are available at the back of the church after Mass. Email firstcommunion@sorrows.ca or confirmation@sorrows.ca for any inquiries.

2024/2025 OLS Religious Education — Registration for school year is now OPEN!

Families with children in grades 2-7 attending non-Catholic schools are encouraged to register. In-person classes are held at OLS School Monday evenings from 7:00 pm to 7:40 pm. The program is largely volunteer-run and parents are expected to assist. On Oct. 7, there will be a welcome meeting in the parish hall at 7:00 pm. Registration fee: \$75 per child. Visit our [website](http://www.sorrows.ca) or email ReligiousEd@sorrows.ca. Grade 1 students are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 9:30 am Sunday Family Mass.



An Invitation to Alpha — Begins Oct. 15

Alpha is a multi-week course where participants discuss the purpose of life, Jesus’ teachings, and more. Curious? Come and see the first Alpha night! Alpha meet Tuesdays from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Program and meals are free. Contact alpha@sorrows.ca for details. To register: bit.ly/3MJuVhK.

Fall Bible Study — Begins Sept. 28

The Catholic Church is extraordinary — it’s where we encounter God’s Word, his sacraments, and his saints. Join us for “**What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith**” every Saturday from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, beginning Sept. 28 until Dec. 14. Cost: \$45. For details and registration, contact ministry01@sorrows.ca.



Volunteer Catechists Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help teach our younger parishioners in our Religious Education, First Communion, and Confirmation programs. You don’t need to be an expert, we will help train you! Please contact the parish office at office@sorrows.ca for information.

An Invitation to become Catholic

Is God calling you to join the Catholic Church? Are you baptized in another denomination and would like to be received into the Catholic church? Are you an un-catechized, baptized Catholic who would like to finish your initiation into the Church and celebrate the sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) prepares unbaptized individuals to be received into the Catholic church. Candidates explore and deepen their relationships with God, harnessing their gifts to serve the world. For more details, contact Gabriella at 647-933-3705 or gabriella@sorrows.ca.

Parents' Small Group — Sept. 30

For parents of all ages and stages! 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Light dinner and childcare provided. Register at bit.ly/3XhUBqN.

2024 Thanksgiving Food Drive

Your generous donation of non-perishable food items for the Good Shepherd Ministries will be gratefully received. Donations can be dropped off at the back of the church on the weekend of Oct. 12 & 13, and Monday, Oct. 14.



October: Month of Mary and the Rosary

October is designated by the Catholic Church as the "Month of the Rosary" and the Church celebrates the Marian advocacy of "Our Lady of the Rosary" on Oct 7. We invite you to join us for communal prayer of the rosary every weekday at 8:25 am prior the 9:00 am Mass at OLS. At home, we encourage families to:

1. Pray the rosary daily during the month of October
2. Set up a "prayer corner" — a special place that is used almost exclusively for prayer
3. Recite the Angelus at 6:00 pm

Second Collection Next Weekend: Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund will support both local and national programs proposed by Indigenous communities to nurture the ongoing reconciliation journey. Envelopes are available at the church entrances. bit.ly/3ZDi8Fo

Indigenous Legacy Gathering (ILG)

From Sept. 27 to Sept. 30, the ILG is at Nathan Phillips Square. It is an annual event that honours and appreciates the rich diversity of our Indigenous cultures. Open to the public, this gathering is not only a celebration but also an enlightening educational experience!



Praying with Mary / The Rosary

Participate in the Year of Prayer announced by Pope Francis by attending this webinar on prayer led by Dr. Josephine Lombardi on Thursday, October 3, 1:00 to 2:30 pm. You're invited to the parish hall to watch with other parishioners.

Monthly Maintenance Update

Your support for next weekend's Maintenance Collection is greatly appreciated. Over the summer, the parish has been busy taking care of our spiritual home. These included:

- Bell Tower (pointing & windows), tuckpointing on the east and west sides of the church, and masonry work on the north façade: \$89,788
- Parking lot repairs: \$11,429
- Fire system annual charges and service calls: \$3,297
- Electrical updates: \$3,160
- Piano repairs (offset by donations): \$2,285
- Groundskeeping: \$2,036
- HVAC upkeep: \$1,376

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



Looking to learn about palliative care?

The **OLS Mental Health Initiative Group** invite you to participate in learning sessions on Horizons of Hope, a four-module program to help parishioners, caregivers, and family members facing a terminal illness learn more about palliative care and the importance of building compassionate communities in the context of our Catholic faith. Sessions are in the parish hall on Mondays starting on **Oct. 21 until Nov. 11, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**. Feel free to bring treats to share! Coffee and tea will be available. Workshops are free but **require registration!** Call or text Anne Marie at 416-559-9455.


Coffee Friday — October 4 after the 9:00 am Mass

September 30 to October 6 **Mass Intentions** FOR THE WEEK

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| Mon. | †Ada & Lina Spat by Elena Dell'Osbel |
| Tue. | †Sean Murphy by Frank Golden |
| Wed. | †Richard Nytko by Pillo Sisters |
| Thu. | †Mary Joan Sherwood by Montemurro family |
| Fri. | †Rosemary Cronyn by Sonja deVerteuil |
| Sat. | Living & Deceased Goseco, Valencia & Feliciano families |
| Sat. 5:15pm | †Thomas William Griffith by Mary Griffith |
| Sun. 8:00am | †Michelangelo Pistilli by Mary Veneziano |
| 9:30am | †Vincenzo & Salvatore Sorbara by Sorbara family |
| 11:00am | †Bruno Campese by OLS Senior Choir |
| 12:30pm | Parish Intentions |

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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.

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."

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.

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



Stewardship Focus: Catechesis – First Communion Ministry

Perhaps the best way to explore the right fit for you is through the journey of others. Let's take a closer look at the First Communion Ministry at OLS who help to prepare children for this Sacrament.

Introducing: Angelica Chacon



Hi! My name is Angelica Chacon and I am a volunteer in the Catechists and First Communion Ministry at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. I have been collaborating with this wonderful group for 1½ years, dedicating my time and talents to support the children in our community as they prepare for their First Communion.

Why were you drawn to volunteer in this ministry at OLS? I was drawn to volunteer because I believe in the importance of planting seeds of faith in children. I'm convinced that if children know God and His love from a young age, they will have a strong foundation on which to build their lives on and face challenges with wisdom and strength that come from God. Supporting this ministry is a privilege and a calling for me.

What personal talents do you have and enjoy sharing? I believe God has given me the gift of service, and I really enjoy helping without expecting anything in return. I'm very friendly, which helps me build trust and connect with the children. I'm also proactive, which is important when working with kids. I'm loving, and I feel that God has shaped my heart through the children to treat them with love and patience, so I can share His message effectively.

What skills would be a good fit for others who are interested in this ministry? I believe it's very important to have a positive attitude and a genuine willingness to serve and help. Patience and love are essential when working with children, as these qualities help provide the support and guidance they need. Additionally, it's important to have the conviction that when you work for God, He rewards you abundantly, which translates into joy, happiness, and peace.

How has your volunteer stewardship in this ministry helped you grow in your faith? I believe that supporting this ministry has allowed me to grow in faith by seeing how God gradually transforms my flaws and moulds me through His love. Additionally, it has helped me understand more deeply the great gift God gave us through the Eucharist and how it nourishes and strengthens us to remain in Communion with Him.

For more information about volunteering in the First Communion Ministry at OLS, please email: firstcommunion@sorrows.ca