



OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm
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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 8, 2024

Fr. Chris Cauchi, *Pastor*
Elise Lee, *Family Life Minister*
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.

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www.tcdsb.org

Archdiocese of Toronto
www.archtoronto.org

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www.catholic-cemeteries.com

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf man with a speech issue. Despite his instructions to keep the miracle quiet, news of Jesus' compassion and power spread widely.

We all suffer from spiritual deafness when we don't want to hear God's voice or the opinions of others. To overcome our spiritual deafness, we need to spend more time in prayer. By humbly listening to God, we open our hearts to His healing.

Reflection questions:

- *In what ways do I suffer from spiritual deafness?*
- *How can I open my heart to God's healing power?*
- *What changes can I make to spend more time in prayer?*

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**Welcome Back!** We hope everyone has had a wonderful summer and had an opportunity to experience Mass at different parishes during your travels.

### Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows - Sunday, September 15

Join us in our celebrations of the Feast Day of our Patroness, Our Lady of Sorrows, and to pray for our parish community.

## Summer Updates: Staff & Renovation

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is pleased to announce several new changes to our parish team:

Operations Manager — **Luisa McKee**

Full-time Receptionist — **Ahmie McCarthy**

Bookkeeper (PT) — **Johnri Velez**

Communications Coordinator (PT) — **Gracie Vo**

Join us in celebrating these team members as they embark on their new roles. We also bid farewell to **Dolores Kwapien**, our departing Business Manager, and we wish her the best as the new Executive Director of the Loretto Sisters.

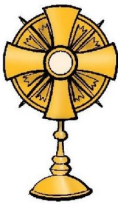
Over the summer months, we also completed **renovation works** on our bell tower, masonry, and parking lot of the church. Thank you for your support in helping to maintain our beautiful parish home.

### 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](mailto:office@sorrows.ca) for information.

### 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 at Our Lady of Sorrows. Contact [baptism@sorrows.ca](mailto:baptism@sorrows.ca) or Gabriella in 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 will be 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.

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

Parishioner families with children in grades 2-7 attending non-Catholic schools are encouraged to register. In-person classes are held at OLS School Monday evening from 7:00 pm to 7:40 pm. The program is largely volunteer-run and parents are expected to assist.

Grade 1 students not in the program are invited to participate in the Liturgy of the Word with Children at the 9:30 am Sunday Family Mass. Registration Fee: \$75 per child. Visit our website or email [ReligiousEd@sorrows.ca](mailto:ReligiousEd@sorrows.ca).

## Liturgy of the Word with Children Sundays at 9:30 am Mass



Welcome back! Our young parishioners can reflect on the Gospel readings adapted to their level of understanding. After the opening hymn, children ages 4-10 are invited to head down to the parish hall. No registration required. Please email [familylife@sorrows.ca](mailto:familylife@sorrows.ca) to volunteer.

### Music Ministries



We are pumped for another year of fabulous music making in the **Children's Choir!** Don't miss your chance to learn and sing with Ms. Ale, the Choir Director. To register, scan the QR Code at the back of the church. Questions? Ask Ms. Ale at [aballon2@gmail.com](mailto:aballon2@gmail.com). First choir rehearsal is Thursday, Sept. 12 at 4:00 pm. More details at [bit.ly/olschoir](http://bit.ly/olschoir)

Our parish **adult choir**, led by Gordon Mansell, our Music Director, invites all who enjoy singing to join us for Thursday night rehearsals from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. The choir sings at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass and special events throughout the year. Please contact the parish office or Gordon at 416-571-3680.

### An Invitation:

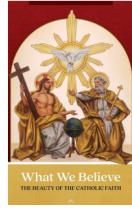
#### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

*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?*

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](mailto:gabriella@sorrows.ca)

## 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 more information or to register, contact [ministry01@sorrows.ca](mailto:ministry01@sorrows.ca)



## Seeds of Hope 2



*Saturday, Sept. 21 to Friday, Sept. 27*  
Donate your freshly grown produce after Masses on the weekend of Sep 21 & 22 or drop them off in baskets by the church entrance (Bloor St). All produce collected will be donated to St. Francis Table.

## Season of Creation 2024

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the ecumenical Christian family is invited to participate in this worldwide celebration of prayer and action. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. To learn more, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3XeeMXZ>

## Gift of Securities

One of the most financially sound ways to support our parish is a gift of securities, like stocks, mutual funds, or bonds. You will pay no capital gains tax, and your parish will receive more significant support. Contact [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org) for more information. <https://bit.ly/4dJd8Du>



## ShareLife: A Call to Compassion

Food insecurity affects the physical, mental, and social well-being of our community. Through our parish's support, ShareLife, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto and a generous anonymous donor are committing \$750,000 to fund food banks and meal programs throughout the Archdiocese. To learn more, visit: <https://bit.ly/4fWWaTD>

## Mom's Group: Pray & Play—Sep 17

We warmly invite all mothers and their children to join us from 10:00 - 12:00 pm in the parish hall. Join us for conversation, meet a new friend, and take time to reflect on the joys and challenges of motherhood!

## Stewardship Sunday — Sept. 21 & 22

Stewardship Sunday is held annually across the entire Archdiocese. Sharing your individual gifts of time and talent is an act of faith that helps build our OLS community. There are many ministries at OLS—something for everyone—based on your own personal talents and available time.



## An Invitation to Alpha — Begins Oct. 15



Alpha is a multi-week course that welcomes participants to share a meal and watch and discuss an engaging video on the purpose of life, Jesus' teachings, and more. Curious? Come and see the first Alpha night!

Alpha is open to all ages and backgrounds. OLS Alpha group will meet on Tuesdays from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm in the Parish Hall. Program and meals are free. For more information and registration, contact [alpha@sorrows.ca](mailto:alpha@sorrows.ca).

**Weekly Drop-In Bridge** — resumes Sept. 12 at 12:00 pm in the parish hall, every Thursday afternoon.

**OLS Knitting Circle** — resumes Sept. 10 at 1:30 pm in the parish hall, every Tuesday afternoon.


## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

### September 9 to 15

- Mon.** †Emma Orejana by Irma Apan
- Tue.** †Richard Nytko by Paulette Kuehn
- Wed.** †Desmond McCann by Christine McCann & family
- Thu.** †John Ware by Thelda Walsh
- Fri.** †Brenda D'Abero by Linda Sharma & family
- Sat.** †Rita Antonacci by family
- Sat. 5:15pm** Int. of Jennifer & Edward Murphy by Rebecca Williams
- Sun. 8:00am** †Wladyslawa Maternicki by Katherine Maternicki & family
- 9:30am** †Barbara Attley by Tim, Angela & Lily Attley
- 11:00am** Parish Intentions
- 12:30pm** †Adam & †Helen Wojtkowski by Janet Braun

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