

The gospel reading of last Sunday showed us Mark's skill as a narrator – capturing so much with a few words. He shows this same skill in today's continuation of his gospel's introductory passage. As Jesus spends the Sabbath with the disciples he has invited to join him, the events of the day point to significant characteristics of the ministry Jesus is to undertake.

Capernaum, the hometown of Simon Peter, was to become the headquarters of this Galilean ministry. That Jesus regularly took part in the worship of the synagogue had great significance. He had no intention of setting aside the authentic traditions of old Israel; he came to renew them and bring the realisation of all that they foreshadowed. In doing this he identified with the role of Israel's prophets, as expressed in the first reading from Deuteronomy – a text looked upon as messianic in the time of Jesus. The people recognised that the teaching of the scribes – with their repetitious appeal to the authority of other interpreters of the Law – contrasted with the teaching of Jesus. In the tradition of the prophets, his teaching...

To read Fr. Thornhill's entire reflection, scan the QR code or visit his website at www.theemmausseries.com/bo4sunday.html



CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Thank you for your support of our historic campaign to restore and renew our church. With your commitments, Our Lady of Sorrows is well on the way to fund our important renovations. Collectively, our community has raised more than \$2,250,000. Your generosity is amazing!

Although the campaign officially concludes this weekend, our work is just beginning! We are excited to remind you of the important changes occurring over the next several months. These will include:

- Improved lighting within the church
- More efficient and safe electrical system
- Better accessibility to the church and adherence to AODA requirements
- Update and refresh our parish hall.

We cannot complete these vital projects without your help.

As we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we are proud to leave a lasting legacy of stewardship. Please join us in this historic opportunity to make a long-term investment in Our Lady of Sorrows.



I invite you to carefully consider a commitment. A pledge, payable over a five-year period, will enable our parish to provide a more spiritually enlightening environment for all. A pledge is a non-binding commitment...if you find that your circumstances change in the future, you can adjust your pledge accordingly.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please fill out the Commitment Weekend cards that were distributed at Mass this weekend. You may also contact the parish office for assistance.

On behalf of our parish, I would like to thank the dedicated volunteers who have helped lead this effort over the past months. Thank you for your prayers, time, talent, and treasure!

Thank you to each member of our parish family for your continued support of our mission! This is an exciting time in the history of Our Lady of Sorrows and I am forever grateful to spend it with you.

Maria Caroto

Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, religious life or diaconate?

If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux 416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

PARISH

Readings ~ Deuteronomy 18.15-20 ~ 1 Corinthians 7.32-35 ~ Mark 1.21-28

Mass Intentions This Week – February 2 to 8

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Patricia R. Syring	The Jalea family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Peter Phelan	Greg & Marilynne Teskey
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Dorothy Webster	Sandy & Carmela
Thursday, 9am	✠ Hugh Kunkel	The family
Friday, 9am	✠ members of the Goseco, Feliciano & Valencia families	Linda Feliciano
Saturday, 9am	✠ Romualds Dubrovskis	The family
5:15pm	✠ Tom Keefe	Jack & Joan Drohan
8am	✠ Jose Caceres Montoya	Delia Urosevic
9:30am	✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠	
11am	✠ Joseph Pizon	His daughter
12:30pm	✠ Abel Leal	His daughter

Confirmation Catechetical Sessions – Tues. Feb. 3, 7:30pm or Sun. Feb. 8, 2–3pm

These sessions are for parents, sponsors and candidates. Parents and sponsors should gather in the parish hall, where catechists will lead a brief reflection on the theology of confirmation. In the church, Fr. Nino will lead a reflection and discussion with candidates. Further instructions for the March retreats & confirmation Masses will be provided at this time.

Pancake Tuesday Returns! – Feb. 17, continuous buffet service from 5–7pm

The ShareLife committee will again be hosting this 'toothsome' event in the parish hall. Enjoy pancakes & sausage, along w/coffee, tea or orange juice... maple syrup, anyone?

► **Volunteers are needed** from 3–8pm. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Stretch & Flex – all are welcome! – Tuesdays, 6:30–7:30pm in the parish hall

\$10 per session. Bring a yoga-type mat, perhaps a bottle of water and wear comfy clothing!

Victoria Scholars: Songs of Love – Sunday, March 1, 7:30pm @OLS

Enjoy this musical examination of love's many forms. This concert features works by Brahms, Fauré, Rutter, Tallis, & Vaughan Williams. Tickets (\$30/\$25) at the door or www.victoriascholars.ca

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land November 9–17, 2015

This journey under the spiritual leadership of Fr. Matthew Furguele marks the 75th Anniversary of OLS Parish. Cost is \$2,490 pp. Contact Halina at 905-886-0232, ext. 315 or 647-294-4116.

Parishioners! Send Us Your Historical OLS Photos!

A photo gallery is being assembled for the parish website. What can you share? Photos of your wedding? A parish group? A special event? Early shots of the church? Email photos@sorrows.ca – don't forget a brief description! Only have a print? Let us know and we'll make arrangements to have it digitized. **Many thanks.**



Rosary Group – stay and pray daily, after 9am Mass + Fridays, 2pm

Five decades daily, fifteen decades on Fridays followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
"Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favored by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary" – Blessed Pope Pius IX

Pius IX.

COMMUNITY

Celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life – Monday, February 2, 7pm



The Jesuits in English Canada invite you to join them in Taizé prayer at Regis College, 100 Wellesley Street W. A panel discussion by various religious on consecrated life will follow. All are welcome. For details please contact Fr. William Mbugua, SJ at 416.962.4500, ext. 236 or email vocation@jesuits.ca – follow the Jesuits at [facebook.com/jesuitsinenglishcanada](https://www.facebook.com/jesuitsinenglishcanada) or on Twitter @JesuitsinCanada

Lay Spiritual Formation Workshop Feb. 7, 9:30am–2:30pm

In celebration of their 25th Anniversary, The Institute of Theology presents "Lay Leadership In The Public Square" at St. Augustine's Seminary, 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough. Cost: \$40 including lunch. Register at ioftsas@rogers.com or call 416-261-7207, ext. 235. More info at www.staugustines.on.ca



Music Night at Mary, Mother of God School – Saturday, Feb. 7, 7:30pm

Our wonderful live house band will take us on a journey through the '60s, '70s and '80s. Tickets are \$20 (adults only). Munchies, desserts, coffee & cash bar. 1515 Queen St. W., near Beatty Ave. Entrance at the end of the driveway. For tickets, please call 416-531-7897.

Cardinal Collins Invites Feedback in Preparation for 2015 Synod of Bishops

Cardinal Collins is inviting Catholics throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto to offer insights and feedback on issues that will be considered as part of the 2015 Synod of Bishops on "The Vocation and the Mission of the Family in the Church and in the Contemporary World." The deadline for feedback is Feb. 16. Full details are available at www.archtoronto.org/synod



The Archdiocese Celebrates Marriage Sunday – Feb. 7/8

This initiative provides an opportunity to honour husband and wife while saluting the faithfulness, sacrifice and joy that comes with the marriage covenant. To those preparing for marriage, newlyweds and those that have been companions on the journey for decades, we offer our prayers and best wishes in a special way this weekend. Let us celebrate the tremendous contributions of married couples who continue to strengthen our faith community. For more information and resources on marriage enrichment, visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage

"Hurting and Grieving? Have You Tried God's Way?" February 17, 7–9pm

Fr. Fred Scinto, CR is the speaker at this twilight talk hosted by Catholic Family Services of Toronto - New Beginnings. Takes place at St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, 2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W., Mississauga. Registration begins at 6:30pm. For more information, please contact 416-921-1163 x2235 or email mberincasa@cfstoronto.com



Seminar on Life & Family: "When Life Takes Us by Surprise..." – March 19/20

The Catholic Organization for Life and Family have assembled an impressive roster of Canadian, American and European speakers who will be addressing different facets of the abortion issue. As Pope Francis wrote, "It is not 'progressive' to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life. On the other hand, it is also true that we have done little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish" (Evangelii gaudium, 214). Presentations will be made in both official languages by means of simultaneous translation. For info, call 613-241-9461, ext. 161 or email at colf@colf.ca

