

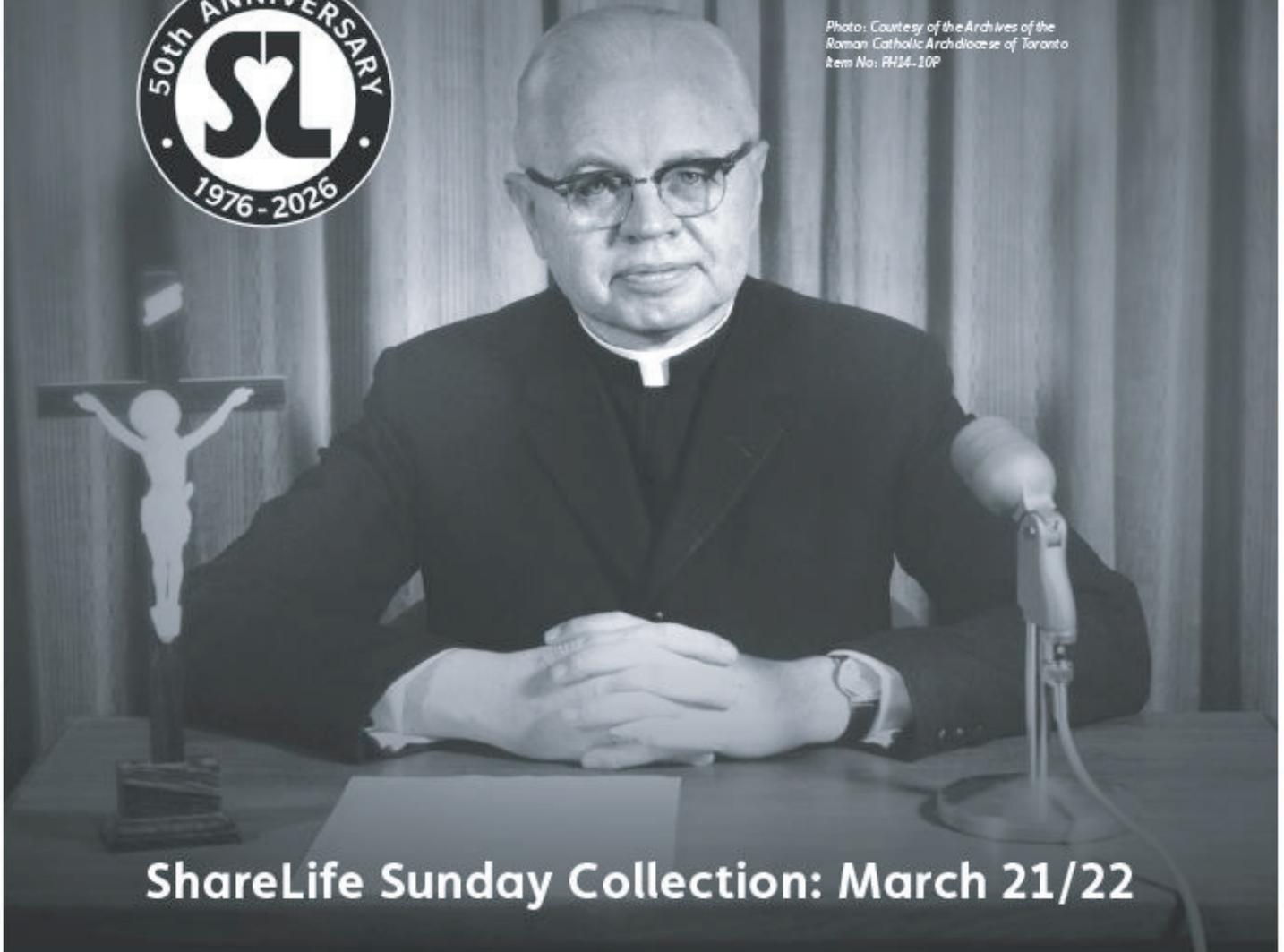
# Living the Gospel



"We believe that every human being is unique and priceless. We hold that human life must be respected at every stage of its development from the first mysterious moment of conception to the declining days of advanced age."

– Archbishop Philip Francis Pocock,  
A Declaration on Behalf of Life, March 19, 1976

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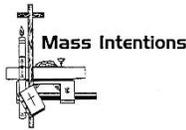
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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### Saturday, March 21

9:00 a.m. - INT. OF WALTER DEMELO & FAMILY

5:00 p.m. - INT. FOR ALLAN D'SOUZA

### Sunday, March 22 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. - † JACKIE O'NEIL

10:30 a.m.- FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

12:00 noon- † ELSA & FRANCISCO CASTRO

### Monday, March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

9:00 a.m. - † ELMO MARIANAYAGAM

### Tuesday, March 24 - St. Oscar Romero

7:00 p.m. - † FRANCO DE CICCIO

### Wednesday, March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 p.m. - THANKSGIVING INT. -MARIANI HADISUNJOTO

### Thursday, March 26

7:00 p.m. - INT. FOR NEIL ANTHONY JOSEPH

### Friday, March 27

9:00 a.m. - † GWENDOLYN FLOR

6:00 p.m. - † EVERARD, EDWIN & DOLLY DESOUZA

### Saturday, March 28

9:00 a.m. - † NICASIO COLACO

5:00 p.m. - † NICKI RAO

### Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. - FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30 a.m.- † LOLITA RAIZ

12:30 p.m.- † MATILDA D'SOUZA

### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. John 11:32–35*

It's important to note that Jesus' sorrow was different from the weeping of Lazarus' sisters and the others present. Jesus' weeping uses the Greek word *edakrysen*, which means "to shed tears" or "weep silently." His tears were personal, controlled, intimate, heartfelt, and full of divine compassion. In contrast, the weeping of the others is described by the Greek word *klaió*, meaning loud wailing, a typical expression of communal and ritualistic mourning at the time. Jesus' grief was neither ritualistic nor excessive; it was intimate and heartfelt, born from personal sorrow and divine compassion.

We must never forget Jesus' deep compassion, empathy, and sorrow. His human heart feels the same emotions we do—He grieves when we grieve, shares in our pain, and is moved by the hold sin has on us. After feeling these emotions at Lazarus' death, Jesus stood outside the tomb and "cried out in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!'" (John 11:43). We can imagine the passion behind His command. In our lives, when we are trapped in sin or burdened by human weakness, we must hear Jesus calling us to freedom with the same divine authority and human passion.

*(From mycatholic.life)*

### Readings for March 22

Ezekiel 37:12-14      Romans 8:8-11

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



Palm Sunday is next weekend - March 28/29. Palms will be distributed and blessed at the beginning of each Mass. Please note the change in times for the Sunday Masses that weekend: **8:30 a.m.**, **10:30 a.m.** & **12:30 p.m.** to accommodate for larger crowds.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be a 6:00 p.m. Mass on Fridays during Lent followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.



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Today is ShareLife Sunday.  
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taking place this weekend on March 22. 2026 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock made a bold and compassionate decision that would shape our community for generations: the founding of ShareLife. Building on a legacy of charitable giving in the Archdiocese of Toronto that stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976—an appeal rooted in the belief that every life matters, at every stage.

Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need—regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen.

Our goal this year is \$97,500. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).



**SCHEDULE FOR PALM SUNDAY  
HOLY WEEK & EASTER**

**PALM SUNDAY**

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at **8:30 a.m.**, 10:30 a.m.  
& **12:30 p.m.**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
followed by Adoration until Midnight

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m.  
Youth Stations of the Cross 7:00 p.m.

**EASTER VIGIL**

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m.  
There are **no** confessions on April 4<sup>th</sup>.  
There will **not** be a 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

April 5<sup>th</sup> at **8:30 a.m.**, 10:30 a.m., & **12:30 p.m.**



The Knights of Columbus, Council 9235 will be hosting its 29<sup>th</sup> annual Stations of the Cross on **Good Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am** at the steps of City Hall. Members of the parish are invited to join the Knights in prayer, reflecting on the sufferings within our community and our world united with the Cross of Jesus - rain, snow, or shine. Please wear comfortable walking shoes and dress appropriately for the weather conditions.



**MARCH FOR LIFE**

The annual March for Life will be held on Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in Ottawa. There will be Mass at St. Leonard's at 5:45 in the morning and the bus will leave after

Mass and return at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Tickets for the bus can be purchased at the parish office for a cost of \$45.00 per person. For more information, please call Joe at (647) 281-9212 or email: [JoeResendes19@gmail.com](mailto:JoeResendes19@gmail.com).



**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am - 12:00 noon  
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

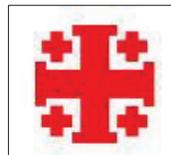
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 am - 12:00 noon    10:00 am - 12:00 noon  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**PROJECT HOPE**

Our parish has agreed to work with the Office of Refugees, Archdiocese of Toronto to assist a refugee family of 3 from Pakistan – a mother, father, & 12-year-old daughter. They arrived here on March 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer of the church if you would like to offer to donate the suggested items. Once their needs are assessed, someone from the Refugee Committee will be contacting those who offered. Volunteers will also be needed to help with their settlement.



**PONTIFICAL COLLECTION FOR  
THE CHURCH IN THE HOLY LAND  
- GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>**

The Good Friday Collection helps to maintain the Church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may use Credit Cards, Interac, or Canadahelps, accessible at: [www.commissariate.ca](http://www.commissariate.ca), in the "Support Us" link.

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