



Parish Week

*One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes
From The mouth of God.*

Sunday, 23 March 2025

Saturday, 22 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Matilde Petilla (Edison & Jiyi)
- 4.00 pm 1st Communion Family Instruction #2
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Soledad Sy & Sy Sin Kiu (Go family)

SUNDAY, 23 MAR. / LENT 3-C

- *Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo*
- *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Gabriel & Francis Andreas (Jesudas Andreas))
- 10.30 am Mass: Int. Juvy Cenizal
Thanksgiving on her Birthday (family)
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Errol Wjjesinghe (friends)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 24 Mar. / St. Oscar Romero, bishop & martyr

- 8.00 am Mass: † Bchara Abi Najen (Amalia El Haddad)
- 6.00 pm 1st Communion Family Instruction #2
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Maria D'Souza (Edward & Theresa)

Tuesday, 25 Mar. / Annunciation of the Lord

- *Archdiocese of Toronto: Day of Consecration to Mary*
- 8.00 am Mass: † Filomena Rodrigues (Eric & Rufina Pinto)
- 6.30 pm Rosary
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Santhiapillai Sebastiapillai (Juliet)

Wednesday, 26 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Filomena Rodrigues (Eric & Rufina Pinto)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Nestor Lim (Nicole)

Thursday, 27 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Deceased members of the Vaccaro, Ciberto, Prezio, Altomare & Cosco families
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Ana Medrero (family)

Friday, 28 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maria Go Wong Shi & Erlinda Go Te (Go family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Sydney D'Mello (Esme)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (ST. VINCENT DE PAUL)

Saturday, 29 Mar.

- *Knights of Columbus Founder's Day*
- *► Lift Jesus Higher Rally, Metro Convention Centre*
- 8.00 am Mass: † Fernando & Beatriz Remedios (family)
- 1.00 pm Wedding: Sepand Barkhodaee & Micaela Alon
- 5.00 pm Mass: Int. Philomena Chen (friends)

SUNDAY, 30 MAR. / LENT 4-C

- *Homilist: Fr. Edwin Galea*
- *2nd Collection: ShareLife*
- 9.00 am Mass: † Joseph & Lalita D'Souza
- 10.30 am Mass: † Frances Colaco (niece, Lillian D'Souza)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Cirilo Serneo (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

Exodus 3.1-15; 1 Corinthians 10.1-12; Luke 13.1-9

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

The **victims** of the **ongoing conflict** in **Eastern Congo**



Lenten Masses

During Lent, there will be an evening Mass at 7.00 pm Monday to Friday, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday during Lent, the *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed congregationally after the 7.00 pm Mass.

For private use, the parish *Stations* booklet may be obtained at the office for \$2.

The Facilitators for 2025 will be:

- Apr. 4 **Greeters & Euch. Ministers**
- 11 **Knights of Columbus**
- 18 **Lectors**



Calling all Palms

Bring in your *old blessed palms* by the Sunday before Holy Week (6 April). Kindly place them in the *palm box* in the Vestibule.

Special Collections

23 March: Maintenance

The 2nd collection this Sunday will be for the support of our major parish projects through the *Maintenance Collection*.

30 March: ShareLife Sunday

On 30 March, *ShareLife* Sunday, the second collection will be for our annual *ShareLife Appeal*, for all the agencies that help us to live the Gospel by caring for our brothers and sisters in need.

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- 5 Apr. Wedding: Murcus & Girish (1:00 pm)
- 7 Apr. Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent meeting (7:40 pm)
- 12 Apr. Wedding: Amo & Nagales (1.00 pm)

- 13 Apr. **Palm Sunday: Holy Week** begins
- 17 Apr. **Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper;**
- Adoration until midnight
- 18 Apr. **Good Friday: The Passion of Our Lord;**
2nd Collection: *Good Friday*
- 20 Apr. **Easter Sunday: Resurrection of Our Lord;**
2 Collections: (a) *Offertory*; (b) *Easter*;

ShareLife 2025 Living the Gospel

3rd Sunday of Lent, 23 March



Thank you for heeding the Lord's call to feed the hungry

For many children, the meals they receive in school may be the only nutritious food they eat all day. Studies show that children can't learn and thrive when they are hungry. Thanks to you, \$750,000 in Food Security Grants are making a big difference across our city. Students receive the nourishment they deserve, and parents are supported in the process. The FOODSHARE program at *Rosalie Hall*, an agency funded by *ShareLife*, is a lifeline for families. Their Executive Director, Jane Kenny, says, "It helps parents provide food for their children, reduces their stress, and allows them to focus on being the best parents they can be."

ShareLife Sunday is 30 March. Our parish goal: \$75,000.00.

30 March: Our *ShareLife* speaker will be our Sunday Seminarian, David Valencia.

We thank Seminarian David for taking the time to share with us his story and the role of *ShareLife* in supporting the work of St. Augustine Seminary.

A Special Gift ALTAR FLOWERS

We thank the family of our dear friend **Elvie Carla Go Tan** for their gift of the beautiful flowers after her funeral Mass in our Church on 22 February 2025. May she rest in peace.

Sacramental Preparation

☐ 1st Communion ☐ Confirmation

Remember in your prayers our parish youth preparing for their *First Holy Communion* and *Confirmation*:



22 & 24 March: **1st Holy Communion Instruction #2**

SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

27 March: **Confirmation Instruction #3,**

St. Maria Goretti School (9.10 am, at the school)

27 April, 2.30 pm ✕ **St. Albert Sch. 1st Communion Mass**

4 May, 2.30 pm ✕ **St. M. G. Sch. 1st Communion Mass**

Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates have begun to use their SUNDAY MASS SLIPS. They represent their wish to join the action of all parishioners in offering their prayers to God, and opening their hearts to Jesus.

After the *Intercessions*, the Candidates bring their completed slips and gather near the Offertory Gift table at the head of the main aisle, and form a line behind the pews. Candidates walk behind the Gift Bearers when they are led by the Servers to the Altar.

The Candidates place their unfolded slips in the basket held by the Priest, bow to the Cross, and then return to their pew.

Easter Flowers

Parishioners are invited to sponsor this year's display of EASTER FLOWERS in our Sanctuary. Envelopes are available at the office.



Lenten Movie Night: *Chosen* (8.15 pm)

Hosted by the Parish CWL: "**The Chosen, Season 1**" each Friday in Lent, in the Vestibule after the STATIONS OF THE CROSS.

Remaining Episodes

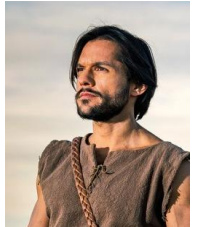
March 21 The rock on which it is built

March 28 The wedding gift

April 4 Indescribable compassion

April 11 Invitation

April 11 I am He.



A donation will be taken towards our Parish *ShareLife* Appeal

Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 2 April: 4 – 5 pm, 7.30 – 9 pm

Parishioners are invited to receive the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* on our LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS: a time to refresh your relationship with God. Confessions will be heard from 4.00 – 5.00 pm, and then following the 7.00 pm Mass, from 7.30 – 9.00 pm.

Consecration to Mary 25 March

All the faithful of the Archdiocese of Toronto are invited to renew their consecration to our Blessed Mother by participating in a 3-day preparation period from 22 to 24 March, prior to the Feast of the Annunciation on 25 March. See the website bulletin for details.

Altar Servers Training Sundays in Lent

Would you like to be an **Altar Server**? The *Lent Training Series* for our new Altar Server Candidates will be held on Sundays. Applicants must be members of registered parish families, have made their 1st Communion, and will be preparing for (or have already received) Confirmation. For further information, call: **Marilyn Manuba**, 416-261-2370.

Bundle Up Sunday

30 March

On the weekend of 29/30 March, the *St. Vincent de Paul Society* will collect gently-used clothing to support the needy. Bring your donation to the Vestibule, and help others in our community.



Urgent Need Liver transplant donor

The son of a long-time member of Holy Family Parish is in urgent need of a liver transplant. At 54, he is the father of four young children and has type O blood. The liver is an amazing organ that quickly rejuvenates for a living donor. If you might consider this special act of generosity, call: **Donna Addison**, 613-547-0062.

Lift Jesus Higher

Rally at Metro Convention Centre, 29 March

The 2025 Lift Jesus Higher Rally will be held on Saturday, March 29, at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This year's theme is "Power from On High." The adult Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins. You can purchase tickets online at www.ljhr.ca.

A Day with Mary 31 May

On 31 May, the Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a new Archdiocesan event called "A DAY WITH MARY" will be held at Villanova College in King City. We will gather together from all corners of the archdiocese to participate in Mass, pray the Rosary, and grow deeper in our devotion to Our Lady through a keynote address for the adults. There will also be catechesis for the kids. Music and fellowship will abound. We hope all will consider joining Cardinal Leo and many others who love the Blessed Mother. Mary Mother of the Church, pray for us!

Stewardship

Offertory Envelopes

Many thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your generous support of our wonderful parish through your weekly stewardship! This is an act of honour to God, our Creator.

We are encouraged that all new parishioners have been choosing to use personal Sunday offertory envelopes for their Church stewardship. Thank you! This simplifies our financial accounting.

Donation amounts

Some new parishioners have missed the instruction to ensure that the *donation amount* should be written in the space provided on the front of the envelope. If this is not done, our financial advisors must stop to do so, and this really slows down the process.

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| <i>Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.</i> <small>Matt. 6:21</small> | My Offering |
| Name: _____ | _____ |
| Address: _____ | _____ |
| Amount: _____ | _____ |



[l-r:] Deacon Ramon Villardo, Victor Valdes, Fr. Scott Birchall, Ryan Nigli, Fr. Elias Chachati, Fr. Edwin Galea. Photo: P. DeCaires

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5 March 2025

To the Catholic Community across the Archdiocese of Toronto: Clergy, Consecrated, Laity, Families, School leaders and other Communities of faith,

Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,
May Jesus and Mary be in your soul.

We are in the midst of celebrating a **Holy Year** which will no doubt be a time of spiritual and community renewal. In the great family of God, the Church, Bride of Christ and Mystical Body, we are united by deep and life-giving bonds. Though we differ in vocations, charisms and ministries, each member is in profound communion with others and together with the citizens of Heaven under the lordship of Christ, our Eternal High Priest and Sovereign King.

In considering the mystery and sacramentality of the Church, we know very well - as it is taught clearly by the Church's Magisterium in Vatican II's Constitution *Lumen Gentium* (53-54) – the **model par excellence** of the Church, her pre-eminent and unique **member**, her most excellent **exemplar**, her most exalted **type** and indeed loving **mother** is the **Blessed ever Virgin Mary**. This is the faith of the Church and we rejoice in it. As was the wish of the crucified and dying Lord Jesus who entrusted the Beloved Disciple to Our Lady and Our Lady to the Beloved Disciple (John 19: 25-27), so we too are called by Christ to welcome his Mother as our mother and to create space for her in our lives. In 2023, our Holy Father, **Pope Francis**, requested that we make and renew annually our total consecration to Her.

Given that the **Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary** is deemed a unique and grace-filled opportunity in which our Catholic archdiocesan family can gather together, in different ways, and in prayer and devotion, to entrust all that we are and all that we have, our joys and our sorrows, our dreams and our plans into her Immaculate Heart and through her, to Jesus – our Lord and Saviour, we shall make this beautiful act of Catholic devotion and spirituality on **25 March, The Solemnity of the Annunciation of Our Lord**.

And so, in deep communion with each other as members of the Body of Christ, I invite you to join our **Archdiocesan Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a beautiful act of ecclesial and personal faith. Guided by the Spirit of unity and accompanied on our journey by Mother Mary's maternal mediation in Christ, we will enjoy abundant divine consolations, be empowered with gifts from on High, and we shall truly be, with Our Lady, Pilgrims of Hope to the world.



Pope Francis at the Gemelli Hospital, Rome



Parish ministers with **Deacon Thomas Aquino**, following his homily and presentation on behalf of *Chalice Canada*, 1 March 2025.



RCIA Enrolment Rite, 16 March 2025.



Facilitators with Benny John after the Memorial Mass for his mother Thelma, 15 March.





**Memorial Mass for Bill Buchanan,
25 January 2025, St. Monica Church.**





[Above:] Priests participating in the Papal Mass at Downsview Park on 15 September 1984 with Pope John Paul II.
Photo courtesy of Desmond Chang-Sang.



[Above:] Marco Rubio receives an original hand-painted icon on an ammunition box from Mariupol, a city in the Southeast corner of Ukraine, which is now occupied by Russia.



[Below:] Ed Davey, the leader of the British Liberal Democrats, demonstrates solidarity with Ottawa in a Canadian flag.