



Parish Week

Sunday,
22 March 2026

Saturday, 21 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: Int. Thanksgiving Maristela Velasco on her Birthday (family)
- 11.00 am funeral: † Jason Colaco
- 4.00 pm Marian Triduum
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Emiliano & Librada Delos Reyes (family)

SUNDAY, 22 MAR. / LENT 5-A

■ *Homilist: Fr. Edwin*

■ *2nd Collection: ShareLife; speaker: David Valencia*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Grande (family)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Paul & Mary Galea (Corine Maulion)
- 12.00 pm Mass: † Soledad Sy & Sy Sin Kiu (family)
- 6.00 pm Marian Triduum
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 23 Mar. / St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Marguerite Birett (St. Maria Goretti School Staff)
- 6.00 pm Marian Triduum
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Errol Wijesinghe

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

- 8.00 am Mass: † Maria D'Souza (Eddie & Theresa)
- 9.00 am St. Maria Goretti School Mass
- 7.00 pm Liturgy

Wednesday, 25 Mar. / Annunciation of The Lord

■ *Lenten Day of Confessions*

- 8.00 am Mass: † Caroline Bastiampillai (family)
- 9.00 am Confirmation Instruction #3 (St. M.G. School)
- 1.00 pm ► St. Albert School Mass
- 2.00 pm ► Confirmation Instruction #3 (St. Albert School)
- 4.00 pm Reconciliation (to 5 pm)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Santhiapillai Sebastiapillai (Juliet) - Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary, at Mass
- 7.30 pm Reconciliation (to 9 pm)

Thursday, 26 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Pamela Parco (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 3rd Wedding Anniversary Jasmine & Raymond (Mom & Dad)

Friday, 27 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Ana Madero (family)
- 7.00 pm Mass: † Beatriz & Fernando Remedios (family)
- 7.30 pm Stations of the Cross (Knights of Columbus)

Saturday, 28 Mar.

- 8.00 am Mass: † Cirilo Serneo (Helen)
- 5.00 pm Mass: † Maria Go Wong Shi & Erlinda Go Te (family)

PASSION SUNDAY 29 MAR. -HOLY WEEK BEGINS

■ *2nd Collection: Maintenance*

■ *Religious Articles Sale*

- 9.00 am Mass: † Ann Stafford (Alice Larkin)
- 10.30 am Mass: † Ernesto, Lydia & Justino Rodas (family)
- 11.30 am Catholic Women's League
- 12.00 pm Mass: Int. Philomena Chen (friends)
- 7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Focus on the Word

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

Ezekiel 37.12-14; Romans 8.8-11; John 11.1-45

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Amen.

Pray for the Deceased

Florita Canamo Issa, Hernando Valmores

The 63 victims of the mall fire in Karachi, Pakistan



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 2026 will be:

- Mar. 20 **Greeters & Euch. Ministers** Apr. 3 **Lectors**
- 27 **Knights of Columbus**

COMING UP

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- 29 Mar. **Palm Sunday: Holy Week begins**
- 2 Apr. **Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration until midnight**
- 3 Apr. **Good Friday: The Passion of Our Lord**
2nd Collection: *Good Friday*
- 5 Apr. **Easter Sunday: Resurrection of Our Lord**
2 Collections: (a) *Offertory*; (b) *Easter*
- 6 Apr. Infant Baptism Parent-Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
- 12 Apr. Infant Baptism (1:30 pm)
- 13-23 Apr. ► **Pope Leo**: visit Algeria, Angola, Equatorial Guinea, Cameroon
- 19 Apr. 2nd Collection: **Maintenance**
St. Albert School 1st Communion Liturgy (2:30 pm)
- 22 Apr. St. Albert School Mass (9:30 am)
St. Maria Goretti School Mass (12:30 pm)
- 24 Apr. ► **WWE Friday Night Smackdown** (Fort Worth, Texas)
- 26 Apr. 2nd Collection: **ShareLife #2**
St. Vincent de Paul BUNDLE UP Sunday
- 24 May **Pentecost: The Gift of the Holy Spirit**
- 3 June ► **Bishop John Boissonneau: Celebration of 25th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination** (Mass at St. Michael Cathedral, 10.30 am)
- 12 June ► **FIFA World Cup in Toronto** (to 2 July)
- 30 June **Cardinal Francis Leo: birthday** (1971)
- 4 Oct. Jubilee Year: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI, 800th Anniversary of death
- 26 Oct. ► **Toronto Municipal elections**

ShareLife 2026 Living the Gospel

5th Sunday of Lent, 22 March



**Celebrating 50 Years of faithful witness.
ShareLife Sunday is this weekend.**

Today is *ShareLife* Sunday. 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. It's an appeal deeply rooted in the belief that *every life matters*, at every stage.

Today, the vision of Archbishop Pocock lives on in more than 40 *ShareLife*-funded agencies that provide loving care to people in need, regardless of religion or background. It all happens *through people like you*, who make it possible.



ShareLife Sunday is 22 March.
Please give generously!

22 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.

Sacramental Preparation

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

28 & 30 March: **1st Holy Communion Instruction #2**
SATURDAY: 4.00 pm; MONDAY: 6.00 pm.

25 March: **Confirmation Instruction #3** (*at school*)

St. Maria Goretti School, 9.10 am.

St. Albert School, 2.00 pm.

The **Confirmation Enrolment Rites** will be held at the upcoming school Masses:

St. Maria Goretti School, 24 March, 9.00 am.

St. Albert School, 25 March, 1.00 pm (*at school*).

Sunday Mass Slips

The Candidates are beginning 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* (8.00 pm)

The Parish CWL Council is hosting a showing of an episode of "**The Chosen**, Season 2" each Friday in Lent, in the Vestibule after the STATIONS OF THE CROSS. Each episode runs 45 minutes - 1 hour.

Episodes

March 20 Spirit / Unlawful

March 27 Reckoning / Beyond Mountains

A donation will be gladly received for our Parish *ShareLife* Appeal.

Lenten Day of Confessions

Wednesday, 25 March: 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.

Marian Triduum 21 – 23 March

Our Parish will join with all Parishes in the Archdiocese to offer a Marian Triduum, from 21-23 March:

Saturday, 21 March: 4 pm;

Sunday & Monday, 22-23 March: 6 pm

At the 7 pm Mass on Wednesday, 25 March (the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord), there will be a *Consecration of the faithful in the Archdiocese of Toronto to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church*.

The CONSECRATION TO OUR MOTHER is a profound act which involves entrusting our life (body, soul, and possessions) through her to Jesus, Our Saviour. It spiritually renews our baptismal promises, so that we may be more closely conformed to Christ.

Please accept our consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as You wish to accomplish Your designs in the world.



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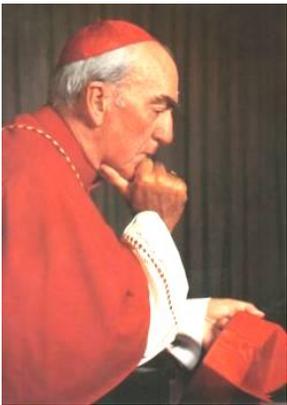
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When the late **Cardinal Carter** found kids sleeping outside his downtown office, he rallied community support to open COVENANT HOUSE to serve these vulnerable youth. Its doors officially opened in February 1982 as *Covenant House Toronto*—the second international site of the highly recognized childcare agency *Covenant House International*. Today, the 31-site network spans from Alaska to Latin America.

For nearly 40 years, *Covenant House* has maintained steadfast dedication to its mission: supporting the vulnerable youth who come through its doors with absolute respect and unconditional love.

Since the day it first opened its doors, *Covenant House Toronto* has offered opportunity and hope to more than 95,000 young people.



Gerald Emmett Cardinal Carter was born 1 March 1912 in Montreal. He began his life of service in the Catholic Church on 22 May 1937 when he became a Priest. He spent 40 years as a Bishop, a role highlighted by his work in the community. He fought for affordable housing for the elderly and disabled.

His plan to build a shelter for young homeless people in Toronto became a reality with the opening of *Covenant House* in 1982. A second Canadian Covenant House later opened in Vancouver. Colleagues and parishioners praised his leadership and guidance. **Aloysius Matthew Cardinal Ambrozic**, who succeeded him as Archbishop of Toronto, remembered the retired bishop's dedication to serving others. "He was a priest, a pastor, a bishop, a father of the Second Vatican Council. He spoke the word of God and acted on it with wisdom, with perspicacity, with regard for the gifts of others, and with visionary decisiveness, meeting the vast variety of needs in the Church."



Supporting Married Couples in their need

Living the Gospel by extending a hand of love and assurance to married couples

After they had been Married for three years, **Phil and Helen** were expecting their first child. Phil decided it was time to come clean, and he revealed a secret: he had a son from a previous relationship.

Feeling betrayed by Phil's dishonesty, Helen learned about affordable couples counselling at *Catholic Family Services* of Toronto.

Over 10 weeks of counselling, they learned to take the risk of being honest rather than using deceit to keep the peace in their home. Phil and Helen found a new sense of confidence as a couple and starting feeling excited about the arrival of their baby.

22 March will be *ShareLife* Sunday, a day of *hope*. Please give generously; thanks for helping *ShareLife*!





“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,” 19 March 1976

Fifty years ago, a moment of conscience changed *everything*. In 1976, Archbishop Philip Pocock chose a path rooted in faith, compassion, and a deep respect for every human life, and soon after, **ShareLife** was born.

Family Services

- Catholic Family Services of Durham
- Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin
- Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County
- Catholic Family Services of Toronto (416) 921-1163
- Catholic Community Services of York Region
- FertilityCare* Toronto (416) 465-2868
- Natural Family Planning Association | (416) 481-5465

Children and Youth

- Camp Ozanam (416) 364-5577
- Covenant House (416) 598-4898
- Office of Catholic Youth (416) 599-7676
- Sancta Maria House (416) 925-7333
- Youth-In-Transition (416) 598-4898

People with Special Needs

- Mary Centre* of Toronto (416) 630-5533
- Our Place* Community of Hope (416) 598-2919
- Saint Elizabeth Health Care (905) 940-9655
- Silent Voice Canada (416) 463-1104
- St. Bernadette Family Resource Centre (416) 654-9810
- St. Michael’s / Matt Talbot Houses (416) 926-8267
- Street Haven at the Crossroads (416) 967-6060

Elderly People

- Centres d’Accueil Héritage | (416) 365-3350
- LA Centre for Active Living | (416) 452-4875
- Providence Healthcare | (416) 285-3666
- Society of Sharing | (416) 413-0380

Immigrants and Refugees

- Catholic Cross-Cultural Services | (416) 757-7010
- Office for Refugees | (416) 934-0606 ext. 804

Single and Teen Parents

- Rosalie Hall | (416) 438-6880
- Rose of Durham Young Parents Support Services | (905) 432-3622 (Oshawa) | (289) 385-1160 (Ajax)
- Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers | (905) 853-5514
- Vita Centre | (905) 502-7933

Education of Clergy

- St. Augustine’s Seminary | (416) 261-7207
- Office of Vocations | (416) 968-0997
- Redemptoris Mater Seminary | (416) 264-9477

International Development and Missions

- Canadian Catholic Organization for Development & Peace | (416) 922-1592
- Pastoral Mission Fund | (416) 934-0606 ext. 567

Agency Support, Advocacy and Volunteer Development

- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto | (416) 934-3401

Special Projects

Special Project funding was directed to our Parish Outreach to Seniors pilot project, Grief Reconciliation for Young Mothers pilot project and Shared Services between agencies for financial management, human resources and information technology.

Grants-in-aid Agencies

- The deVeber Institute
- Birthright International - Toronto
- Toronto Right to Life
- New Beginnings
- Canadian Food for Children
- Good Shepherd Ministries
- St. John Paul the Great Family Centre
- Hospital Chaplaincy

Special grants allocated by Catholic Charities *

* CATHOLIC CHARITIES, with the help of *ShareLife*, provided additional community grants for services to those who are hungry, homeless and dying; to refugees and immigrants; to children living in poverty; and for prison ministry.

Friends of **Thelma John** gather with her sons **Oliver** and **Benny** at the 7.00 pm Mass on the 2nd Anniversary of her passing, 16 March 2026.



Marianne and Anthony in the new lighting, 11 March 2026.



Reynaldo Escartin (seated) on his 90th birthday, 16 March 2026.



The Joyles family, 14 March 2026.







September - October 2022



