

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Masses For The Week

Sat Mar 21	5 pm	PRO POPULO
Sun Mar 22	8:30 am	† Antonio Galardo & Family (Mario Galardo & Family)
	10 am	† Denise Thomas (Brenda Lacroix)
	11:30 am	† Eduardo Pontes (Infancia Pontes)
Mon Mar 23	8 am	Birthday Blessings Anna Maria Cerullo (Jean & Family)
Tue Mar 24	8 am	† Miguel Monvast
Wed Mar 25	7 pm	† Gloria Felaire (Aurora Bringas & Family)
Thu Mar 26	8 am	Special Intentions Anna Maria Cerullo
Fri Mar 27	8 am	† Debbie Walshe (Robert & Patricia)
Sat Mar 28	5 pm	† Jerry Salandra (The Ciprietti Family)
Sun Mar 29	8:30 am	† Biagio, Civita, Elena & Mariano Forte (The Family)
	10 am	† Anton Gornik (Son Tony)
	11:30 am	PRO POPULO

Martha's growth

The story of Lazarus' resurrection is beautiful preparation for Easter. Lazarus is brought to life by Jesus, who will restore his own body. One of the less noticed, but still important aspects of the story, though, is the growth of Lazarus' sister Martha. We first saw her as the fussy, ever-busy hostess at a party for Christ. She is indignant that her sister Mary is dreamily lost in contemplation of Jesus. She demands that the Lord chasten Mary for her indifference to the cares of hospitality. Jesus chides her for being concerned about "too many things". Now, sometime later, Martha has "come to believe" that Jesus is the messiah, the promised one. It is interesting to note that the Church does not observe a separate feast for Mary or Lazarus, but does hold a holy day for Martha. Her growth is a vital lesson in spirituality.



(Lonsdale Commentaries and Clip-Art)

Holy Week

Next weekend March 28 & March 29, Catholics around the world will celebrate Palm Sunday and we will enter into Holy Week, the most profound period in the Christian calendar. This is a time for us to remember the sacrifice Christ made for us and to encounter our loving God in our daily lives. This is also an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the celebration of Christ's Passion, Death and Resurrection.



Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday

Week of Confessions Schedule 2026
Week of March 22nd - 28th

Sunday March 22 12:30 - 1:30 pm	Monday March 23 7 - 8 am 7 - 8 pm	Tuesday March 24 7 - 8 am	Wednesday March 25 6 - 7 pm
Thursday March 26 7 - 8 am 7 - 7:30 pm	Friday March 27 7 - 8 am 5 - 7 pm	Saturday March 28 4 - 5 pm	

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month May 1, 2026

Following the 8 am Mass

Rosary at 7:30am.

Adoration concludes with Holy Mass

Saturday morning May 2, 2026 @ 8 am

Come. See. Hear. Encounter.

Experience the Real Presence of Jesus

Serra Vocation

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org

Save the Date for the:

2026 National March for Life

Join us May 14, 2026

Our theme for the 2026 National March for Life is "FOLLOW ME"

And He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.' Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.(Matthew 4:19-20) These are words that changed history. "Follow Me" is first and foremost an invitation to be disciples of Jesus and fishers of men.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish's annual campaign. You don't have to look far to see the wonders being worked by the ShareLife agencies. They provide competent, faith informed care to those who turn to them for help regardless of their belief or background. It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Please deposit your offerings at the offertory collection, as no other collection will be taken, or online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.



Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

Pasquale Galardo

And for the souls of the deceased

Communion for the homebound upon request,
anointing of the sick with the seriously ill,
Or those undergoing surgery. Please call the parish office

Adult Faith

For a deeper understanding of the word of God, interested parishioners can participate in this faith development program. Friday, March 27th @ 8 pm in the church basement hall.



For safety sake

Check in on your neighbors and offer help when you can. We can call or write emails and letters to those who are isolated or vulnerable. If you are elderly and living alone, it is always helpful to have a friend who you will call each day, and if the friend doesn't hear from you, ask them to call to check on you. Also, check into safety alerts available in the market that are very helpful.

Tenebrae Service

The Victoria Scholars Men's Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Jerzy Cichocki, will present Tenebrae in our Church on Palm Sunday, March 29th at 7:30pm. Written in the middle of the last century by Monsignor John Edward Ronan - principal founder of Toronto's St. Michael's Choir School - the Tenebrae responsorial convey the sorrow of Holy Week in this solemn and noble music. Admission is free; free-will offerings are welcome.



 **Stations of the Cross**
Fridays during Lent @ 7:00 pm
in Church

PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
SATURDAY MARCH 28TH 5 PM
SUNDAY MARCH 29TH 8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM

TENEBRAE SERVICE
SUNDAY 7:30 PM
(FREE WILL OFFERING)

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 2ND
7:00 PM "MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER"
"ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT"
UNTIL 12:00 MIDNIGHT"
NO 8:00 AM MASS

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 3RD
FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
2:30 PM DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION
3:00 PM HOLY FRIDAY SERVICE
7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
NO 8:00 AM MASS

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
12 NOON
BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

HOLY SATURDAY APRIL 4TH
7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL MASS
NO 5:00 PM MASS

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 5TH
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE
8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 12TH
REGULAR SUNDAY SCHEDULE
8:30, 10 & 11:30 AM
DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS @ 3 PM

The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of March is offered by Agnes Martinez for: Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Saturday Night @ the Movies
Saturday March 28th in the Parish Hall

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