

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

Monday, March 23rd

8:30am + Walter Cook

Wednesday, March 25th

12:15pm + Francisco Dias

Thursday, March 26th

8:30am Ints of Alice Marlin
+ Florence Wry, Elma Giltenan

Friday, March 27th

12:15pm + Maria Oliveira

Saturday, March 28th

5:00pm + Ivan Zupanic

Sunday, March 29th



9:00am Special intentions
11:00am + Basila Pulla, Zane Brown
+ Mario Veltri, Maureen McAvoy
+ P.K. Chackow
6:15pm For Our Parish Community



HOLY THURSDAY, April 2nd

7:00pm Mass of The Lord's Supper
Adoration to 12:00 midnight

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd

Start of Divine Mercy Novena at 2:30pm
3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord
7:00pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4th

2:30pm Blessing of Easter Food
2:45pm Divine Mercy Novena
8:00pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th

9:00am & 11:00am
Divine Mercy Novena before both masses
Note: no 6:15pm mass on Easter Sunday night

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
7:00pm each Friday during Lent
Holy hour each Friday starting at 11am

PARISH LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSION
March 25th
9:00-11:00am, 1pm-3pm, 6pm-8pm

Reminder: First Communion & Confirmation classes this coming Friday and Saturday.



EASTER ALTAR
FLOWER DONATIONS

We look forward to our Easter Altar as it springs to Life.

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 12th

We will **combine** our 11am mass with our Divine Mercy Mass and celebrate them at 3pm. Therefore, please note there is **no 11am mass** on that day.

Holy Thursday Collection – to support our Children's Liturgy programs.

Good Friday Collection, April 3rd
"Needs of the Holy Land"

For upkeep of Church and help with pastoral work, Catholic schools and social assistance. For more information please visit: www.commissariat.ca

Vocations -

"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
www.vocationstoronto.ca

LADIES POTLUCK LUNCH

Our next potluck gathering is planned for Saturday, April 18th at 12noon. We hope the weather will be much warmer and look forward to seeing all ladies of the parish come together for fun and fellowship.

The Toronto March for Life- Saturday May 23

This free event is open to all ages and will consist of a peaceful gathering, a walk of solidarity throughout the streets of Downtown Toronto concluding with a series of workshops.

The March is an excellent opportunity to discover different ways that you can get involved locally as well as meet the men and women working on the front lines of Canada's pro-life movement.

This year's featured guest speaker **Alissa Golob** will be sharing her experience of going undercover to expose the practice of late-term abortion across Canada.

The Early Bird deadline for the workshops closes on Friday April 23, 2026. Please remember to share this information as well as invite your family and friends.

CHALICE COLLECTION

On the last weekend of each month we collect your spare change/bills to support the children our parish has sponsored. Please see the bulletin board at the front entrance for updates regarding these children. Thank you for continuing to support them and help the parish meet our obligations.

Knights of Columbus

Bottle Drive

April 18/19th

Following all masses a trailer will be in the parking lot to accept your donations of bottles, beer cans and pop cans.

St. Gertrude's Knights of Columbus has made a generous donation of \$1000 to Grandview Kids in partnership with Delta Bingo!

CWL Meeting on Monday April 13th, rosary at 6:30pm, meeting at 7:00pm. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend.

SPRING FLING CARD PARTY

at St. Mary of the People Parish Hall, 532 Stevenson Rd. N., - Monday, April 20 at 7 o'clock. Doors open at 6:30. Progressive Euchre (optional), 50-50 draw, prizes & a light lunch. Tickets: \$10.00. Call Elsa at 905-728-2077 or purchase tickets at the door.

Hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Women's League.

Break and Breathe Online Caregiver Support

Group for those who are currently caring for a loved one. This 6-week group program provides a safe, welcoming, and non-judgmental environment to connect with others who truly understand the challenges and rewards of caregiving. Caregivers of middle-aged and older adults are welcome to join to gain knowledge, learn skills, and develop coping strategies for their selfless caregiving in the group.

When: Wednesdays, from April 15th to May 20th from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Where: Zoom Platform

Cost: Free

What to expect:

- Learning coping skills to manage emotional responses to external and internal stressors.
- Gaining access to community resources and information for planning and navigating social and healthcare systems.
- Finding relief in a supportive and non-judgmental space.

To learn more or to register, please contact Yan Yan Woo at ywoo@cfstoronto.com or 416-921-1163 ext. 2249.

ShareLife 2026 Parish Campaign

ShareLife Special Collection Dates

March 22, April 26, May 31st

2026 marks 50 years of your faith in action. In 1976, Archbishop Philip Pocock made a courageous moment-of-conscience decision, choosing to stand firmly for life, dignity, and Gospel values. That decision gave birth to ShareLife and to a mission that has been carried forward, year after year, through the dedication of parish communities. Fifty years later, our parish communities are living that same Gospel in very real and practical ways.

Please remember your God, your Faith, and your Parish in your will.

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