

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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## ShareLife

ShareLife Sunday is March 30. Our parish goal this year's campaign is \$67,000.00.

Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for the young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

## Jubilee Year Prayers

During the season of Lent we will be reciting the Jubilee year prayer at all Sunday Masses. Be sure to take a prayer card from the entrance of the church and bring it with you for Mass. You are encouraged to recite the prayer on your own at other times also.

## Lenten Reflection Talk

Inviting all parishioners to a Lenten Reflection Talk on Saturday, March 29, from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm in the parish hall. The title of the talk is "Tempted, Tested, Transformed-Embracing Self-Denial and the Cross". Discover how self-denial is not a loss, but a path to true freedom and transformation. Our Lenten Reflection speaker is Rev. Fr. Michael Corpus, Vice-Rector of St. Augustine Seminary. The event is free and light refreshments will be available. The event is organized by the CWL St. Aidan Council. Any free-will donations are appreciated and will go towards CWL charities.

## Stations of the Cross During Lent

One great way to deepen our spiritual life during Lent is praying the Stations of the Cross. Every Friday during the season of Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross after the Friday evening 7:30 pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to participate.

## Novena to St. Joseph

We will recite a novena to St. Joseph at all Masses for the nine days leading up to his feast day on March 19. The novena prayers began last Monday March 10.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday March 15:

5:00 pm In Honour of St. Joseph  
Birthday Blessings for Rose Santos  
Rosemarie Zupan  
+Teofila Ylagan  
+James Francis  
+Clara & Charlene Pereira  
+Nancy Ocampo  
+Jose Gregorio Moreno  
Holy Souls

### Sunday March 16:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Carlos Garcia  
  
10:30 am Deceased Members of Patterson and  
Nugara Families  
  
12:00 pm Pro-Populo

### Monday March 17:

9:00 am In Thanksgiving of Ascano-Wong Family

### Tuesday March 18:

9:00 am +Elizabeth Leung Lyson

### Wednesday March 19:

7:30 pm Alex, Jason & Jeff Lemos  
Birthday Blessings for Rose Santos  
Unbelievers  
Birthday Blessings for Rose Santos  
+Al Jacobs  
+Jessima Matthews

### Thursday March 20:

9:00 am +Melanio Dacanay

### Friday March 21

9:30 am Celebrant's Intentions

7:30 pm Tim Hughes

### Saturday March 22:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intentions

## Living Rosary

The Legion of Mary is organizing a Living Rosary on Tuesday March 25 at 6:00 pm on the Feast day of the Annunciation. We are inviting everyone to join us on this important day.

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## St. Anthony's Novena Masses

St. Anthony's Tuesday Novena Masses will begin on Tuesday March 18, and will take place every Tuesday thereafter till the feast of St. Anthony, at 7:30 pm followed by Novena Prayers to St. Anthony and Benediction. You are welcome to write your intentions on a slip of paper and leave it in the basket by St. Anthony's statue. The intentions will be blessed and offered up every Tuesday during the Novena Masses.

## March for Life in Ottawa

St. Aidan Knights of Columbus is organizing a day trip to Ottawa on Thursday May 8, for the 28th Annual National March for Life. We depart St. Aidan Church at 6:30 am to Parliament Hill, Ottawa and will return by 9:30 pm. We will start the day with a Mass at St. Aidan's at 5:45 am. The cost is \$60 per person. Please see the Knights in the foyer or contact Luis Dizon (647-862-6717) or Wilfred Gomez (416-388-0478)

## Volunteer Organist/Pianist

The 10:30 am Sunday choirs are looking for a volunteer organ/piano accompanist, with a minimum grade 9 of the Royal Conservatory of Music or equivalent. If you would be interested in helping out with the 10:30 am choirs, please contact May at [2923sacc@gmail.com](mailto:2923sacc@gmail.com)

## Healing after Abortion: The Sisters of Life

Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. We offer ongoing accompaniment and retreats to women seeking healing after abortion. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. Upcoming dates are: April 5 and July 12. For more details, locations, and confidential registration, or to simply talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (416) 463-2722 or email us at [toronto@sistersoflife.org](mailto:toronto@sistersoflife.org)

Be humble in this life, that God may raise you up in the next.— St. Stephen of Hungary

## Coins for Life 2025

Sometimes small contributions can go a long way. You are invited to put aside toonies, loonies, quarters, nickels, dimes during this Lenten Season in order to help support and promote the Culture of Life in Canada. Coins for Life containers will be available in the foyer of the church this weekend. This fundraising helps make possible the National March for Life in Ottawa, which will be on May 9 this year. You may even wish to make it a family, school, office project. Spread the good news of the sanctity of every life from conception to natural death which God created as no one has the right to destroy that life. We ask that you return the container with your donations on the weekend of April 26/27 which is Mercy Sunday in the Gift Shop. Thank you in advance for your support.

For more information about Coins for Life Campaign please visit [www.coinsforlife.org](http://www.coinsforlife.org)

## Mrs. Szakaczki

Fr. Steven has obtained permission from the Archdiocese to have his mom live with him here in the Rectory of St. Aidan's Church. She will be paying for room and board.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Tel: 647-772-1319 [www.svdptoronto.org](http://www.svdptoronto.org)

The simplest acts of kindness are by far more powerful than a thousand heads bowing in prayer. - Mahatma Gandhi

## Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of the Cape

St. Aidan's parish has a small replica pilgrim statue of Our Lady of the Cape that parishioners can request to visit your home for a one or two-week period. The Pilgrim Statue Home visitation Program is an aid to help us respond to the request made by our Blessed Mother. If you would like to have the pilgrim statue visit your home and have your family and friends gather to pray and obtain more of Our Lady's intercessory blessings, please contact: Naomi Patterson at [naomipatterson@rogers.com](mailto:naomipatterson@rogers.com) or Deborah Patterson at [debmustachi@rogers.com](mailto:debmustachi@rogers.com)

When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus. - St. Rose of Lima.