

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Share Life

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Second collection will be taking place this weekend March 22 which 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 stretches back to 1927, Archbishop Pocock launched ShareLife in 1976 - an appeal rooted in the belief that every life matters, at every stage.

Today, his vision lives on through more than 40 ShareLife-funded agencies providing unconditional care to people in need-regardless of religion, background, or circumstance and through people like you who make their work happen.

Our parish goal this year is \$76,000. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

Parish Confessions

If you haven't been to confession for a while, it is a good idea to go before Easter. For Catholics the bare minimum would be that we go to confession once a year, around Easter time, but the ideal is to go regularly. Unfortunately, many wait for the last minute, just before Easter. Note that there will be no confessions before events of the Easter Triduum. Take advantage of the extra confession time that parishes will be offering during the next couple of weeks. Parish Confessions at St. Aidan's will take place on Thursday March 26 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. We will have three priests hearing confessions.

Movie Night Evening on a Sunday

Thanks to our Catholic Women's League and the Knights of Columbus our next Movie Night will be on Sunday March 29, starting at 5:00 pm. We will be showing the 1959 movie "Ben Hur" which was awarded the best movie of the year and received many other awards. It is a fictional account of the conflict between a Jew and a Roman Soldier who had initially been friends. The Jew, played by Charlton Heston, is consumed by anger and hatred, but is transformed by his brief encounter with Christ. The movie is three and a half hours long. Pizza will be served at 6:30, during the break. We will have a group discussion halfway through the movie and at the end of the movie. These Movie Nights are free. We will be selling pizza and popcorn with water for \$5. If you know you will be attending and requesting pizza, please register in advance at our Gift Shop so they know how much pizza to order.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 21:

5:00 pm Jean Luc I
Kim Soo Hyun
Stephens Family
Jimmy Chee Ying Lai
In Thanksgiving of Benny Fernandes
+Cornelius & Florie Serrao
+Francis Cuda
+Yu Meng Long
+Clara & Charmaine Pereira

Sunday March 22:

9:00 am +Dennis Khan
10:30 am +Teresa Koon Li Wai Leung
12:00 pm Pro - Populo

Monday March 23:

9:00 am Birthday Blessings for Karl Mangune

Tuesday March 24:

9:00 am Xu Jun Chen
7:30 pm St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday March 25:

7:30 pm Conversion of Red China
Hogg Family
Living & Deceased Bishops, Priests,
Deacons, Nuns & Religious
+Patrick Fanning
+Quong Wai Man

Thursday March 26:

9:00 am +Amando Sr. & Loreto Lanot

Friday March 27:

9:30 am Celebrant's Intention
7:30 pm +Nellie Ragos Vasquez

Saturday March 28:

9:00 am Celebrant's Intention

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday evening, after our 7:30 pm Mass, we will have the Stations of the Cross. Everyone is welcome to participate.

March 22, 2026

Holy Week Schedule

The times for the Holy Triduum are the following,
Holy Thursday, April 2 - 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper (no morning Mass)
Good Friday, April 3 - 12:00 noon, 3:00 pm (Stations of the Cross will be at 7:00 pm)
Holy Saturday, April 4 - 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass (no morning or afternoon Mass)

Pontifical Collection for the Church In the Holy Land

The Good Friday collections are an initiative of the Holy See to help maintain Christian sites in the Holy Land as well as to provide pastoral, educational, and social works among the Christian population there. Thank you for your contributions.

Good Friday

Good Friday is a day of Fasting and abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat is binding on those who are 14 and older. The law of fasting is binding on those who are 18 to 59 years of age. The requirement for a fasting day is that you can have one full meal and two other small meals in such a way that the two meals don't add up to a full meal (and of course, no meat). If required, you may drink beverages between meals but not something that is filling (such as a milkshake). Please note that we will not have the All Night Vigil of Adoration on Good Friday, April 3.

Divine Mercy Feast and Holy Hour

At St. Aidan's the public recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Novena prayers will begin on Good Friday and continue till the feast day which is on Sunday after Easter, April 12. Please see the poster in the foyer for the scheduled times for reciting the Divine Mercy Chaplet. On Sunday April 12th we will have a Holy Hour at 3:00 pm, in honour of the Divine Mercy, followed by a reception in the parish Hall with light refreshments. Everyone is invited to participate.

Stations of The Cross on Good Friday

Let us reflect on Jesus' Passion & Death by walking the sorrowful journey with Him. All parishioners are invited to attend the Station of the Cross on Good Friday, April 3 at 7:00 pm.

Totus Tuus Summer Camp

Last year's Totus Tuus summer camp at St. Aidan's was a great success. This year our Totus Tuus Summer Camp will be from July 12 - 17. The day program for students in Grades 1 to 6 will cost \$150 per child. The evening program for students in Grades 7 to 12 will cost \$50. Contact Luis Dizon for more information at: luis.dizon@utoronto.ca or 647-862-6717 or visit www.totustuutoronto.ca

St. Anthony Novena

St. Anthony's Thirteen Tuesdays Novena will continue every Tuesday with a Mass at 7:30 pm followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction. Feel free to write your intentions on a slip of paper and leave it in the basket located in front of St. Anthony's statue. The intentions will be blessed and offered up every Tuesday during the Novena Masses.

CWL Easter Basket Fundraising

The CWL is holding its annual Easter Basket Fundraising and tickets are available at the end of each weekend Mass from March 14-28. Ticket prices range from \$5 for 3 tickets, \$10 for 7 tickets and \$20 for 15 tickets. Winning tickets will be drawn on Easter Sunday April 5 after the 12 noon Mass. Please see CWL reps in the foyer to purchase tickets.

Living Rosary

The Legion of Mary of our parish will conduct a Living Rosary on Wednesday, March 25 at 6 pm being the Feast of the Annunciation followed by the 7:30 Mass. We will also have the St. Louis Marie de Montfort's Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, a spiritual journey of prayer and reflection leading to a deeper devotion to our Blessed Mother. We encourage everyone to come and join us in this special time of prayer and devotion.

Coins for Life

Reminding parishioners who took containers for Coins for Life to please bring back your containers with your donations in the gift shop between now until Mercy Sunday April 12. Thank you for supporting Coins for Life.

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Everyone can experience the joy and blessing of generosity because everyone has something to give.— Jan Grace