

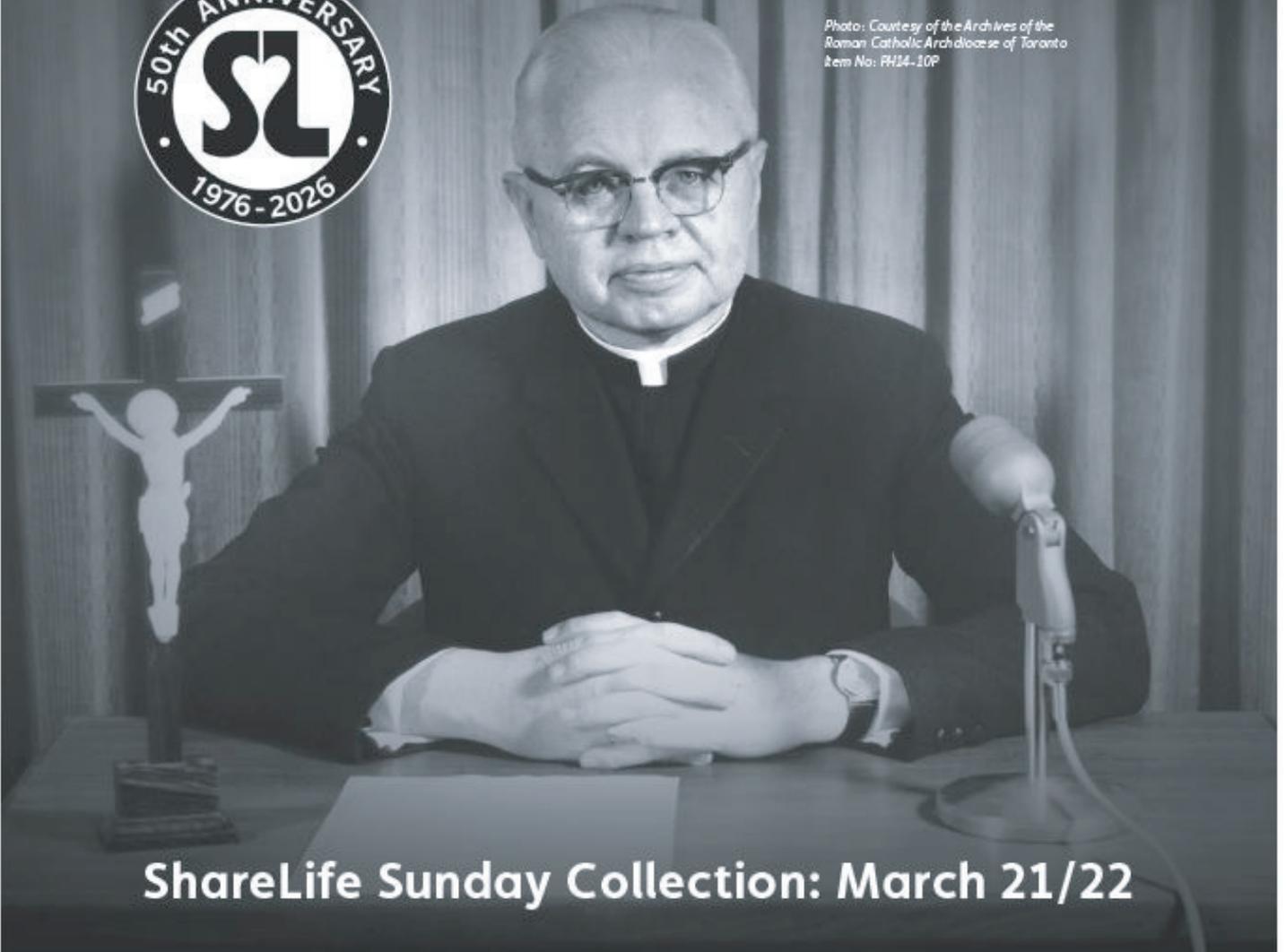
# Living the Gospel



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– Archbishop Philip Francis Pocock,  
A Declaration on Behalf of Life, March 19, 1976

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# Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
Mar	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
23 Mon, 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
24 Tues, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
25 Wed, 9am	Danilo Macasieb +	Emilyn Dela Masa
26 Thurs, 9am	<b>Canadian Martyrs</b>	
27 Fri, 9am	Gloria Manapul +	Enriquez Family
28 Sat, 9am  5pm	All Parishioners Aquileo Magistrado + Federico Insa + Thanksgiving – Alexis Sauco <b>(Canadian Martyrs Parish)</b>	..... Nerissa Jacinto Insa Family Alexis Sauco
29 Sun, 9am  11 am	Encarnacion Macasieb +  Thanksgiving – Alisha D'Souza	Emilyn Dela Masa  D'Souza Family

**Sunday Gospel Reflection**  
5th Sunday of Lent  
Gospel: John 11.1-45 – The Raising of Lazarus

Raising from Death to Life

In today's Gospel we encounter the great mystery of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This apparent death of Lazarus was not in vain for Jesus says it occurred so "that the Son of God may be glorified through it." After raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus instructs the crowd to "unbind him, and let him go"

This "unbinding" signifies that Jesus doesn't just raise him from the dead but also sets him free. So too, through God's great gift of forgiveness, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom. This Lent, let us seek God's forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. The Catechism says that "the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true "spiritual resurrection," restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God" (CCC 1468).

Moreover, after Lazarus was freed it says that many people believed in Jesus. Likewise, after we receive God's forgiveness and live in freedom and friendship with God, we should be true stewards of God's gifts and evangelize those around us. Through the grace of the sacrament we will have the necessary strength to offer our time and talents to our parish community. So this Lent let us not remain in the death of sin but turn to Jesus and receive the life and freedom of forgiveness.

Summary

Just as Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom through His forgiveness. This Lent, let us seek God's forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Through the grace of the sacrament we will have the necessary strength and grace to offer our time and talents to our parish community

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*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every **Wednesday and Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30am until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church ***except on holidays.***

*Let us pray for the sick*



***We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.***

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*



## LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross	Fridays, 7pm Mar 13, 20 27
Lenten Confession	Holy Cross School Wed, Mar 25 9:45am -12noon at the school premises. With Fr. Fred, Fr. Eric, Fr. Nabine, Fr. Rosan & Fr. Francis Holy Cross Church – Wed, Mar 25 6 – 7pm With Fr. Fred and Fr. Nabine
Palm Sunday Mar 29	Regular weekend services 9am & 11am Blessing of Palms at all Masses
Holy Thursday Apr 2	No 9am Mass 7pm – Mass of the Lord’s Supper Adoration until 10pm
Good Friday Apr 3	No 9am Mass 12noon & 3pm Liturgy of the Passion of Christ 4pm - Divine Mercy Novena 7pm – Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday Apr 4	No 9am Mass 7pm – Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday Apr 5	Regular weekend services 9am & 11am
Easter Monday Apr 6	No 9am Mass Office is closed

### Special Devotion Candles Mar 17 to 24

We are pleased to offer two Special Devotion Candles (Sanctuary Lamps near the Tabernacle) available to burn for your intentions for one week. The cost is \$20.00 per candle.

#### In Loving Memory of Zeke Zdebiak

Requested by: Joanne Zdebiak

"With prayers for eternal rest and everlasting peace."



#### For all Intentions

This Sanctuary Lamp Devotion Candle is being offered for all the intentions of Holy Cross Parish Community, living, sick and deceased.



"On March 13 our Holy Cross /Canadian Martyrs students received the Sacrament of Confirmation! Let us all continue to pray for them! I would like to thank: Fr. Freddie for his support and guidance, as well as the families; to our office staff (Karen and Joan) for printing the certificates; to the sacristan, Laurel Cusack, altar servers, eucharistic ministers and the wonderful choir led by Ms. Quinagon and son Keith as well as Rico and the MFC choir who made the celebration special. A very great big thank you to our three amazing catechists (Laura, Mila, Ms. Kelly) who generously made themselves available every Saturday for 14 weeks. From the day of registration onward they were there to help. They helped the students with their lessons and during Mass, accompanied them during their retreat, helped with rehearsals, printed the confirmation pamphlets and names, brought the gowns and supported them behind the scenes. May God reward you!"

Maria Agovino LPA

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**Thank You to Our Anonymous Donor -** We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the generous anonymous donor whose kindness has blessed our community in such a meaningful way. Your

contributions to **ShareLife**, the **Holy Cross Parish Offertory**, and the **Building Renovation Fund** reflect a spirit of deep faith and compassion.

- **\$1,000.00 to ShareLife (credited to Holy Cross Parish)**
- **\$9,000.00 to Holy Cross Parish, Toronto – Offertory**
- **\$9,000.00 to Holy Cross Parish, Toronto – Building Fund**

Please know that your quiet generosity strengthens our parish mission and supports the good work we strive to do each day. May God reward you abundantly for your goodness.



### First Collection This Sunday

This Sunday is **ShareLife's first collection**. Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of those who rely on our support. **Please give generously.**

### Soup Night



**Soup Night – March 27** Everyone is warmly invited to join us for **Soup Night** immediately following the **Stations of the Cross** on **Friday, March 27.**

Come share a simple meal, enjoy fellowship, and spend time together in community as we continue our Lenten journey. We hope to see you there!

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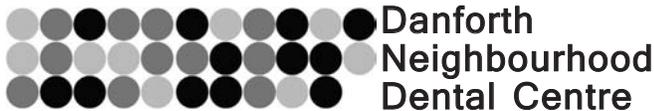
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