

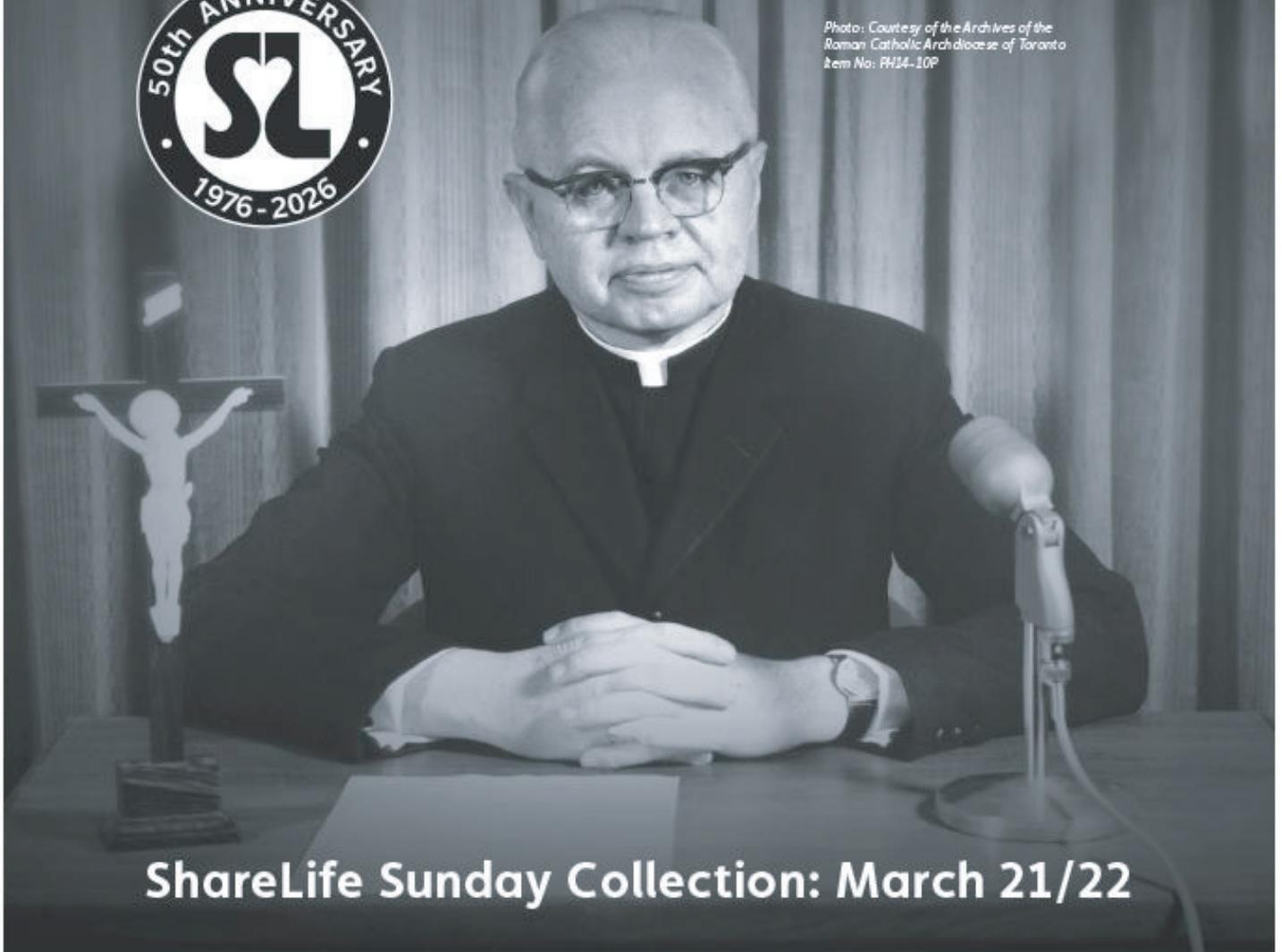
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– Archbishop Philip Francis Pocock,
A Declaration on Behalf of Life, March 19, 1976

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

“Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.” (Cf. Psalm 42.1-2)

Weekly Biblical Reflection

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today’s Gospel invites us to enter into the profound mystery of feeling abandoned by God. When Jesus learns that his friend Lazarus is ill and close to death, he consciously decides not to intervene immediately. Instead, he remains inactive and silent.

This apparent lack of interest becomes even more painful when Martha addresses him with a heartbreaking lament: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died”. Her words carry the weight of a rebuke—one that Jesus does not silence or condemn. In the face of her grief, the only thing he asks for is faith.

Through this trial, Martha, Mary, and Lazarus were led through a painful yet necessary, difficult yet rewarding experience of truly witnessing the power of God. Martha came to understand that this power goes well beyond simple healing; it is the power to restore life itself.

In our own lives, we often find ourselves uniting our voices with Martha’s: “Lord, if you had been here...”. When we feel this way, we should remember that God does not get upset: He understands our pain and does not grow angry at our lament. Jesus weeps with us: Just as he wept at the tomb of Lazarus, he remains present in our suffering. Life follows death: Even in our darkest moments, God is able to bring life out of our suffering.

As we approach the feast of the Resurrection, Jesus asks us to hold onto our faith. He is always capable of bringing forth new life from the tombs of our lives.

God bless, Deacon Matteo

Announcements

1. You’re invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca, where you can e-mail your Member of Parliament (MP), asking for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act), which would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

Chances are you know someone struggling with mental illness — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

Protect Mental Health, Protect Life

2. **ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years | ShareLife Sunday is this weekend**

This weekend, March 21/22, is ShareLife Sunday. 2026 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 that 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.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

The poster features a background image of the Shroud of Turin. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for the Holy Rosary Church, MacTavish, with the text '1926 - 2026'. The main title 'The Shroud of Turin' is in large, bold, black letters on a yellow background. Below it, 'History and Theology' is written in a smaller, black, serif font. The event details are listed in a yellow box: 'Thursday, March 26th, 2026', '7:00 to 8:00pm', and 'Parish Hall'. At the bottom right, the presenter is identified as 'Fr. Gary Schlack, Diocese of Hamilton', accompanied by a circular portrait of the priest.

MARCH 22nd, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23, 2026

12:10 pm. Giovanni Clemente (+)
Requested By: Edit

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

12:10 pm. Soul of Anita & Rudy
Peralta (+), Martin
(Birthday Blessings)
Requested By: Angelita

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

The Annunciation of the Lord

12:10 pm. For all expectant mothers &
their children
Requested By: Jan Robinson

7:00 pm. Holy Rosary Parishioners

Thursday, March 26, 2026

12:10 pm. Valerie Pumputis (+)
Requested By: Lori Pumputis

Friday, March 27, 2026

12:10 pm. Americo Amaral (+)
Requested By: Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi

Multiple Intentions: Sixto Daylusan Jr. (+), Javier Jose Buelvas Macea (+), Judith Magera (+), Margaret O'Carroll (+), Christina Samoilescu (+), Jordan Kong (Special Intentions), Jennifer Shum

7:00 pm. Francesca De Oliveira Reis
Silva (+)
Requested By: Rosa Caputo

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:00 am. Intentions of the Blessed Virgin
Mary and in reparation for all
sins committed against her
Immaculate Heart

5:00 pm Victoria & Barbara Sousa (+)
Requested By: Marie S.

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 am. Holy Rosary Parishioners

10:00 am. Fr. Joseph Walsh, CSB (+)
Requested By: Hermy & Isabel Villasenor

12:00 pm. For the Living & Deceased
Members of the Haggarty, Tsun
& Doble Families
Requested By: Daphne & Mark

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, especially: Goretti Raposo, Miranda Thompson, Richard Marshall, Paul Swarney, Kaye Graham, Mary Hopkins, Peter Robinson, Dominic Curran, Gerard Gonsalves, Mary Castillo de Vega, Mary Agnes Ludwick, Madeleine Mendoza, Peter Verwoerd, Paul Morisset, Mark Colbreath, Betty Dempsey, Anthony Verombeck, M.M. Mackenzie, and Jamie.

Millions of Christians around the world face poverty, discrimination, and persecution because of their faith. Aid to the Church in Need Canada is a Catholic Charity that helps poor, persecuted, and suffering Christians by supporting more than 5,000 pastoral projects each year in over 140 countries. These projects help the Church provide pastoral care, build or repair churches, train seminarians, support religious sisters, and assist communities facing hardship. Aid to the Church in Need also works to raise awareness about the reality of Christian persecution through initiatives such as Red Wednesday, encouraging prayer and solidarity with those who suffer for their faith. Aid to the Church in Need will join us to tell us more about their mission at our March 28-29 Masses. Together, we can support the Church where it is most in need. Learn more at <https://acn-canada.org/>

Divine Mercy Retreat: Join us for a Day of Recollection on Saturday, April 11th, led by Sr. Donata Farbaniec of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, which is the same religious order that St. Faustina was a part of. \$50 fee includes lunch. To purchase tickets, please contact the Parish Office.



We have an Easter egg for you! As we celebrate new life with Jesus, we are also celebrating 100 years of our life as a parish community. Stay tuned in the upcoming weeks for an announcement about how you can be a part of a very special project to celebrate our Centenary Year.

Selling beautifully positioned niche (2 urns) at Mt. Hope Cemetery Columbarium Garden, serene eye-level location (Resurrection south side). Includes 10 X 6 black finish plaque. Selling for \$5,590. (currently priced at \$7,555). Please contact Dorothy or Robert at moranda@shaw.ca or 1-250-385-2911

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