

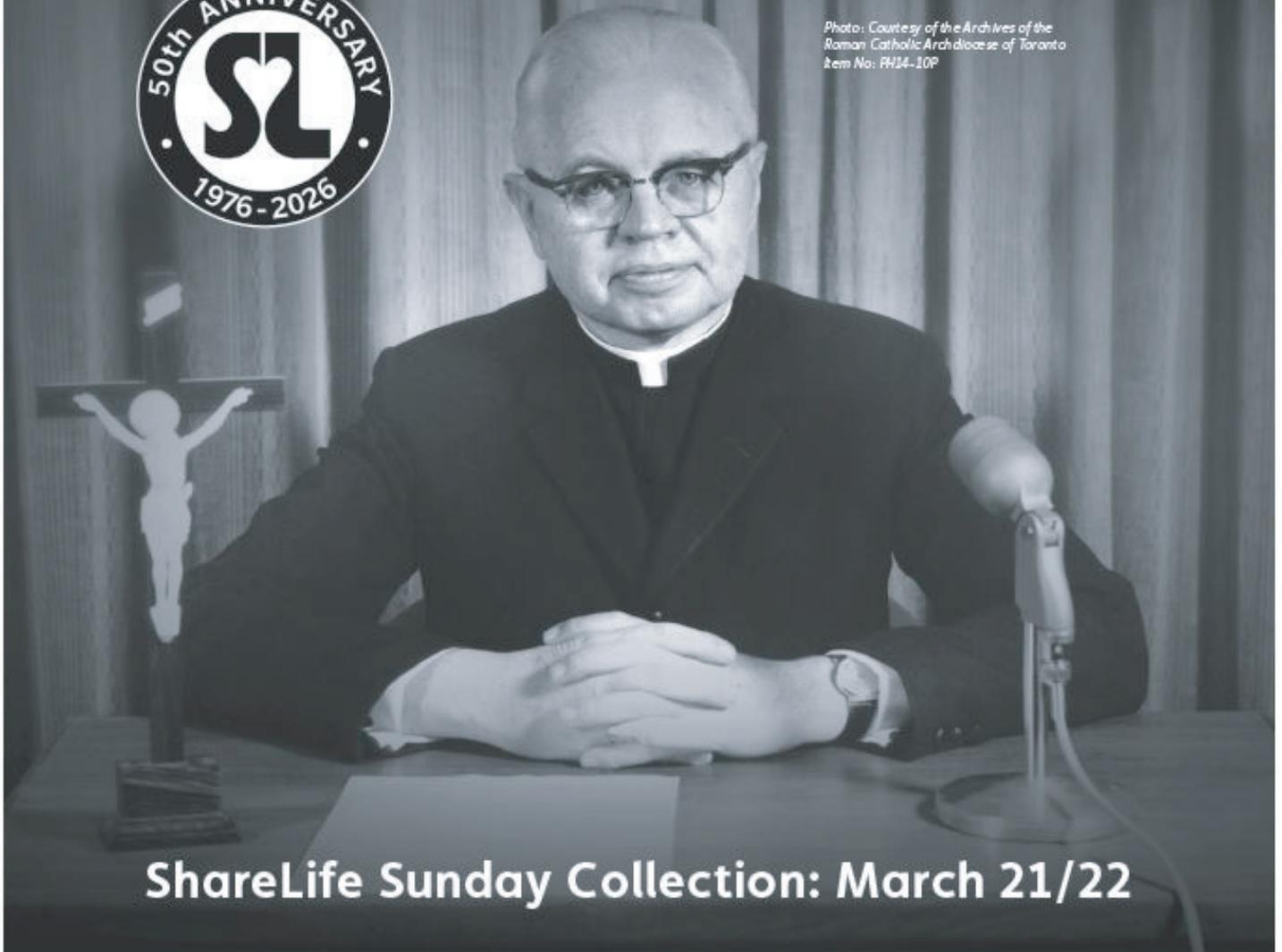
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- Archbishop Philip Francis Pocock,
A Declaration on Behalf of Life, March 19, 1976

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5th Sunday of Lent



AT FUNERALS, WE often hear St. Paul’s admonition not to grieve “as others do who have no hope” (1Thes 4.13). Grief is natural, but even in grief, we have hope.

The prophet Ezekiel and his people were exiled in Babylon, grieving the loss of their homeland. Ezekiel assured them of God’s presence and God’s promises: his people will be delivered and will return home. People died, new generations were born; the exile continued. Exile felt like death. Ezekiel offered hope: God’s restoration would be like coming back to life, coming out of the grave.

The Gospels were written many years after Jesus’ death and resurrection. People died; new generations were born. Even the great leaders of the faith eventually died. What was the fate of those who had died? In today’s Gospel, when Jesus says that Lazarus will rise again, Martha affirms that he will rise on the last day. But Jesus goes further, declaring that He himself is the resurrection and the life.

Sadness, loss, death are realities in all lives. We grieve. But we do not despair. We hope and trust in new life. Each Lent, we face the reality of suffering and death. But we do this with Easter faith, looking forward to the resurrection, for death is not the end of the story.

(Reflection of Dinah Simmons of living with Christ)

Monday, March 23, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Kazimierz & Kazimiera Foremny

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Catherine Paul
+ Dan De Luca
+ Dolores Corcoro
Special Intentions for Sonny & Winnie Lo
Blessings for Kataria Song & Rozero Park
+ Hyung Sung Jung

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

8:30 a.m. + Mi Sook Catharina Lee

Thursday, March 26, 2026 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. + Donald Joseph Pevereaur
Blessings & Special Intentions for Lucia Choi
Healing for Aries Vayson Ocompo
Birthday Wishes for Bob Lojko
Birthday Wishes for Doug & Tommie O’Dea

Friday, March 27, 2026

8:30 a.m. Thanksgiving

7:30 p.m. + Ronald Ignatius D’Sa

Saturday, March 28, 2026 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. + Elize Castelino
Birthday wishes for Michelle Chou
Birthday Wishes for Vincent Cosentino
Birthday Wishes for Athanasius Braimah

4:30 p.m. + James Hutchinson

Sunday, March 29, 2026

8:00 a.m. + Ricky Chan
9:30 a.m. + Iadipaolo Family
11:00 a.m. + Artur Vilhena

FRIDAYS IN LENT

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Holy Hour (after Morning Mass)
7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross
7:30 p.m. – Mass

ST. EDWARD’S PARISH PASSION PLAY

Our parish community is blessed to once again present the Passion Play, a prayerful and moving retelling of the suffering, death, and love of Our Lord. After last year’s debut, this year’s production has grown even more — with many dedicated volunteers working tirelessly to bring this retelling to life. We warmly invite our parish and community to come experience it!
Performance Dates:

March 29 at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM
April 3 at 7:00 PM

There will also be opportunities for donations to support the Passion Play and future parish productions. All are welcome, please bring your friends and family!

**COR PROGRAM
A NEW SPIRITUAL PROGRAM FOR
THE MEN OF THE PARISH**

The men of the parish are invited to attend a new spiritual program designed to assist men to grow in faith and fellowship. The program is called "COR" (from the Latin, meaning "Heart"). The meeting time is early on a Saturday morning, to allow less disruption of family life.

There is no need to sign up or to feel obligated to attend all the meetings. The program will run in the parish hall on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The next meeting is **Saturday, April 18th**

Schedule as follows:

- 7:00 a.m. - Hall Doors Open;
Gathering time for social/coffee/refreshments
- 7:30 a.m. - Themed Talk and Spiritual Discussion
- 8:30 a.m. - Concludes with Prayer

Coins for Life 2026

This project helps us to continue to run the National March for Life in Ottawa on May 14, 2026. Be sure that your small change can lead to a BIG change in our land and does help to save countless innocent lives now and in the future. Coins for life boxes are at the back of the church. For more information call Jenny at 416-267-7126.

**Parishioners - Sign Up
for Weekly Email Updates/Messages**

St. Edward's Parish sends out each Friday a weekly update on Mass times, coming events, and a copy of the parish bulletin, as well as any letters or reflections from the Archdiocese. This is done through a FLOCK NOTE. If you are not on our email listing, and would like to, simply leave your name and email at the parish office, in person, or by contacting the parish secretary, and we will sign you up. This is a wonderful way of ensuring you keep connected to current activities and to learn more about events to come.

Special Collection – Good Friday April 3rd.

The Good Friday Collection is taken at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of many social, education, and parish projects of the church throughout the Holy Land, as well as the upkeep of the Holy Sites. It helps to ensure the presence of the Church and peace in this land. Please give generously

Thank You – Social Committee

A big thank you to the Social Committee for organizing a wonderful St. Patrick's Day & St. Joseph's Festive Meal and Social last weekend. Great fun was had by all who attended. Thank you!

CWL



We invite all women in the parish to join us for our next CWL General Meeting: **Thursday, March 26, 2026. Theme: International Women's Day**

The meeting will be held remotely, via Zoom. Please check your email for the meeting link. To sign up as a member or for any questions, please email Geraldine Rebello at stedwardcwl@gmail.com

Catholic Girls League (CGL) Circle

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Thursday, March 26, 2026 | 6:30–8:30 PM

Workshop on Finance. Girls ages 10–16 – come grow in faith, make friends, and have fun!

Register online & check past meeting highlights!

<https://stedwardtheconfessorno.archtoronto.org/en/parish-groups/catholic-girls-league/>

For questions, email Gene: stedward75cgl@gmail.com



PALM SUNDAY ~ MARCH 29

Mass Times:

Saturday: 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., & 11:00 a.m.

Passion Play

2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY ~ APRIL 2

(No 8:30 a.m. Mass)

7:30 P.M. - Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY ~ APRIL 3

The Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

12:00 noon & 3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. – Passion Play

HOLY SATURDAY ~ APRIL 4

10:00 a.m. - Blessing of the Easter Fare:

(Swiecone)

8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil Mass

(No 4:30 p.m. Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY ~ APRIL 5

Mass times:

6:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

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