

Living the Gospel



"We believe that every human being is unique and priceless. We hold that human life must be respected at every stage of its development from the first mysterious moment of conception to the declining days of advanced age."

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

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ShareLife Sunday Collection: March 21/22

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21

5 pm + Herminia Rodrigues

Sunday, March 22

9 am Parishioners

11 am + Luciano Pirozzo

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 am Parishioners

Wednesday, March 25

8:30 am + Marcellino Candelario

Thursday, March 26

8:30 am Parishioners

Friday, March 27

8:30 am Parishioners



Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14

Psalms: Ps 130.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8

Second Reading: Romans 8.8-11

Gospel: John 11.1-45

Sponsoring the Sanctuary Lamp



The Sanctuary lamp signifies the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ. It burns for the greater glory of God.

Parishioners are invited to become monthly sponsors of the Sanctuary Lamp. Please contact the parish office if you wish to donate. Doing so becomes an opportunity for friends and families to pray at the Tabernacle, knowing the Lamp burns for their intentions.

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in March for the intentions of: Priscilla Santos

GOSPEL REFLECTION

“Whoever believes in me, even though they die, will live...”

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders’ growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus’ own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus’s tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus’ tomb.

Like the blind man in last week’s readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for “dead men”—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bonds of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today. Like the man’s birth in blindness, Lazarus’ death is used by Jesus to reveal “the glory of God”. Jesus’ words and deeds give sight, and life, to those who believe.

By His Resurrection, Jesus fulfilled God’s promise prophesied by Ezekiel in today’s First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today’s Epistle. The same Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Jesus’ humanity is powerfully portrayed in the shortest verse in the Bible: “And Jesus wept.” Why did He weep? Saint Paul reminds us in Hebrews: “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has similarly been tested in every way, yet without sin” (Hebrews 4:15). Jesus’ tears show us that the Holy Trinity knows human pain firsthand. The Incarnate Son allowed Himself to experience sorrow, and the Father and the Holy Spirit shared in this sorrow through Him. (Excerpts from: *Loyola Press; Scott Hahn Reflections; My Catholic Life.*)

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Prayer

On the fourth weekend of the month, we remember those in our families who have died. Let us pray for the repose of their souls:

O God! Listen to the prayers of Your Church on behalf of the faithful departed and grant to Your servants, whom we remember today, the inheritance promised to all. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Easter 2026 Schedule

PARISH CONFESSIONS

Saturday March 28
10 am to 12 pm

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, March 28 – 5 pm
Sunday, March 29 – 9 am & 11 am

TENEBRAE

Tuesday, March 31 at 7 pm

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2
Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7 pm
Followed by Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3
Stations of the Cross – 9 am
Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 3 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

April 4
Blessing of the Food – 10 am
Easter Vigil Mass – 7 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5
Masses: 9 am and 11 am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 12
3 pm - Adoration & Divine Mercy Chaplet
Followed by refreshments

Garden of Lilies

Help build a lush Garden of Lilies for the altar this Easter. Parishioners are invited to bring a lily plant in honour of their faithful departed to adorn the altar on Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Plants may be dropped off at the Office from Tuesday, March 31 to Friday, April 3. Labels will be provided on which you can write the name of your loved one to attach to your lily. **Note: Although the Office will be closed on Friday, April 3, Fr. Mani will be available to receive your gift.**

ShareLife Sunday

There will be a second collection this weekend, March 21-22, for the first of three 2026 ShareLife Campaign Offerings. This Parish Campaign marks 50 years since the founding of ShareLife. Through your sacrificial gifts, you bring the Gospel to life by reaching those who are struggling in our community: families in crisis, isolated seniors, and those seeking hope and healing. The report on the impact of your contributions in 2025 is viewable here: <https://tinyurl.com/259fwg5y>.

Good Friday Collection

The Pontifical Collection for the Church in the Holy Land helps to maintain the church of the Holy Land by providing educational, pastoral, and social support of Catholic youth and families committed to living their faith in the land where Christ lived, and by maintaining the Holy Sites that are so important to the faith of Christians everywhere. At the request of the Holy See, this Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on April 3, 2026.

Help Not Harm Canada – Bill C-218

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your Member of Parliament and ask for their support of Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act). This proposed legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. A vote is expected by mid-April 2026.





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