

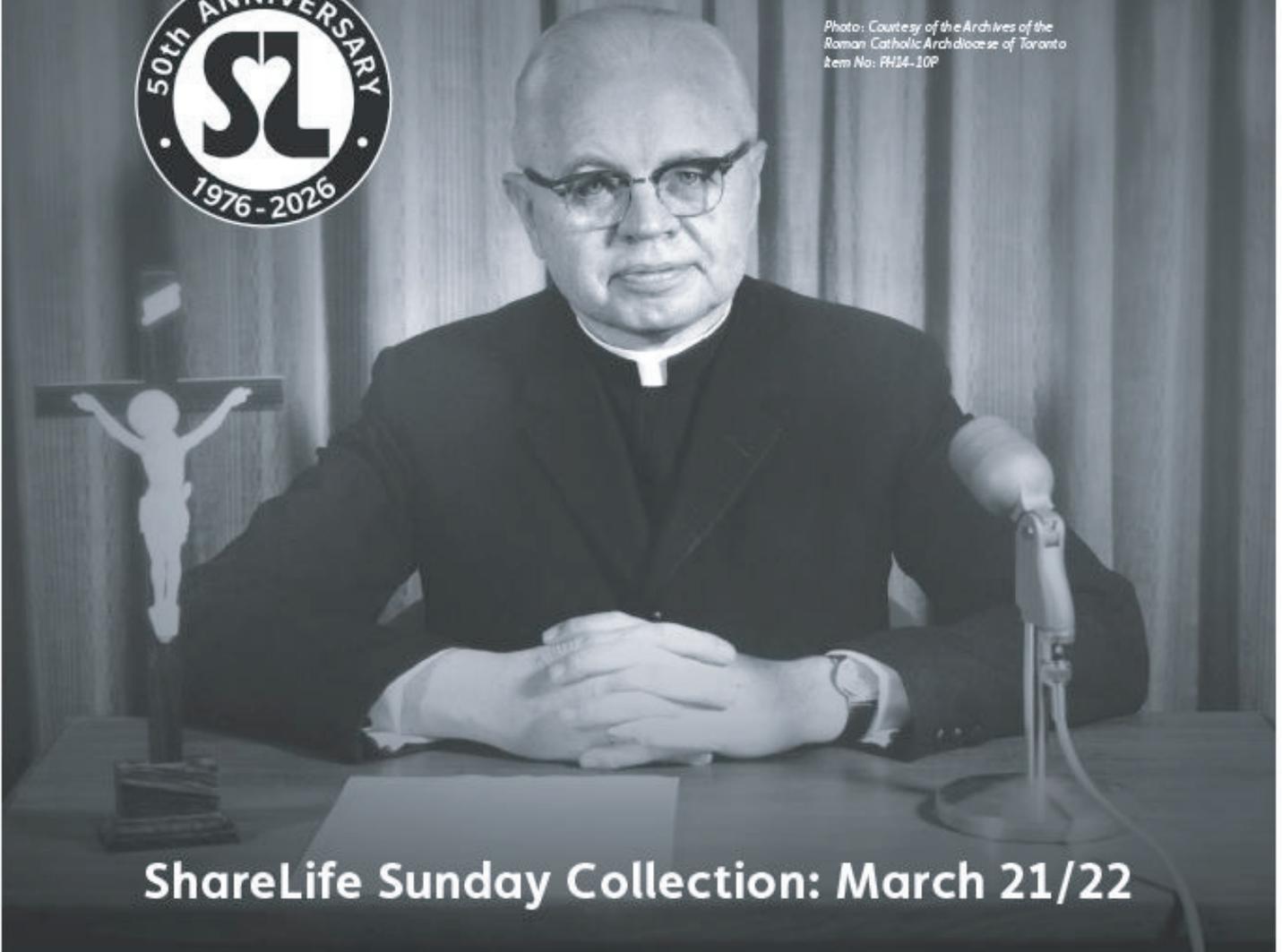
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– Archbishop Philip Francis Pocock,
A Declaration on Behalf of Life, March 19, 1976

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MASS INTENTIONS

SAT 21 |
 4:30 pm † Heather Morton
SUN 22 |
 8:00 am † Walter Teodoro
 9:30 am *Pro Popolo*
 11:00 am † Fred Couvreur
 12:30 pm † Bernardina Maceta
 6:00 pm † José Cruz & Joshua José Pendre
MON 23 |
 8:30 am † Jennie Helen Gryzwacz
TUES 24 |
 8:30 am † Jean Christina Guiry
WED 25 | The Annunciation of The Lord
 8:30 am † Ignatius Sebena Martis
 7:00 pm Intentions of all parishioners
THUR 26 |
 8:30 am † Antonio Ricciardi
FRI 27 |
 8:30 am *Multiple Intentions Mass*
 7:30 pm Intentions of all parishioners
SAT 28 |
 9:00 am *Multiple Intentions Mass*

PASSIONTIDE

Our As we enter church today, a sombre scene awaits us. The crucifixes and all of the statues and images are shrouded in violet cloth. This will be the case until Holy Saturday evening at the Easter Vigil. However, all the crosses will be uncovered on Good Friday. The origin of this practice is very ancient. In the Church’s early days, the main cross was often made of gold or another precious metal and decorated with enamels or jewels, but it lacked the figure of the crucified Christ. Prior to the solemn ceremonies of Holy Week, this cross was covered with dark cloth as a reminder that shortly the Bridegroom was to be taken away and His bride, the Church, dressed herself in mourning array. On Good Friday, however, the cross would be solemnly unveiled and its brightness shone forth.

The Cross is the weapon with which Our Lord did battle with the forces of evil, and the jewels upon it betokened His holy wounds. Therefore, the Cross is a victory trophy rather than a symbol of suffering and shame; after its unveiling, the faithful pressed forward to do homage to this instrument of salvation. As the years passed, this veiling of the cross was also extended to other images in church by way of association. We also remember that before Our Lord’s saving death, the souls of the just were excluded from heavenly glory and waited in expectation. So the unveiling of the images of the saints reminds us that the joys of Heaven were opened to humanity through the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection.

In Christian art, we often see Our Lord pictured using His Cross as a plough to cleave the soil open. From these furrows stretch out the figures of Adam and Eve and, sometimes, other Old Testament characters. This is often called the “*Harrowing of Hell*”. Hell in this sense is not so much the abode of the damned. but ‘another place’, where the souls of the just awaited the call of the Redeemer. This is what we refer to when in the Apostles’ Creed we ac-claim that “*He descended into Hell*”. This was the action of Christ between His death and Resurrection. On Good Friday at the Solemn Liturgy of the Passion we see the Crucifix unveiled in three stages, and approaching It, we genuflect three times. This ritual is known as the “*creeping to the Cross*”. It is the wood of the Cross rather than the figure upon it that we kiss, as we are honouring the tool of our redemption—the glorious weapon which was the means of Our Lord’s triumph. ~ *Fr. Paul Dobson.*

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FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION
 Wednesday March 25th
 Special Mass at 7:00 pm

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DEACON GEORGE’S SPIRITUAL WALK-IN CLINIC
 Is on a winter break and will return April 07

Banns For Ordination
 William Nata Onuwa is to be ordained to the Diaconate for the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 23, 2026, at St. Michael’s Cathedral. Please remember him in your prayers. Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediment to sacred orders to the bishop or pastor.

“With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem”
Responsorial Psalm 130

SANCTUS SUMMER CAMP IS BACK - Save the dates!
Week #1: July 13th -17th | Week #2: July 27th -31st.
 Looking forward to another great summer!
 All the best & God bless, Megan Amaral, Youth Minister!

SMILE FOR THE WEEK: WHY DON'T LOBSTERS SHARE?
ANSWER: Because their hearts are not eaten.



**PALM SUNDAY AND
HOLY WEEK
MASS SCHEDULE 2026**

PALM SUNDAY March 29 th	8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am 12:30 & 6:00 pm
TENEBRAE Wed., April 1 st	7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Mass of Lord's Supper HOLY THURSDAY Thurs., April 2 nd	7:30 pm
GOOD FRIDAY April 3 rd Commemoration of Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross	12 noon & 3:00 pm 7:30 pm
HOLY SATURDAY April 4 th Blessing of Food EASTER VIGIL	No 9 am Morning Mass 2:00 pm 7:30 pm
The Resurrection of The Lord EASTER SUNDAY April 5 th	8:00 am, 9:30 am 11:00 am & 12:30 pm NO 6:00 pm MASS

MINISTRIES

TENEBRAE: HOLY WEDNESDAY APRIL 1ST

The Tenebrae service is an ancient service of prayer and meditation upon the saving death of Christ. The Latin word "tenebrae" means "darkness" and the service is held in near darkness. Our parish celebration of Tenebrae will be in English and according to the Ordinary Form of the Liturgy of the Hours.

6:00 – 6:20 pm: Vespers

6:30 – 6:50 pm: Catechesis on the Divine Office and the service of Tenebrae

7:00 – 8:30 pm: Tenebrae Service

CWL ST. JOSEPH St. Michael's Scholarship - Value of \$3000.00 - Open to Catholic young women completing secondary education this year. With first college choice being St. Michael's College, University of Toronto and in the following areas of study: Commerce, Computer Science, Humanities & Social Science, or Science.

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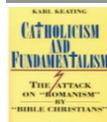
The Last Days: The Passion and Death of Jesus the Christ

A filmed presentation of a live theatrical production that movingly recreates the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry. Starring Actors/Producers/Directors Jonathan Roumie (The Chosen) and Maria Vargo (Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy), along with a devoted cast of 19 others. It recreates the final moments of Jesus' earthly ministry as a teacher through His crucifixion and death.



The Shepherd's Escape Episode 11 of Chime Travelers

When Patrick's prank gets him in trouble, he wishes to be left alone, but a mysterious bell whisks him to Ireland in 408 AD! And he meets a young Saint Patrick on the run, discovering the true value of family and courage in this exciting time-travel adventure.



Catholicism & Fundamentalism: The Attack on Romanism by Bible Christians - Book - Karl Keating

defends Catholicism from Fundamentalist attacks and explains why Fundamentalism has been so successful in converting "Romanists." After showing the origins of Fundamentalism, he examines representative anti-Catholic groups and presents their arguments in their own words. His rebuttals are clear, detailed, and charitable. Special emphasis is given to the scriptural basis for Catholic doctrines and beliefs

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DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

Prayer meetings every Wednesday in the Hall at 7 p.m.

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Friday, April 3 to Saturday, April 11 - Church
Good Friday 5.45 p.m. – Monday to Saturday 6.30 p.m.

"FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY"

Sunday, April 12, 2026

2.30 p.m. - Eucharistic Adoration

3 p.m. - Holy Mass

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