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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

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Mon. Mar 23	Memorial	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wed. Mar 25	Solemnity	The Annunciation of the Lord

READINGS THIS WEEK

- 22 Ezekiel 37.12-14: Romans 8.8-11: John 11.1-45 or John 11.3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
23 Daniel 13.1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64++ or Daniel 13.2, 4-6, 8, 15-16, 19-23, 28, 41-46, 48-64++: John 8.1-11
24 Numbers 21.4-9: John 8.21-30
25 Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.10d: Hebrews 10.4-10: Luke 1.26-38
26 Genesis 17.3-9: John 8.51-59
27 Jeremiah 20.7, 10-13++: John 10.31-42
28 Ezekiel 37.21-28: John 11.45-56

LENTEN FRIDAYS

- 8:00 am Mass**
8:30 am – 9:30 am Rosary & Adoration
1:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)
5:30 pm SMI Lenten Soup Kitchen (open to all with free-will donations going to SVDP for the poor)
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
7:00 pm Mass

LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

Saturday, March 28

- 5 Priests will be available
9:30 am – 12:00 pm
2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

EASTER FLOWERS

We will be accepting donations of Easter lilies and hydrangeas to decorate the Church for Easter. Kindly drop off **the week of March 23 - 27**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

2026 EASTER PLAY

St. Mary Immaculate Parish is excited to present our 2nd annual Easter Play re-enacting the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus on **Saturday, March 28 at 6:30 pm (after the 5:00 pm Mass) in the Church**. Let's bring the story of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection to life together! All are welcome.



THE COINS FOR LIFE CONTAINERS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH.

Every coin makes a difference and helps Campaign Life Coalition (CLC) to run the annual National March for Life in Ottawa. By putting aside your loose change, you are helping support the many pro-life initiatives that spread awareness and give a voice to the unborn. Keep us in your prayers and join us if you can. We need more volunteers for this work of God. For more information call CLC, 416-204-9749.

PLEASE RETURN CONTAINERS BY APRIL 26, 2026



5th Sunday of Lent

ShareLife Sunday

March 22, 2026

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

Today is ShareLife Sunday. Special collections will be taking place this weekend on March 22. 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.

Our parish goal this year is **\$405,000**. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

March 28/29
Next weekend

BOOK BARROW

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to make use of the **BOOK BARROW**, encouraging ongoing faith formation, available **in the Church Foyer after all Masses on the last weekend of each month**. A variety of Catholic books for all ages are offered to help make spiritual nourishment easily available and to deepen our understanding of God, Scripture, and Church teachings. Titles include books on Prayer, the Saints, and Christian living. Borrow a book, exchange a book or donate a book, and grow in Faith at your own pace. All are welcome! Email the Legion of Mary for more information. Legionofmaryinfo@yahoo.com

FATIMA GIFT SHOP

Visit the Fatima Gift shop. Beautiful religious items available for any occasion, especially for Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Weddings.

Hours

Saturday: 4:30 pm–6:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am–2:00 pm and 4:00 pm–6:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Come Join Us for Our Next Exciting Bible Study!

The Gospel of Luke – 8 session study
Thursday mornings 9:15 am - 11:15 am
April 9 to May 28, 2026

Contact the Parish office to register.

You are encouraged to join. Each of our participants learn at their own pace and are provided supplementary notes by our bible study teacher along with a robust discussion and support throughout the study. You will be surprised how much you will learn, and it will be the best 2 hours you will spend for yourself learning about Our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, you need not worry, if you have never opened a bible and have absolutely no knowledge of scripture...you are among friends who are also learning right along with you. There is nothing to fear.

PALM SUNDAY – MARCH 29

8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass (Italian)
11:00 am Mass
12:30 pm Mass
4:30 pm Mass



Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday – April 2

No 8:00 am Mass - Church will open at 4:00 pm
 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Adoration until 11:00 pm

Good Friday – April 3

No 8:00 am Mass - Church will open at 7:00 am
 Divine Mercy Novena starts privately
 12:00 pm The Lord's Passion
 3:00 pm The Lord's Passion
 5:00 pm The Lord's Passion (Italian)
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 4

No 8:30 am Mass
 No Confessions
 10:30 am (sharp) Blessing of Easter Food Baskets "Swienconka"
 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5

8:00 am Mass
9:30 am Mass (Italian)
11:00 am Mass
12:30 pm Mass
4:30 pm Mass

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 12

3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Devotion with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

HIGH SCHOOL COME AND SEE - DAY RETREAT

Saturday, March 28 (9:00am – 3:00pm) at St. Augustine's Seminary: Discernment Day Retreat for men in grades 11 and 12. For more information visit www.vocations.ca/hscomeandsee.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 PILGRIMAGE TO SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY) is excited to begin gathering interest for the **World Youth Day 2027 pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea.**

We invite **young adults ages 19–39** to let us know if they are interested in travelling with **OCY** for this incredible pilgrimage of faith, prayer, and communion with the universal Church.

The **WYD 2027 theme** is: **"Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).** Chosen by **Pope Francis**, this theme encourages young people to place their hope and confidence in Christ in a world often marked by anxiety, division, and rapid change.

World Youth Day is a powerful opportunity to encounter Christ, grow in faith, and join young Catholics from around the world in a joyful pilgrimage. As we begin preparing for **Seoul 2027**, OCY looks forward to hearing from young adults and parish communities who may wish to take part in this exciting journey.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Alessia Rose Carvalho, Christopher James Lorenzen, Hailey Tongyan Zhu & Olivia Tongyao Zhu

We welcome you into the Church! We wish the Parents and Godparents of the newly baptized, God's blessing and protection of our Mother Mary!

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS

Available to offer for loved ones for a one-week period. Sanctuary lamps are the red votive candles lit beside the tabernacle. To request an intention for the sanctuary lamps, please email or call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

MAR 23 - 29: THE SANCTUARY LAMPS BURN FOR: Spec. Int. & healing of Adriana Castro

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK & THEIR CAREGIVERS

If you would like to mention a loved one who is sick or a caregiver caring for a sick loved one that are in need of prayers, please email or call the Parish office at 905-884-1784 during office hours.

Tanya Di Persio, Marco Cianfarani, Clelia Proia, America Rodriguez, Lilia Rodriguez, Adriana Gomez, Ricardo Garzon, Javier Cardenas, Hernando Cruz, Peter McGuinness, Dante Fabiello, Sharon Moos, Margaret Gerritse, Romeo Marra, Ann Gibbens, Lester Camat, Frank Grabarczyk, Andreas Waldherr, Andrew Gomes, Vienna, Ellie, Chito, Atet, Jayce Kaiden

MASS INTENTIONS MAR 23 – MAR 29

Day	Time	Intention
Mon. Mar 23	8:00 am	+Giuseppe Totino +Jennifer Mendonca +Paolo Pezzola
	7:00 pm	Memorial Mass of +Immacolata Pannozzo (English)
Tues. Mar 24	8:00 am	+Froilan Francis Vispo In Thanksgiving Mass from Hedy
Wed. Mar 25	8:00 am	+Domenica Giusti +Agnes Ho
Thurs. Mar 26	8:00 am	+Nora O'Brien In Thanksgiving Mass of St. Mary Immaculate Clergy, Staff & Parishioners
Fri. Mar 27	8:00 am	+Clarence Christiampillai Spec. Int. of Jan Kim & Chui Ha Chan
	7:00 pm	+Mary, +Matthew & +Wilson Cheiran
Sat. Mar 28	8:30 am	+All Souls in Purgatory +Ivy Hardy For Intentions placed in the Fatima Chapel prayer box Spec. Int. of Carmen Morra
	5:00 pm	+Anna & +Antonio Aquino Spec. Int. of Rosemarie Mazzobel
Sun. Mar 29	8:00 am	+Eusebio Darlucio Spec. Int. of Go-Ryeo Kim for her birthday
	9:30 am	+Filomena Santopolo +Carlo Evangelista +Benedetto Baccilieri +Evaristo Chiappetta
	11:00 am	+Lorenzo Gabriel Gibellini +Antonio, +Maria & +Armando Sacco +Rudi, +Stipan & +Marija Begic +Mario Lanzellotti +Pietro & +Domenico Scalzone +Layla Abbo Craig
	12:30 pm	People of St. Mary Immaculate
	4:30 pm	+Antonino Brancato +Silvia Bazzo

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