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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Laetare Sunday, Sharing Life!

Yes, today is also ShareLife Sunday! It is a time when we focus our attention on reaching out beyond ourselves; seeking to do our part in healing, building up, and making Christ's love known. Laetare Sunday, literally "Happy" Sunday, reaffirms to us the life-giving truth of our faith in Jesus. Through His passion, death, and resurrection, He ushered in the New Creation, which is without sin or death, and overcomes all suffering and alienation.

In the hurly burly of everyday, when we are witnesses to the ups and downs of life in our own homes, and even in the lives of strangers, we can forget the heart of the matter – that Christ has overcome the world. Part of our evangelizing spirit is to give credibility to that truth by going outside of ourselves and seeking out, like Christ, those who have been forgotten,

neglected, or who are somehow pushed down in their lives. We may even need to look at our own lives with that sort of compassion. In fact, we probably should. Without healing in our own lives, we can be the purveyors of the problems, rather than of the graced conduits that open us to the mystery and beauty of life.

ShareLife is an umbrella effort to widely touch as many lives as possible. It supports 46 agencies and includes needs close to home, as well as pastoral and development efforts abroad. It helps our young men studying for the priesthood. It supports efforts to help refugees settle and provides counsel and support to families and individuals who need it. It is an important way, we as a Catholic community, reach out to the wider society. Many of the agencies ShareLife helps fund provide their services to anyone in need.

We are expressing the eternal value of each person. This comes from our religious conviction, and it makes a big difference because it means we are fully committed to people. In our own parish community, this is the sort of mutual care we are trying to build up. ShareLife gives us the opportunity to reach out farther, to join those doing such good work in a kind of solidarity and support and empty ourselves a little for the sake of people we don't even know... yet. Our hope is that someday we will meet some of those "brothers and sisters" in the life to come. Thank you for your support for ShareLife and for the parish.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Stations of the Cross



The 40 days of Lent is a special time of spiritual renewal in the Church. During Lent the Stations of the Cross will be prayed Friday evenings after 5 pm Mass. All are welcome to join in prayer.

March 30, 2025



Lenten Resources

To assist you this Lenten Season please avail yourself of the numerous Lenten resources found on the Archdiocese of Toronto website, archtoronto.org/lent. There you will find Pope Francis' 2025 Lenten Message, a variety of Online Retreats and Reflections, Lenten Activities for Families, and much more.



❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 29

4:30 pm ♦ For the People

Sunday, March 30

8:30 am ♦ † Emile Vachon

11:00 am ♦ † Aileen Menez

Tuesday, April 1

5:00 pm ♦

Wednesday, April 2

5:00 pm ♦ Jim Hughes

Thursday, April 3

5:00 pm ♦

Friday, April 4

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Parish Collection Summary

	2025	2024	Diff
Mar 2	\$ 4,404	\$ 5,585	↓ \$ 1,181
Mar 9	\$ 2,344	\$ 2,268	↑ \$ 76
Mar 16	*\$ 6,500	\$ 3,310	↑ \$ 3,190
Mar 23	\$ 2,496	*\$ 7,165	↓ \$ 4,669
Mar 30		‡\$ 10,419	
Mth Target	\$ 15,743	\$ 28,747	↓ \$ 13,003

‡Includes Easter Donations

*Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations

Thank you for supporting our parish!



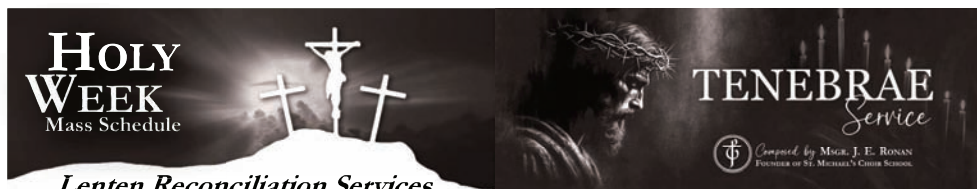
Cashless Donations

With fewer people using cheques or cash, here are some new ways to donate!

Online at stpaulsbasilica.archtoronto.org or scan the QR code or and hit the Donate button. Check that “St. Paul’s Basilica, Toronto” is selected from the Parish drop down menu when signing up.



Tip Tap - Simply tap your card on the ‘taptap’ device, located at the back of the church, to donate. If you would like to receive a tax receipt at the end of the year, you can register your physical card by scanning the QR Code next to the ‘taptap’ device. An information sheet is available next to the ‘taptap’ device.



Lenten Reconciliation Services

April 11 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

April 12 from 3:00 pm to 4:15 pm

Every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm, or by appointment

Holy Thursday / April 17

(No 5:00 pm Mass)

Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30 pm

Adoration until 10:00 pm

Good Friday / April 18

The Lord’s Passion - 1:00 pm & 3:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 5:30 pm

Tenebrae Service - 7:30 pm

Holy Saturday / April 19

(No 4:30 pm Mass)

Easter Vigil - 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday / April 20

8:30 am & 11:00 am

With a dimly-lit church, a rarely-seen candle holder, and somber tones, “Tenebrae” (Latin meaning ‘darkness’ or ‘shadows’) is a unique and special service, adapted from 9th century medieval Roman Catholic practices, marking the days of Holy Week with readings, music and candles extinguished one by one.

On **Friday, April 18, 2025 at 7:30 pm**, we invite you to experience the Tenebrae service, sung by the St. Michael’s Choir School Alumni Choir and set to music composed by the school’s founder, Msgr. John Edward Ronan. This is a solemn liturgical service, open and free to all. However, a free-will donation will be gratefully accepted.

40 Days of Lenten Reflection

Join Fr. Eric Mah, a priest from Toronto, as he does a series of one-minute reflections for each of the forty days of Lent beginning on Ash Wednesday. Watch Catholic Latte on YouTube or listen to the podcast available on Spotify, iTunes and Podbean. Scan the QR code for the YouTube playlist or visit catholiclatte.com for podcast links.



This weekend is ShareLife Sunday

ShareLife Sunday marks the first collection for our parish’s annual campaign. But ShareLife is more than a parish collection. It is how we, as Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto, bring the hands of Christ to those in need. From children to seniors, and everyone in between, more than 40 ShareLife agencies are there each step of the way. As a family of faith, we lift each other up from our lowest moments.

Nick’s life had an easy start – he came from a good home, where he was raised with a strong work ethic, and he welcomed a son. But living with a mental illness, he struggled more than some. Deep inside, he felt like something was missing, and he devastatingly fell into addiction. With your helping hand, he rose up through the DARE Program at Good Shepherd. “By the grace of God, I am still alive,” he proclaims. “I’d love to be able to give back what was so freely given to me. I am taking roles of service, giving back as much as I can. I was afraid I’d never be able to feel the way I feel. I am very grateful that I have been given this opportunity to be sober.” Thanks to your support, he is no longer just surviving—he is thriving, with a heart full of hope and a future filled with promise. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website.



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