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❖ A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Mary and the Trinity

Today, we celebrate a special feast praising God as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. While we know that God is infinitely greater than we are, there is one quality we have received from God that remains at the centre of the divine mystery: a perfection of relationship within the very life of God. Indeed, relationship itself is the centre and axis of our own lives as well. God's love showers all creation. Like solar flares gathered by the earth's poles and manifested in the aurora borealis, God's love is everywhere and, when gathered, shimmers and dances — a foretaste for us of the glory to come.

If May 31st were not a Sunday this year, we would be celebrating the Visitation of Mary, one of my favourite feasts. Mary travelled to visit her cousin Elizabeth. This encounter was also a communion of Jesus and John the Baptist — the beginning for us of the pathway of salvation. Neither Elizabeth nor Mary, like all mothers, knew what was to follow. What they did know was that God was providing for them and that they had privileged vocations that would gradually be revealed.

They shared their joy while accompanying one another through dramatic changes in their lives. For me, this is a great feast of hope. The Lord is also at work within us and in privileged ways. Especially for those of us in the midst of change, we can look to Mary and Elizabeth, to Jesus and John the Baptist, and see the unfolding of God's plan beginning to reveal itself. We, too, are part of the salvation story, and it continues to unfold in our lives.

Through the intercession of Mary, Elizabeth, Zechariah, and John the Baptist, may we become ever more united to the life-giving love of Christ, breathed upon us once again this past Easter.



I have been on retreat this past week, and your needs and intentions have been with me each day. Last Monday, our parish hosted the Funeral Mass for Jim Hughes, a long-time advocate for life. Fr. Faustino Kusoka celebrated the funeral, and our sacristans, servers, music ministers, and office manager all supported the liturgy and reception. Thank you!

And finally, I encourage you to join us on Sunday afternoon for the spring concert of St. Michael's Choir School, scheduled for 4:30 p.m. It will be beautiful.

In Christ,

Fr. Bob

❖ NOTEWORTHY

Fr. Bob's Farewell

BBQ Social

GRILL PARTY

SUNDAY JUNE 21
12PM - 2PM

We're Grilling Hot Dogs and Hamburgers on our Front Lawn!
(or in the case of rain, our Parish Hall)

Please join us as we celebrate Fr. Bob's time with our parish community!

Want to help? We're looking for volunteers to help with setup, cleanup and food prep. Contact the parish office if interested!

❖ NEWS

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 30

4:30 pm ♦ † Margaret Ann O’Leary

Sunday, May 31

8:30 am ♦ For the People
11:00 am ♦ For the People

Tuesday, June 2

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Wednesday, June 3

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Thursday, June 4

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Friday, June 5

5:00 pm ♦ Private Intention

Youth Ministry Fundraiser

June 13/14, 2026, after each Mass



On June 13 and 14, following each Mass, our youth will be hosting a fundraiser in support of the various youth programs offered throughout the year. In particular, the funds raised will help children who wish to attend either the EDGE Camp or our parish summer camp, but who might otherwise be unable to participate. If you would like to donate or volunteer to help please contact Micah at mmacmullen@archtoronto.org. Hope to see you there!

Ongoing Young Adult Ministry

Our Young Adult Group invites those ages 19–39 to join us for monthly gatherings of prayer, fellowship, and faith discussion. Whether you are new to the parish or have been here for years, we welcome you to come and grow in faith and friendship with other young adults in our parish community. For info on upcoming events, use the QR code to join our WhatsApp group.



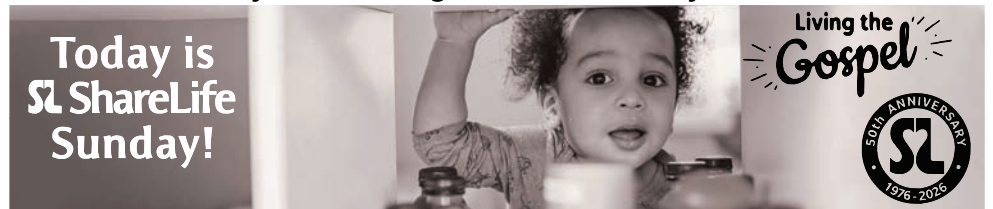
Free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar

Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 9:00 am

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services and the ArchTO estate planning team invite you to join this free webinar to learn about how to avoid issues with your Will, Powers of Attorney & Estate Planning as well as Catholic traditions around cremation, burials and funerals. To register scan the QR code, visit qrco.de/WebJun6



ShareLife Sunday, celebrating 50th anniversary

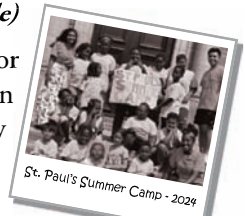


Today is our third weekend of special collections for ShareLife Sunday. Reverence for life at all stages has been a core principle of ShareLife since its founding in 1976. We recognize the sacredness of life from conception to natural death. ShareLife-funded agencies uphold this value in everything they do, bringing hope, healing, and compassion to those who need it most. This mission of love is witnessed at Rose of Sharon, where Executive Director Deanne Kukulewicz gratefully notes that “your commitment to ShareLife is an investment in young parents and their futures, fostering a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.” Thus far we have raised \$22,500 toward our goal \$55,000. Please give using a ShareLife envelope or at sharelife.org/donate.

St. Paul's Summer Day Camp

Weekdays from July 6 - July 31; 9 am - 3 pm (extended care available)

St. Paul’s is once again running a four-week summer day camp for children in grades 1 to 7. The camp focuses on helping children learn about our Catholic faith while providing fun opportunities to meet new friends and participate in a variety of activities including games, arts & crafts and sports. Each week will feature prayer, games and sports, a field trip and a drama production open to families and friends. The weekly cost per child starts at \$130, plus extra for extended care with family and multi-week registration discounts available. For more information please reach out to our youth minister, Micah, at macmullen@archtoronto.org. To register visit bit.ly/StPB-Camp or scan the QR code.



Parish Collection Summary

	2026	2025	Diff
May 3	\$ 5,080	\$ 3,639	↑\$ 1,441
May 10	\$ 5,113	\$ 5,783	↓\$ 670
May 17*	\$ 7,920	\$ 6,479	↑\$ 1,442
May 24	\$ 2,432	\$ 3,426	↓\$ 994
May 31		\$ 5,647	
Mth Totals	\$ 20,545	\$ 24,973	↓\$ 4,428

** Includes Monthly Pre-Authorized Debit Donations*

Upcoming Special Collections

- *May 31*- ShareLife
- *June 7*- Preservation Fund
- *June 14*- Mary Grove Camp

Thank you for supporting our parish!



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TipTap: Tap your card against an amount on the device at the back of the church to make a donation. For a year-end tax receipt, register your physical card by scanning the QR code beside the TipTap device.



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