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ShareLife Sunday Collection: March 29/30

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Masses For The Week

SATURDAY, MARCH 29

5:00 pm Vito Cristello R.I.P. - Bettina Tavone

SUNDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 am Mona Refaat R.I.P.
- Valeria & Dakota Moniz

11:00 am The People of the Parish

TUESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 pm Vince & Josephine Del Gobbo R.I.P.
- Venere Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2

9:00 am Krystyna Kurzyelo
- Minerva & Tadao

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 pm Vocations
In Thanksgiving - Dominic & Anh

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 am Unannounced
7:30 pm Scott Fitzsimmons R.I.P.
- Fitzsimmons Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

5:00 pm Joseph Tran R.I.P. - Tran Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Lucy Mulé R.I.P. - Family

Sick: That God will touch them with His love and mercy, especially Nancy Arkorful.



Deceased: That all our departed brothers and sisters may have eternal rest and joy.

Pope's March Prayer Intention: *For families in crisis* - Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Please note: Names will stay on the sick list for 30 days, unless notified otherwise.

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION



To return to the Lord with integrity, we benefit greatly from celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This year, we will provide the opportunity for all. This Lent, each parish in the Archdiocese of Toronto will be holding a Day of Confessions. Preparation for and the celebration of Confession allows us to set aside disruptive ways, to be renewed in heart and spirit, to be reconciled with our God who abounds with gracious, gentle tenderness.

In our parish, the schedule for Confessions is as follows:

Wednesday, April 2nd

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

9:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(Visiting priests from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.)

For resources for Confessions, please visit our website:

<https://stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org/en/our-community/resources-for-confession/>

For Day of Confessions times at other parishes near you, please visit:

<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/offices-and-ministries/sub-sites/confession/home/confession-times/>

Could you spend ½ Hour with Me?

Stations of the Cross every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00 p.m., followed by Mass at 7:30 p.m.



WHAT THE SAINTS SAY

St. Augustine writes that "there is no more profitable occupation for the soul than to meditate daily on the Passion of Our Lord."

- *Way of the Cross by St. Alphonsus Liguori*

Canadian Food for Children Lenten Collection

[Canadian Food For Children](https://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net/) is a registered charity with the Canadian government. Founded by Dr. Andrew Simone and his wife, their goal is to feed the poor. All donations collected go towards feeding the poorest of the poor in developing countries throughout the world. Presently, Canadian Food for Children sends food to 18-22 developing countries throughout the world



We received a letter from Dr. Andrew Simone with a request to do a Lenten collection for the poor of canned meat & fish, soap bars and iodized salt. Iodine deficiency affects 2 billion people worldwide and is the main cause of preventable mental impairment. Every year, 38 million newborn babies in developing countries are affected by iodine deficiency.

During this season of Lent we will be collecting canned meat & fish, soap bars and iodized salt. You may drop off your donation in the baskets at the back of the Church in the church foyer. To learn more about Canadian Food for Children visit: <https://www.canadianfoodforchildren.net/>

Offering

Weekly Offering (Mar 23) \$3,001.45
Expenses (Mar 17 - Mar 23) \$1,765.85

Thank you for your contribution.

Next weekend, April 5/6, there will be a second collection for the Building Fund.

The parish financial statement for 2024 has been included in this week's bulletin.

Share...Life!

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.

Our parish goal this year is \$48,500. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website: <https://stjohntheevangelistwe.archtoronto.org/>, or at <https://sharelife.org/donate/>.

Thank You!

A big thank you to the Knights of Columbus Humber Valley Council 3945 who so generously gave the parish \$15,000 in 2024 which was used to help pay for the sound system upgrade in 2024 and for the church washrooms and sacristy upgrades to be completed in 2025.

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