

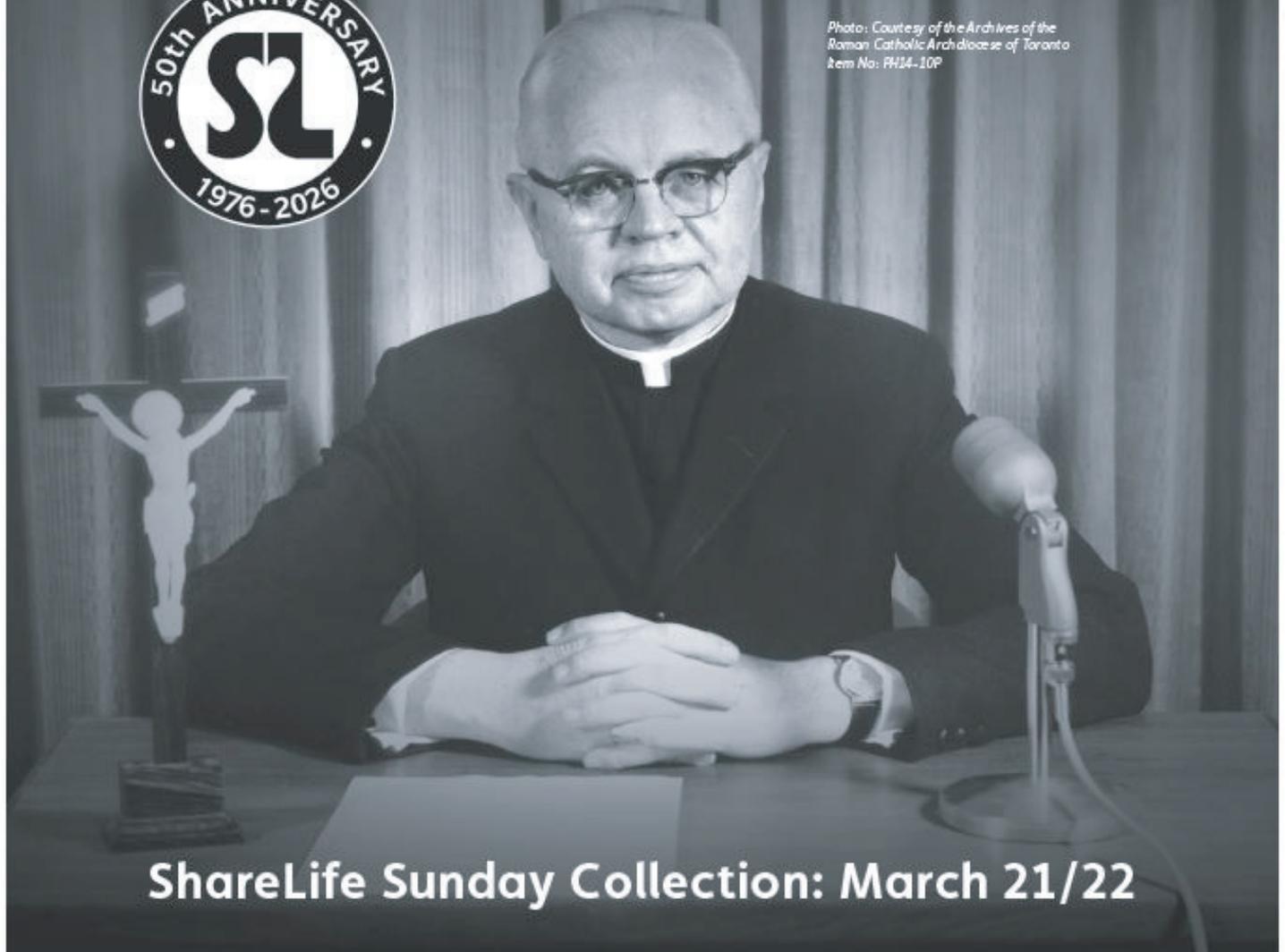
# Living the Gospel



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

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## THIS WEEK IN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH

### From The Pastor's Desk

Dear parishioners of STA Parish,

What episodes or passages of the Gospel drama of today (John 11.1-45) touched you the most? For me, there is a couple of them: "Jesus wept" and "Lazarus, come out!". Oh sorry, there is one more: "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it". Amen.

#### Centenary Merchandise Sales – Every 4th Sunday

Celebrate our parish centenary! On every **4th Sunday of the month**, we will be selling **centenary merchandise** after Mass, including **T-shirts, mugs, hoodies, and more**.

Stop by, take a look, and support our parish while celebrating this special milestone!

#### Bible Study – Friday March 27 – 7:30 to 8:30pm

**Session 9:** Next Friday we'll reflect on: **Cycles of Sin** – *Judges 3–16; John 20:23; CCC 1210–1213, 1325, 1426, 1446* – *how God's grace, the Holy Spirit, and the sacraments help us break free and grow in holiness.*

#### Youth Passion Play

You are warmly invited to join us on **Saturday, March 28 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Church for our **Youth Passion Play**. Come and support our youth who are working so hard and wholeheartedly preparing to bring this beautiful presentation to life for our parish community and for the glory of God. Their dedication and faith are truly inspiring.

A reception will follow in the **Main Hall** — all are welcome to stay for fellowship and light refreshments.

#### Lent Friday Devotions

During the season of Lent, we invite you to pause, pray, and walk with Christ each Friday evening. We begin with the **Holy Rosary at 6:00 pm**, followed by the **Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm**, and then **Bible study from 7:30 to 8:30pm**. All are welcome to join us!

#### ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years

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's goal. Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

#### Office Notice

Our parish office is currently experiencing phone and internet issues as we transition to a new service provider. In the meantime, please contact us by email, as this is the most reliable way to reach us. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.

#### MASS INTENTIONS – Mar 21<sup>st</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup> 2026

##### SATURDAY, Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday Fourth week of Lent

**9:00am:** +Gilly D'Souza/ +Mary Wahba/ +Mauricio Vasquez/ +Lorena Faraona/ +Mercedes Jimenez

**5:00pm:**

##### SUNDAY, Mar 22<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Lent

**9:00am:** +Brigida M. Lim/ Thanksgiving from Vega family

**10:30am:** +Carpino Armando Ferragina/ +Francesco Ferragina Rosario/ +Canton Remo (1 year)

**12:00pm:**

**2:00pm:** +Mercedes Jimenez/ +Yvonne, +Harold, & +John Way/ Birthday blessings for Vina Lauren Mallari/ +Ana Orsini/ +Claudio & Rina Larosa/ Almas del Purgatorio/

**6:00pm: Parishioners of STA**

##### MONDAY, Mar 23<sup>th</sup> – Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

**9:00am:** +Luis Ortiz Gamboa / +Peter Andersen & Vincent Tuong/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dihn/ +Mercedes Jimenez/ Birthday blessings for Luba Pawluk

##### TUESDAY, Mar 24<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

**9:00am:** +Evangelina Quezada/ +Mercedes Jimenez/ In honour of Saint Oscar Romero

##### WEDNESDAY, Mar 25<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

**9:00am:** +John & Anna Biafore/ +Vincent Nguyen & Maria Dihn/ +Herve Wirtz (2 years)/ +Julio Rivera/ +Mercedes Jimenez

##### THURSDAY, Mar 26<sup>th</sup> – Solemnity of St. Joseph - Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

**9:00am:** +Ana Sylvia Argueta/ +Mercedes Jimenez/ In honour of All Saints, Holy Angels & Blesses/ Birthday blessings for Frank Sacco & Rene Alejandro Meza

##### FRIDAY, Mar 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

**9:00am:**

**Thank you for your Generosity!**

**Mar 15, 2026**

**Regular Collection: \$4,672.00**

**THIS WEEK IN ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PARISH**

**PARISH FINANCE REPORT**

**St Thomas Aquinas Parish, Toronto ON**  
2025 Year-End Report

RECEIPTS	2025	2024
Offeratory	\$ 290,831	\$ 295,018
Building/Maintenance	81,338	50,259
Easter & Christmas Collections	15,865	13,408
*Other Parish Collections	32,471	19,347
Other Donations	6,057	4,762
Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals	10,456	7,452
Bank Interest & Hall Revenue	3,770	2,202
*Sundry Receipts	152,427	147,814
Special Collections (see below)	36,008	40,808
	<u>\$ 629,223</u>	<u>\$ 581,071</u>
<b>Investments Redeemed</b>		
Investment Interest	\$ 2,676	\$ 11,235
Family of Faith Interest	2,298	2,231
Chancery Investments Redeemed	64,539	334,247
	<u>\$ 69,513</u>	<u>\$ 347,713</u>
<b>Total Receipts for the Period</b>	<u><u>\$ 698,736</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 928,784</u></u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Payroll Expenses	\$ 275,678	\$ 247,799
Office Services & Supplies	13,283	11,962
Church Operating Expenses	92,046	129,331
Rectory Expenses	20,897	21,488
Diocesan Assessment	52,924	57,857
*Sundry Expenses	102,193	190,946
*Special Collections (see below)	36,008	40,808
*Property Additions & Restorations	24,525	291,364
*Furnishing & Equipment	3,057	490
	<u>\$ 620,611</u>	<u>\$ 992,045</u>
<b>Other Expenditures &amp; Investments</b>		
*Chancery & Family of Faith	\$ 4,975	\$ 13,466
<b>Total Expenditures for the Period</b>	<u><u>\$ 625,585</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,005,511</u></u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE or DEFICIT</b>	<u><u>\$ 73,151</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (76,727)</u></u>
<b>SPECIAL COLLECTIONS</b>		
ShareLife Donations	\$ 22,355	\$ 24,408
Canadian Missions	485	1,284
Evangelization of Nations	1,288	1,298
Humanitarian Relief Donations	-	85
Marygrove Camp	891	790
Mission Co-Op	3,030	3,305
Needs of the Canadian Church	1,176	1,318
Holy Land	3,013	3,267
Pope's Pastoral Works	1,377	1,271
Shepherd's Trust	747	2,060
Healing & Reconciliation	1,646	1,723
	<u>\$ 36,008</u>	<u>\$ 40,808</u>

**Additional Notes:**

- \* Other Parish Collections Include: All Souls, Holy Thursday, Immaculate Conception, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday & Solemnity of Mary
- \* Sundry Receipts Include: Mass Stipends, Candle Revenue, Catholic Cemeteries, Administration & Blessing Offerings, Sacramental Donations, DVD Media, Youth Activities, Pilgrimages, Anti-Hate Grant, Books / Missals, HST Refund, Social Events & Social Outreach.
- \* Sundry Expenses Include: Parish Programs (Sacramental), Youth Activities, Faith Formation, Retreats & Seminars, Social Events, Flowers, Social Outreach, Pilgrimages, Anti-Hate Grant, DVD / CD / Media / Books & Candle Expenses.
- \* Property Additions and Restorations: Payment of last 10% from roof renovation.
- \* Furnishing and Equipment: Church, office & Rectory furnishings and equipment.
- \* Chancery & Family of Faith: This amount represents the interest earned and re-invested with the Chancery.

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