

2017 ShareLife Parish Campaign Theme: Living the Gospel

Prior to the existence of ShareLife, money was raised separately for St. Augustine's Seminary and for the very important projects made possible by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace. In 1976, ShareLife was created and became the fundraising organization in the Archdiocese for Development and Peace, St. Augustine Seminary, and the agencies of Catholic Charities, some of which had been serving the City of Toronto for over a century.



This year, ShareLife celebrates 41 years of making a positive difference in our community! The wonders being worked by our agencies for those who are marginalized in our world have collectively impacted millions of people over the years. This is made possible as each one of us has the power to help others through compassionate acts of kindness, in short: **Living the Gospel!**

There is always someone in need....

For many of our clients, a ShareLife agency represents a significant lifeline. ShareLife social service agencies respond to thousand of calls for help from people struggling with a personal or family crisis. They serve the man living on the street, the woman across the church pew, the family next door....it could be a stranger or someone close to your heart.

We can help them....

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it is volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, consider your ability to "Live the Gospel" by supporting the many ShareLife funded agencies within our community that help the most isolated, vulnerable and to those in need. All are valued members of our society – we look for the face of Christ in everyone we serve. ShareLife makes a direct and meaningful difference in their lives.

All ShareLife Agencies share the Catholic tradition of serving the community regardless of race, religion or culture. There are 42 ShareLife agencies under: Family Services, Services for Children & Youth, Services for the Elderly, Services for Single & Teen Parents, Services for People with Special Needs, Immigrants and Refugees, Development Projects & Missions, Education of Clergy, On-Going Support/Volunteering and Grant-In-Aid Agencies.

ShareLife is more than a collection of funds; it is the way that we as a Catholic community put our faith values into action through the work of our agencies. Your continued support empowers our agencies to offer these services and your contribution rebuilds hope, reaffirms respect and reinforces self-worth.

**NEXT SUNDAY, April 2nd, is ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day."
If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, *Vocations Director, Archdiocese of Toronto.*
416-968-0997 vocations@vocations.ca www.vocationstoronto.ca

PARISH

Readings ~ 1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13 ~ Ephesians 5.8-14 ~ John 9.1-41

Mass Intentions This Week – March 27 – April 2

Please join us as we pray for the following announced intentions...

	Intention(s):	Offered by:
Monday, 9am	✠ Carmen Garavito	family
Tuesday, 9am	✠ Francisco Coutinho	family
Wednesday, 9am	✠ Dorothy McIntyre	Jim Marcus & Barbara LeVasseur
Thursday, 9am	✠ Peter Madunicka	Niall Shanahan
Friday, 9am	✠ Emilio Ragnoni	Jovita Ragnoni
Saturday, 9am	✠ John William Watts	McCarthy family
5:15pm	... of Raymond Mansell	Gordon & Inis Mansell
Sunday, 8am	<i>✠ For the needs of our parish and faithful parishioners ✠</i>	
9:30am	✠ Secondo Pontarollo	family
11am	✠ Ida Giacomini	Nicki Law
12:30pm	✠ Michele Temple	friend

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7:30pm in the Church
Parishioners are encouraged to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditating upon Christ's suffering and death.



OLS LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSION - Saturday, April 1 from 9:30am-5:00pm



Find your way back to the sacrament of Reconciliation. Priests will be available to hear confession in the church from 9:30am-5:00pm. Prayerfully prepare to participate in this healing sacrament of reconciliation. Visit www.archtoronto.org/confession

Coffee Friday – Last Friday of each month, after 9am Mass. Everyone is invited to the parish hall for refreshments. This is an opportunity to get to know the members of your parish community. All are welcome...bring a friend!

Come and Pray the Rosary During Lent – The rosary is prayed daily at 8:30am, prior the 9am Mass. The **Rosary Group** invites you to come and pray fifteen decades followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy every Friday in the meeting room at 2pm. All are welcome to join in prayer.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Our Pastor, Father Nino Cavoto celebrates his 40th Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, April 16. To celebrate this occasion, there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, April 28 at 7pm. More details to follow.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: April 8 at 5:15pm, April 9 at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

Holy Thursday, April 13: *Mass of the Lord's Supper* at 7:30pm

Good Friday, April 14: *Celebration of the Lord's Passion* at 12:00noon & 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 15: *Easter Vigil – Resurrection of the Lord* at 8:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 16: *Resurrection of the Lord* at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

COMMUNITY

Journey through Lent towards Easter with Salt + Light TV

Visit www.saltandlighttv.org/lent

Join the "Call for Conscience": February 6 – March 31

Now that euthanasia/assisted suicide is legal in Canada, doctors in Ontario are being forced to help arrange for the killing of their patients. If your family doctor or surgeon objects to providing a referral for assisted suicide/euthanasia, they could be fined, disciplined or even removed from their practice. Many may be forced to retire or move outside of the province if the provincial government does not recognize their freedom of conscience. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more, join the "Call for Conscience" and write directly to your Member of Provincial Parliament asking them to protect conscience rights.

Lectio Divina with Cardinal Thomas Collins - Sunday, April 2, St. Michael's Cathedral *The Rich Man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31)*. Vespers begin at 7pm followed by Lectio Divina from 7:30pm-8:15pm. Visit www.archtoronto.org.

Mary, Mother of God School Men's Charity Hockey Game & Family Skate!

Priests and seminarians from Serra House, St. Augustine's Seminary, and the Oratory will join students, teachers, parents, and Alumni for our first ever Men's Charity Hockey Game. Join in the fun at McCormick's Arena on Friday, March 31 from 7-9 pm. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$50 per family (which includes a family skate and the hockey game!) For tickets call 416-531-7897.

Kingsway-Lambton United Church Art Show and Sale

Saturday, April 1, 10a.m.-4p.m. at 85 The Kingsway (Prince Edward Dr. & The Kingsway) For 20 years, Kingsway-Lambton, has been promoting talented Canadian artists to support more than 30 community charities. \$10 admission fee includes entry into a draw. For full details visit www.kingswaylambton.ca/artshow.

Catholic Missions In Canada invites you to Taste of Heaven 2017

Thursday, April 6, 6pm Cocktails * 7pm Dinner at Bellvue Manor. For tickets and sponsorship opportunities call 416 934 3424 or visit www.cmic.info.

**Holy Name of Mary College School Open House
Saturday, April 8 from 10 am to 2 pm**

Holy Name of Mary College School is an independent Catholic school for girls in grades 5 to 12 that offers an excellent university-preparatory education. It is affiliated with St. Michael's College School and offers busing from Etobicoke. Next weekend, April 1-2, students will be in the back of the church after Mass to distribute school literature and answer any questions you may have. Visit www.hnmcs.ca

Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" presented by The Sparrows Choirs

Wednesday, April 12 at 7:00pm, Hawthorn School, 101 Scarsdale Road, Toronto
Tickets: \$25 per person, \$45 per couple, \$60 family rate. For more information call 647 849 3418 or visit www.sacredmusicsociety.com.

Tenebrae Service – The Tenebrae responsories convey the sorrow of Holy Week in this solemn and noble music.

- Presented by the Victoria Scholars at Our Lady of Sorrows Church** - Sunday, April 9 at 4:00pm. Admission is free. Donations to Share Life are welcome.
- Lenten Music to Stir the Soul - SMCS Alumni Choir at St. James Church (728 Annette St.)** - Friday, April 14 at 7:30 pm. Join us in the church for this awesome experience! Free will offering. All are welcome!