

Living the Gospel



"We believe that every human being is unique and priceless. We hold that human life must be respected at every stage of its development from the first mysterious moment of conception to the declining days of advanced age."

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

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5th Sunday of Lent Year A March 22nd, 2026



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Week of March 21 to March 28 2026

Mar 21	Sat	9:00 AM	† Ching Chih Lai
		5:00 PM	† Irving Val Felix
Mar 22	Sun	9:00 AM	† Deceased members of the Iacobucci family
		11:00 AM	People of the Parish
		7:00 PM	† Mary & Louis Furtado & Frank Quadros
Mar 23	Mon	9:00 AM	† Concetta Lucarelli
Mar 24	Tue	9:00 AM	Intention of Nora Mohan
Mar 25	Wed	9:00 AM	† Domenico Cozzi
Mar 26	Thu	9:00 AM	† Rosalina & Renato Quilop
Mar 27	Fri	9:00 AM	† Clive D'Silva
			† Luzviminda Maristanes
			† Michael Boyle
			† Nanook Salgadoinho
			† James Hutchinson
			† Joseph Milton Martins
			† Eusebio Darlucio
			† Teodoco & Sautina Mossa
			† Rolondo De Luca
		7:30 PM	† Lawrence Soreng
			† Orly & Olive Penafiel
Mar 28	Sat	9:00 AM	† May Shiekh
		5:00 PM	† Jose Coelho

There will be **no Mass** in our parish on **Tuesday, March 31**. This is because all the priests in our archdiocese, including the priests serving in our parish, will be attending the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral, in preparation for the Holy Week and Easter celebrations. Please note this date on your calendar and plan accordingly.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH- FINANCIAL REPORT

Please find inserted a copy of St. Joseph's Financial Report for the period **July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025**. We extend heartfelt gratitude to all our parishioners for your continued generosity and support.

BEFORE YOU FIX YOUR WEDDING DATE

Thinking about having your wedding in the Church? Great move! The way to go is to contact the parish office by phone: **416-282-0370** or email: stjosephsSC@archtoronto.org, and schedule an appointment with the priest **at least 12 months** before your desired wedding date. It is a requirement in the Catholic Archdiocese of Toronto. Hoping for the best for you as you process and make this important life-long decision.

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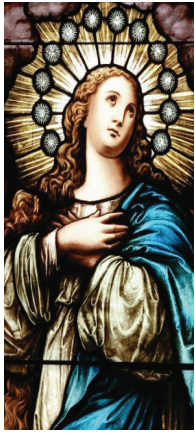
This Fifth Sunday of Lent reminds us that all people experience moments of sadness, loss, and grief. The readings invite us to bring these real experiences to God with trust. In the first reading, the people of Israel feel far from home and far from hope. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God promises to lift them up and bring them back to life again. It is a reminder that God never abandons us, even when our spirits feel low or our days feel heavy. In the Gospel, Jesus meets Martha and Mary as they grieve the death of their brother, Lazarus. Jesus listens, stands with them, and then reveals that he is the resurrection and the life. His presence brings hope in the midst of sorrow and reminds us that God's love is stronger than any darkness we face. Lent is a time to be honest about our struggles, yet also a time to renew our trust in God's faithful care. As we draw closer to Easter, we are invited to believe once again that God can bring new life out of situations that seem lost or beyond our strength. May this week help us walk with quiet confidence, knowing that God is always leading us toward life.

Adapted from Living With Christ March 2026- Dinah Simmons, Halifax, NS

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS

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Ministry	Contact	EXT
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE	Louise Thorne	251
<i>General meetings: 2nd Mon of the month at 7 PM (the Hall)</i>		
FAITH ENRICHMENT	Bonnie Washer	252
<i>Meetings: every Thursday 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (Room 2)</i>		
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS	Albert Charrion	253
<i>General meetings: 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM (Room 2)</i>		
LEGION OF MARY	Debra Silveira	254
<i>Meetings every Tues at 5:30 PM</i>		
PRAYER GROUP	Patricia Furtado / Jennifer Fernandes	255
<i>Meetings: every other Thurs 7:30 PM</i>		
REFUGEE OUTREACH	Carmela Gaudet	218
<i>Meetings: every last Saturday of the month</i>		
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<i>Companionship: every Wed, 12 PM - 3:30 PM (the Hall)</i>		
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The Annual Archdiocesan Consecration to the Blessed Virgin takes place on **March 25th**, the *Solemnity of the Annunciation*. To prepare for this, our Archbishop, Frank Cardinal Leo, invites us all to join the preparatory **3-Day Marian Triduum prayer beginning today Sunday, March 22, to Tuesday, March 24**. This will form part of the Masses today and it will also be part of the Monday and Tuesday weekday Masses at 9 am. **The Consecration take place on March 25 during the 9 am weekday Mass.**

Lenten Talk by Fr. Obinna Ifeanyi

Our Parish Prayer Group is happy to invite all parishioners and guests to attend the Lenten Talk by Fr. Obinna Ifeanyi, on **Thursday, March 26th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Fr. Obinna needs no introduction, as he is a well-known priest with our parishioners. Listen, be transformed by his inspiring and soul-searching talk, which will help you not only reflect on your faith but have a transformative experience during your Lenten journey. We hope to see you all there!



Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of **March 28–29**, we welcome Vanessa from Sebastien Cardinal's team, representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians." After all Masses, she will speak briefly about the challenges facing Christians in the Holy Land. Beautiful hand-carved olive wood religious items, made by Christian families in Bethlehem, will be available for purchase. Proceeds provide essential employment for our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Thank you for your prayers and generous support. May God bless you!

DATE CHANGE

**Alpha – Open Invitation to Open Conversations
Saturdays beginning April 11**

12:30 PM

St. Joseph's Parish – 200 Morrish Rd., Scarborough



You're invited to join Alpha, a welcoming space to explore life's big questions through open and engaging conversations. Come meet new people, share perspectives, and build community in a relaxed and friendly environment. All are welcome!



SACRAMENTAL DATES 2026



First Holy Communion Mass

April 12 at 1 PM— Cardinal Leger, St. Dominic Savio, Sunday School | **April 19 at 1 PM**—St. Brendan & St. Jean de Brebeuf

Confirmation Mass

April 26 at 1 PM— Cardinal Leger, Dominic Savio, Sunday School | **May 3 at 1 PM**— St. Brendan, St. Jean de Brebeuf

ARCHDIOCESAN & PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 23

AT 10AM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

AT 7PM

BOTH WILL END ONCE THERE ARE NO MORE PEOPLE IN LINE.

HOLY WEEK

MASS SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday (March 29)

5 PM (Saturday) • 9 AM • 11 AM • 7 PM

Holy Thursday (April 2)

9 AM - (Prayers only)
8 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper
9:30 PM - Farewell Discourse (Adoration of Blessed Sacrament)

Good Friday (April 3)

9 AM - (Prayers only)
12 PM • 3 PM - Celebration of the Lord's Passion (each begins with the Stations of the Cross)

Holy Saturday (April 4)

9 AM - Prayers Only
8 PM - Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday (April 5)

9 AM • 11 AM

Did you know that

☞ By life, suffering, death, and resurrection, Jesus frees us from shame so we can stop living in our past mistakes?

☞ Lent is about dropping the stones we throw at others and at ourselves?

☞ Transformation begins when we stop defending sin and start surrendering it?

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