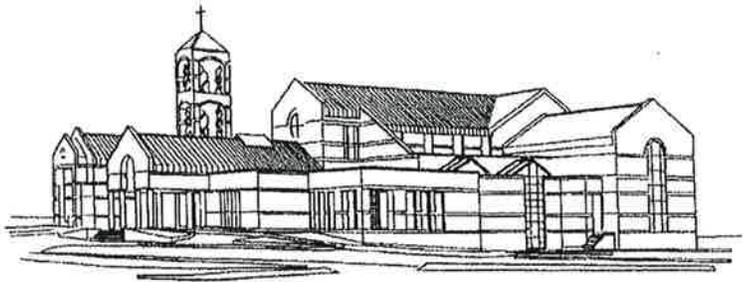


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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 22, 2026

Message from Fr. Shaiju

My dear brothers and sisters, on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we are gently invited to open our hearts to the gift of hope, a quiet but powerful hope that reaches into our darkness, our fears and the many burdens we carry each day. In the story of Lazarus, we hear Jesus call out with deep love: 'Come out.' This is not only a word spoken long ago, but a living call meant for each of us. He sees the places where we feel trapped, our worries, our struggles, the habits and hurts we try to hide and He calls us by name. There are moments when we feel stuck, when change seems impossible, when hope feels distant. Yet even there, Jesus stands close to us and gently whispers: 'Come out, my beloved; I have something better for you.' His voice is not one of judgment, but of tenderness, leading us toward light, healing, and new life. So, my dear friends, let us draw near to Him and take even the smallest step out of the darkness and into His light. Have a blessed and peaceful week ahead.

Cari fratelli e sorelle, In questa Quinta Domenica di Quaresima, siamo invitati ad aprire il cuore al dono della speranza, una presenza silenziosa ma potente che raggiunge le nostre paure, le nostre oscurità e i pesi che portiamo ogni giorno. Nel racconto di Lazzaro, Gesù ci chiama con profondo amore: «Vieni fuori». Non è solo una parola del passato, ma una chiamata viva per ciascuno di noi. Egli vede i luoghi in cui ci sentiamo bloccati, le nostre preoccupazioni, le nostre fatiche e ciò che cerchiamo di nascondere, e ci chiama per nome. Ci sono momenti in cui il cambiamento sembra impossibile e la speranza lontana. Eppure Gesù ci è vicino e sussurra: «Vieni fuori, ho qualcosa di meglio per te». La sua voce è piena di tenerezza e ci guida verso la luce, la guarigione e una vita nuova. Avviciniamoci a Lui e facciamo anche un piccolo passo fuori dall'oscurità, entrando nella sua luce. Vi auguro una settimana benedetta e serena.

~Fr. Shaiju Ponmalakunnel

Veiling the Cross for Passiontide

As you walk into the church this weekend, you will notice that crucifixes, statues, and saint images are veiled in purple to "help us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption."

Entrando in chiesa questo fine settimana, vi accorgete che il crocifisso, le statue e i santi sono coperte con un velo color porpora per aiutarci a "concentrare sul lavoro del Cristo Redentore."

ShareLife

PARISH GOAL: \$106,000

ShareLife Celebrates 50 Years

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, he 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.

**TODAY is the ShareLife Sunday.
Thank you for your generosity.**

Nel 2026 celebriamo il 50° anniversario della fondazione di ShareLife, avviata nel 1976 dall'Arcivescovo Philip Pocock, nata da una lunga tradizione di carità nell'Arcidiocesi di Toronto che risale al 1927. Fondata sulla convinzione che ogni vita conta, in ogni fase, ShareLife continua a sostenere persone e famiglie nel bisogno.

**OGGI è una domenica di ShareLife.
Grazie per la vostra generosità.**

Pilgrimage Information Session

You are warmly invited to attend an Information Session for the **Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey** – Walking in the Footsteps of St. Paul on **Thursday March 26, 2026 at 6:30pm** in the parish hall.

Upcoming Baptisms

Our parish is delighted to welcome the following children to the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism:



Amaya Harvey
Iker Lonnie Ustianowski
Andrew James Ferrone
Vienna Salerno
Donovan Scrivo

Congratulations to their parents and godparents.

2026 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday ~ *Domenica delle Palme*
March 28, 2026
 5:00pm: English

March 29, 2026
 8:00am: *Italian*
 9:30am: English
 11:00am: *Italian*
 12:30pm: English
 7:00pm: English



Holy Thursday ~ *Giovedì Santo*

April 2, 2026

7:30pm: Bilingual
 Adoration until 12am.



Good Friday ~ *Venerdì Santo*

April 3, 2026

The church will be open at 5am for private prayer.

1:00pm: English
 3:00pm: *Italian*
 5:00pm: Passion Play.



Holy Saturday ~ *Sabato Santo*

April 4, 2026

8:00pm: English
 11:00pm: *Italian*
 N.B. No 5pm Mass.



Easter Sunday ~ *Domenica di Pasqua*

April 5, 2026

8:00am: *Italian*
 9:30am: English
 11:00am: *Italian*
 12:30pm: English
 NB. No 7:00pm Mass



Lenten Confessions

Monday March 30, 2026 from 4pm-6pm & 7:30pm

Save the Date! Movie Night

On **Saturday April 18, 2026** there will be a community Movie Night at 6:30pm in the parish hall. More details to follow.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday March 23

7pm	Steve Attard
8pm	Palmerina Galletti

Tuesday March 24

7pm	Querino Sinapi
8pm	John Grossi

Wednesday March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

7pm	Luigi Cappelli
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Thursday March 26

7pm	
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Friday March 27

7pm	English Mass & Stations of the Cross
8:15pm	Via Crucis

Easter Flower Donations

We are accepting monetary donations to help purchase flowers to decorate the church for Easter. If you would like to contribute, please use the envelopes available in the lobby.

Si accettano donazioni monetarie che saranno usati per acquistare i fiori per decorare la chiesa per la Santa Pasqua. Potete utilizzare le buste nell'atrio.

Save the Date! 2026 Golf Tournament

The 19th Immaculate Conception Parish Charity Golf Tournament in support of ShareLife and parish needs will be held on **Thursday June 4, 2026 at Glen Eagle Golf Club.**

2026 Summer Camp

The **Immaculate Conception Parish Summer Camp** will take place from **July 6 -10, 2026!** Open to children ages 4-12, the week will be filled with activities and faith-filled experiences. **Registrations are now open6.** The registration fee is \$100 per child. **Limited spots available!**

Happy Birthday, Fr. Eugene!

Fr. Eugene celebrates his birthday on **March 24.** Let us wish him a very happy birthday and keep him in our prayers.

P. Eugene festeggia il suo compleanno il 24 marzo. Facciamogli i nostri migliori auguri e ricordiamolo nelle nostre preghiere.