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**Gospel**



**ShareLife Sunday Collection: April 25/26**

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## *St. Luke's Parish*

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## 4th Sunday of Easter



This Sunday is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday”. The readings today tell us that Jesus is our Good Shepherd, who brings security and peace to his people. In the Gospel, Jesus compares Himself to the Shepherd and to the gate. Our survival is based upon recognizing the intimate and personal quality of his call when he beckons us by name. He teaches us the proper pathways to follow where we can confidently go through life with all its joys and sorrows and find safety, security and peace. Clinging to him is a sure guarantee that we will not go astray, as he is an ever-watchful friend and our surest guide to safety. The image of the gate represents His role as mediator between God and mankind. All must go through him, through his church, in order to arrive in heaven. Jesus calls His sheep by name and leads them; He goes ahead and we follow Him because we know His voice.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**April 27 – May 1**

Monday	Deceased members of <b>the Araujo Family</b>
Tuesday	Soul of <b>Tom Schmoll</b> Soul of <b>Mary Tissanayagam</b> Soul of <b>Luigi Cappelli</b> Soul of <b>Alice Hamilton</b> Soul of <b>Franca &amp; Maria Palleschi</b>
Wednesday	Soul of <b>George V. Pinto</b>
Thursday	Soul of <b>Kathleen Gallagher</b>
Friday	Soul of <b>Audrey MacEachern</b>

*Please pray for the sick in our community.*  
May sick and the suffering in our community come to know that God the Father cares for them and that they are precious in his eyes.

## **SL ShareLife**

*Helping the whole community  
through Catholic agencies*

**SHARELIFE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS**

*Our 2026 parish goal - \$155,000*

***Raised to date – \$46,152.85***

**ShareLife Sunday is this weekend, celebrating 50 years**

Today is ShareLife Sunday, the second weekend of special collections. Since 1976, ShareLife has been rooted in our Catholic values of charity and in living the Gospel by caring for those in need. Over the decades, thousands of people across our archdiocese have come together through parish campaigns, school drives, workplace giving and personal acts of kindness to make a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families.

ShareLife recognizes that all humans are created in the image of God, with a commitment to the dignity of the individual and the right to life, working on behalf of the poor and vulnerable. As we celebrate this milestone anniversary in 2026, we invite you to join us in honouring this legacy of serving the marginalized in our parish community and around the world.

With your support, ShareLife-funded agencies can continue to provide vital services – like counselling for families, support for isolated seniors, and care for those facing mental health challenges – for years to come.

You can donate at the parish using a ShareLife envelope located in the pew pockets or on the information table or online through our parish website or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

**Thank you for living the gospel!**



### CROWNING OF MOTHER MARY

St. Luke's invites you to the annual Crowning of Mary on **Tuesday, May 5th** during the **7:00 pm mass**. Please join us in honouring Mary Our Mother in a very special way. We will have a procession with flowers and Marian Hymns during the Mass. Make this annual event part of your devotion to the Blessed Mother. All are welcome!



**BUNDLE UP FOR**  
**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**  
**MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEKEND**

A Saint Vincent de Paul trailer will be in the church parking lot the weekend of May 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> to collect **household linens, gently used clothing, shoes, bedding, draperies, small household goods and new toys** in order to support those in need. Please share what you can with our neighbors in need.

Our container will be open all day Saturday until 6:00 pm and Sunday until 2:00 pm. Volunteers will assist with the loading before and after each Mass.

**Note: We do not accept books, videos, furniture, dishes, appliances or building materials** Thank you.

**Bill C - 218**

On April 20, 2026, Cardinal Leo wrote to Prime Minister Carney and all federal Members of Parliament (MPs) in the Archdiocese of Toronto asking for their support of Bill C-218 and decrying the rapid expansion of euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada. Bill C-218 is a private members' bill currently before Parliament that would amend the Criminal Code to prevent Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) from being provided when mental illness is the sole underlying condition. Without this change, MAiD will be available for those suffering from mental illness alone beginning in March 2027.

*"I ask you to choose life and not death; to help build a civilization that cares for those suffering and does not eliminate them, but instead surrounds them with dignity, compassion, and love."*

*His Eminence Frank Cardinal Leo*

Read Cardinal Leo's letter on our website:

<https://bit.ly/news-ChooseLife>

Write to your Member of Parliament by visiting

[www.helpnotharmcanada.ca](http://www.helpnotharmcanada.ca)

Catholic Family Services of Toronto Presents  
**SEPARATED/DIVORCED INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM**

May 7<sup>th</sup> - 7:00pm at St. David's Church  
2601 Major MacKenzie Dr., Maple, ON

Please see the bulletin board for more information.

**JOURNEY INTO SPRING**  
**Choral Classics for the Season**  
Saturday May 2, 2026 at 7:30pm

We welcome back our long time music director **Vincent Cheng and the MOSAIC Canadian Vocal Ensemble** presenting "JOURNEY TO SPRING" Choral Classics for the season.



MOSAIC has toured across Italy, Israel and Jordan in concert performances since 2012 including serving at mass at the Vatican in November 2024. In collaboration with music director and soloist of St. Luke's 5pm mass, Christopher Cheng, a night of deep connection and blossoming experience awaits! Free-will donation graciously accepted.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Line Dancing, Basketball Free Throw, Book Collection Spring Social Dance and Pickelball Night.

Stay tuned for more information!



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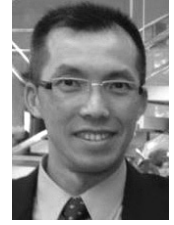


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