

# ShareLife

## Your ShareLife gift changes lives.

Our second ShareLife Collection will be on April 30. Among other, your contributions help people with disabilities and their family members. Your generous support enables our member agencies to provide them with the resources they need.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised **\$4,630.00** towards our goal of **\$9,300.00**.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope or at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate). A blessed Easter to you all.

### ATTENTION ALL PARISHIONERS

We ask all parishioners to park in the front parking lot of the school for Sunday Masses. Please leave the five or so spots near the rectory open for the elderly or for those with disabilities. Thankyou.

### Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday derives largely from the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, a poor, uneducated Polish nun who was blessed with spiritual wisdom and insight. The gifts of divine mercy and love are provided to us through Christ's life, death and resurrection. Saint Faustina, the apostle of Divine Mercy, believed that our life's purpose is to unite our soul with the Divine, and that God's mercy is always available when we are truly penitent.



**Sunday April 16**  
9:30am †Maria Le Thi Nguyen & Joachim Tran Van Quang

---

**Tuesday April 18**  
6:00pm †Jose Espirito Santo

---

**Friday April 21**  
\*\*6:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
6:30pm Owen Watts (Health Improvement)

---

**Sunday April 23**  
9:30am †Cecil & Doris McCullough

### St. Philip the Apostle

## SPRING Food Drive


Please remember our Food Drive is ongoing throughout the year. Please place all donations at the Altar. Thank you in advance!

### Reminder to All Parents

We have a Children's Liturgy every Sunday for any child that has not received 1<sup>st</sup> Communion.

### Regional Mass of Welcome

As you may be aware, we now have a new archbishop. Recognizing that the cathedral did not have the capacity for all of the faithful who wished to attend the Mass of Installation, a regional Mass of Welcome is now scheduled to take place in each region of the archdiocese. So, for our Eastern Region it will be on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at St. Isaac Jogues Parish, Pickering at 7 p.m. I encourage all those to make an effort to go. See you at St. Isaac Jogues Parish on April 26 at 7pm!



Confirmation Registration is now closed!  
Confirmation will take place on Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. This celebration will be celebrated by Most Rev. Bishop Vincent Nguyen.



## ***Congratulations***

The Parish of St. Philip the Apostle Parish would like to congratulate all those from Monsignor Philip Coffey and neighbouring schools who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend.

### ***Securities as a Charitable Gift Option***

One of the most financially sound ways to support the Archdiocese of Toronto is with the gift of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds). When you donate stocks, mutual funds and other securities to a registered charity, you pay no capital gains tax and receive a tax receipt for the full amount of the gift. It means a great tax break for you and support of your Parish and various archdiocesan charities such as ShareLife, St. Augustine's Seminary, The Shepherds' Trust, and many others. For further information, contact the development office at 416-934-3400 Ext. 519 or email to [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org).



### ***National Volunteer Appreciation Week***

**APRIL 16-22, 2023**

This is a time of thanks and appreciation for our volunteers who selflessly serve our parish community with their unique gifts that weave our community together, following the example of Jesus and in response to His call to service for each of us. 1 Corinthians 12: 4-6: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone". Every day across the Archdiocese of Toronto, parishioners generously give their time and talent to nurture and strengthen the community and share the Gospel. We recognize that our parish volunteers are at the heart of the Archdiocesan call to stewardship and are instrumental in all that we do. We thank each one of you, from the tireless work of Volunteer Screening Coordinators and Committee Members, Church Cleaners, Liturgical Hospitality Teams, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choirs, Collection Counters, Ministry Leaders, to the faith-affirming efforts of Catechists, Lay Pastoral Visitors, and Baptismal Preparation teams, and so many other volunteers.

*Thank you*

Easter at St. Philip's is truly a joyous family celebration. It takes many helpers doing great things to ensure Holy Week and Easter are joyful and meaningful celebrations. Thank you to all involved especially our Music Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Ushers for their participation. Also thank you to our cleaners and decorators and especially, you our parishioners who came out in faith to share and celebrate!

### ***Sunday Offering for April 9:***

**\$2,860.00**

Thank you for your ongoing generous support!

### ***Are you interested in Volunteering?***

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the office either by phone at:

905-725-3275 or email us at:

[stphiliptheapostleos@archtoronto.org](mailto:stphiliptheapostleos@archtoronto.org)

### ***Saint of the Week***

#### ***Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin (April 18)***



Esther Blondin (Sister Marie-Anne) was born in 1809 in what is now a suburb of Montreal. She learned to read and write at age 22 while working as a domestic for nuns. Two years later, she started teaching in Vaudreuil. In 1850, with the permission of Bishop Bourget, she founded the Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Anne for the education of poor boys and girls together- a radical idea at the time. While the congregation thrived, she endured opposition and obstruction from the local clergy. Forbidden to lead her sisters, she nevertheless remained the spiritual mother of her congregation. Sister Marie-Anne died in 1890, devoted to Christian education to the end. She was beatified in 2001.