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

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Fifth Sunday of Lent March 22, 2026

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

“Lord Jesus Christ, you have ransomed us with your blood and restored us to life with the Father in heaven. May your resurrection be our hope as we long for the day when we will see you face to face in glory.” Amen.



- **Bridge Club:** Every Monday, 1pm – 3:30pm
- **The Men of St Francis:** Every Saturday 8am-10:00AM, in the Parish Hall
- **The Legion of Mary:** Every Wednesday 5pm – 6:30pm, in the Parish Hall.
- **Ladies 55+ of St. Francis:** Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 1pm – 4pm.

IN the Church:

- **Millions of Monicas:** Every 1st Wednesday of the month after the 7pm mass.
- **Divine Mercy Chaplet:** Every Friday at 3PM
- **Holy Hour:** Every Friday at 6PM.
- **Confession:** Every 2nd & 4th Friday at 6:15PM -6:45PM and every Saturday, 4PM – 4:45PM.

MONDAY, March 23 – 7:00PM

† Anne Hubert
S.I. Sofia & Family
S.I. Felecita Salvador

TUESDAY, March 24 – 8:30AM

† Rita Dos Ramos
† Robert Gordon
S.I. Jocelyn Dela Cruz

WEDNESDAY, March 25 – 7:00PM

(Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord)

† Giovanni Sebastiano
† Encarnacion Alvarez
† All Souls

THURSDAY, March 26 – 8:30AM

S.I. In Reparation for sins committed against the Most Holy Eucharist

FRIDAY, March 27 – 7:00PM

† Lira Mascarenhas
† Carla Marchiori
† Gamil Nakhla

SATURDAY, March 28 – 5:00PM

† Ashley & Gail Pereira
† Stan Clark
S.I. St. Francis of Assisi

SUNDAY, March 29, – 8:30AM, 10AM & 12 PM

PALM SUNDAY

2026 STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON THE FRIDAYS DURING LENT

(Immediately after the
7pm Mass)

March 27 - Mary's Way of the Cross

April 3 - Everyone's Way of the Cross

Good Friday (7pm)



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 2026 LENTEN DAY OF CONFESSIONS



Thursday March 26th

9:30am – 11:30am

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Monday March 30th

8:00pm – 9:30pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 28th
& 29th - Regular Sunday
Mass Saturday – 5pm,
Sunday 8:30am, 10am
& 12pm



Holy Thursday – April 2nd

7:30 MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(NO 8:30am Mass)

Good Friday – April 3rd

SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORDS PASSION

12pm & 3pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – 7:00pm

Holy Saturday – April 4th

Blessing of the Easter Baskets, 10am

EASTER VIGIL MASS – 7:30pm

(NO 4pm Confessions & NO 5pm Mass)

Easter Sunday – April 5th 8:30am, 10:00am

12pm (Noon) Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

The annual **Good Friday Collection** was first taken at Pope Paul VI's request fifty years ago. It is the only yearly request asked by the Holy See of dioceses and parishioners throughout the world to assist the Church in the Holy Land. The monies collected support its pastoral, educational, and social works and help to maintain the Holy Places so important for the faith of Christians everywhere. On behalf of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land, we thank you for your support.



WHEN: AUGUST 17TH to AUGUST 21ST

TIME: 9AM to 3PM

WHERE: ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

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LENTEN PARISH MISSION

MARCH 23rd, 24th & 25th

Facilitator:

Fr. John Anthony Boughton, CFR

Confessions: 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Mass/Mission Talk: 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 23:

Theme: Forgiveness and the Restoring of our Likeness to the Father.

7:00 p.m. Mass with an extended Homily

TUESDAY, MARCH 24:

Mass at 8:30am as usual

NO EVENING MASS – Adoration and a Eucharistic Procession

Theme: Jesus's Healing Presence

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25:

7:00 p.m. Mass with an extended Homily

Theme: Our Lady Needs YOU: The Battle Plan of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Annual Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary,

after the homily at the request of Cardinal Leo

A reception in the Parish Hall will follow as we

conclude our Lenten Parish Mission.

2026 SPRING ACTS RETREATS

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Women's Retreat – April 16 to 19, 2026

Contact: Rosemary Shoemaker

(647) 640 - 6951 ✉ 342shoe75@gmail.com

Men's Retreat – May 21 to 24, 2026

Contact: Alex Brandolini

(416) 554 - 8543 ✉ brandolini74@gmail.com

Location: Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre

1617 Blythe Rd., Mississauga, ON

For more info, please visit: www.actscanada.org

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2ND – APRIL 26, 2026

3RD – MAY 31ST, 2026

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