



**Living the Gospel: 2018 Parish Campaign**  
**ShareLife Sunday Collections**  
**March 18 | April 22 | May 27**

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**ShareLife Bulletin Inserts**

To help create awareness of the importance of supporting the 2018 ShareLife Parish Campaign, please include the following announcements in your weekly bulletins. In addition to weekly announcements starting the first Sunday of Lent, we have included an announcement to be used in early February.

Note that this resource will not be available in hard copy. All bulletin announcements can be accessed from our website. Here you will also find translated versions in multiple languages, including French, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Tamil, Vietnamese and Chinese (Simplified and Traditional).

[sharelife.org/Public/Resources](http://sharelife.org/Public/Resources)

Thank you for living the Gospel through ShareLife!

Kris Dmytrenko  
Communications Manager

**February 2018**

***(Use on February 4 or 11 only)***

**Living the Gospel by comforting the bereaved**

Feeling very depressed, Theresa attended a walk-in counselling clinic provided by Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County. During the session, Theresa said her symptoms started ten years ago after the tragic loss of several family members. The clinician helped her understand how grief was still impacting her. Together they developed a plan to provide her with additional services. At the end of the session, Theresa felt for the first time she could get through her depression. ShareLife-funded agencies are helping people like Theresa find happiness again.

**Thank you for supporting ShareLife!**

**Share Life Parish Campaign – February 18 to June 24, 2018**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 18, 2018**

**Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife agencies**

“As we begin our ShareLife campaign, we are encouraged to “Live the Gospel” in all that we do. How do we demonstrate that in our community? Living the Gospel may mean helping single mothers to care for their newborn children, or being available to families facing difficulties, or welcoming refugee families to our community. For more than 41 years, countless individuals have experienced this compassionate care offered by our agencies. Please support our annual archdiocesan appeal during this Lenten season!”

—*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

**March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**February 25, 2018**

**Living the Gospel by supporting vocations**

“Living and studying at St. Augustine Seminary has brought untold blessings to my life,” shares Matthew Gunnarson, one of 80 seminarians undergoing formation at the joint campus of St. Augustine’s Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Seminary. He adds, “The seminary could not run without the generous support of ShareLife donors.” By supporting ShareLife, you are helping our future priests follow God’s call.

**March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.**

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### **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 4, 2018**

#### **Living the Gospel by providing for homeless youth**

On any given night, 6,000 people across Canada between 16 and 24 have nowhere to call home. This represents 20 per cent of the total homeless population. The ShareLife-supported Rights of Passage program at Covenant House has been active in making a positive difference in the lives of homeless youth on the streets of Toronto. The program matches adolescents with mentors, who help them build life skills. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping at-risk youth prepare for life on their own.

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### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**March 11, 2018**

#### **Living the Gospel by supporting ShareLife**

How do we "Live the Gospel" toward others when our daily lives are so busy? For some it's volunteering at a soup kitchen, or it may be caring for an elderly relative. If we do not have the time to actively participate, we can support the many ShareLife-funded agencies within our community that bring the hands of Christ to those in need. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, reflect on your ability to help "Live the Gospel" through Catholic agencies, and make a decision to support our ShareLife parish campaign.

**Next Sunday, March 18 is ShareLife Sunday.**

**Please give generously.**

### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: ShareLife Sunday**

**March 18, 2018**

#### **Living the Gospel locally and around the world**

"It is important that we continue to support the ShareLife appeal, to provide for the needs of the marginalized both here in our communities and around the world. Sometimes the results are obvious and sometimes they're invisible, but always they make a tangible difference in the lives of the people we are helping. **Please prayerfully consider how you can be supportive today on ShareLife Sunday.**"

—*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

**PALM SUNDAY****March 25, 2018****Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community**

Imagine you were a Deaf child and your parents and siblings didn't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. Says one grateful parent, "I'm so passionate about Silent Voice because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 750 Deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.  
Please give generously.**

**EASTER SUNDAY****April 1, 2018****Living the Gospel by evangelizing our faith in the greater world**

Gia Lao Parish resides in the mountainous Diocese of Xuan Loc in Vietnam. Its parishioners, mostly poor, work on the hillside farms. The Pastoral Mission Fund, with the support of ShareLife, provided a one-time grant so the parish could acquire resources it could not otherwise provide. This includes bibles and hymnals, along with training for 60 catechists, who lead marriage preparation and catechism classes. With your support, Gia Lao Church is bringing faith to a community in the greater world.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.  
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER****April 8, 2018****Living the Gospel through immediate mental health services**

Mental health problems can escalate if not addressed quickly. That's why the five Catholic Family Services agencies in the Archdiocese of Toronto now offer walk-in counselling. This initiative can often meet clients' need without requiring longer term counselling. Clients report a clinically significant increase in confidence that they can tackle their problems. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping restore hope to those in crisis.

**April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday.  
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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER****April 15, 2018****Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions**

Scarred by an abusive childhood, Andrew became addicted to hard drugs as an early teen. His next 20 years were spent in-and-out of jail and the hospital. He finally came to St. Michael's Homes, a ShareLife-funded agency that offers a residential program for those struggling with substance abuse. Now sober and equipped with coping skills, Andrew is happy and building a new life. By supporting ShareLife, you're helping people like Andrew get their lives back on track.

**Next Sunday, April 22 is ShareLife Sunday.****Please give generously.****FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: Second ShareLife Sunday****April 22, 2018****Living the Gospel by providing for those in need**

"One of the core components of our Pastoral Plan is Catholic Outreach in Justice and Love. As a Catholic community we are called to be the hands and face of Jesus in our communities. ShareLife is a tangible way we can put the Gospel value to 'love one another as I have loved you' into action. I invite all parishioners to support the mission work of the church by making a sacrificial gift to ShareLife." —*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.****Thank you for your generosity.****FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****April 29, 2018****Living the Gospel by helping newcomers to Canada**

Angie moved to Canada to marry a man she met online. He was not who he seemed; she endured emotional and physical abuse. While he was at work, she started attending language classes at Catholic Crosscultural Services. Staff at CCS connected her with a settlement worker in the women's program. Angie received the support she needed to exit her violent relationship and live independently, free from abuse. Angie is one of over 3,000 clients helped annually by CCS programs funded by ShareLife.

**May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.****Please give generously.**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****May 6, 2018****Living the Gospel by caring for the elderly**

Ever since Erika had a stroke, her diminished mobility kept her from enjoying many activities. When LA Centre for Active Living planned a trip to the Garlic Festival, Erika worried her disabilities would get in the way. To Erika's delight, the ShareLife-funded agency ensured the trip was fully accessible for her. Having the most fun she's had in years, she felt like her disabilities disappeared. Last year, ShareLife-supported agencies provided care to over 6,300 seniors.

**May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.****Please give generously.****ASCENSION SUNDAY****May 13, 2018****Living the Gospel by supporting mental health wellness**

In 2016, over 2,000 people accessed individual, couple and family counselling at Catholic Family Services of Peel-Dufferin, a ShareLife-funded agency. Often, clients sought help to address depression. Given that depression has replaced back injury as the number one reason for absenteeism at work, these services are helping clients maintain employment and stay out of poverty. By supporting ShareLife agencies like CFS Peel-Dufferin, you're helping people find health and happiness.

**May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.****Please give generously.****PENTECOST SUNDAY: Third ShareLife Sunday****May 20, 2018****Living the Gospel by maximizing the impact of your donation**

Administered by St. Elizabeth HealthCare, the Shared Services Initiative is supporting other ShareLife-funded agencies in the areas of human resources, financial services and information technology. Participating agencies report they are able to improve the quality, competency and accuracy of their work. Through this initiative, ShareLife-funded agencies are ensuring the maximum amount received is directed to the front-line service they provide.

**Next Sunday, May 27, is ShareLife Sunday.****Please give generously.**

**TRINITY SUNDAY****May 27, 2018****Living the Gospel by helping young families succeed**

Camila was attending programs at Rose of Sharon Services for Young Mothers when she and her daughter were kicked out of the family home. As counsellors helped her search for an affordable apartment, she became pregnant a second time. Despite these challenges, Camila attended every program available to her at Rose of Sharon. At the end of the year, she walked out a stronger woman with a plan to achieve the life she wants for herself and her daughters. Last year, at ShareLife-funded agencies that assist young mothers, over 1,000 clients like Camila received support for their new families.

**Today is ShareLife Sunday.****Thank you for your generosity.****CORPUS CHRISTI****June 3, 2018****Living the Gospel by the promoting mental health of kids**

Jake wrote a story in his grade 7 class that made his principal worry he might harm himself. The principal called his mother and recommended she take him to see a counsellor at Catholic Community Services of York Region, a ShareLife-funded agency. While the boy was very quiet during the first session, he eventually revealed his sadness and confusion about his parents' divorce. As the counsellor helped Jake learn how other kids respond to a family breakup, he was relieved to find out his grieving was normal. Jake started to feel much better. By donating to ShareLife, you're helping kids like Jake find healing and happiness.

**Please make a sacrificial gift to ShareLife through your parish or [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org)****TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME****June 10, 2018****Living the Gospel by helping youth rebuild their lives**

Sarah couldn't get along with her mother, so she tried living on the streets at age 14. She hitchhiked to Toronto to move in with her cousin, who soon kicked her out. Having no place to go, Sarah decided to try Sancta Maria House. She initially hated the structure and rules. However, the supportive staff won her trust and helped her return to school. At the end of her stay, she restored her relationship with her mother. ShareLife-funded agencies like Sancta Maria House are helping at-risk youth turn their lives around.

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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**June 17, 2018**

**Living the Gospel by helping isolated seniors**

In partnership with Catholic Family Service agencies and six parishes in Peel Region and Simcoe County, ShareLife is funding a pilot project that connects trained volunteers with isolated and lonely seniors. Volunteers cultivate relationships by conducting home visits, making phone calls, and linking seniors with community resources. Through your generosity, ShareLife is connecting these seniors with the support they need.

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**TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**June 24, 2018**

**Living the Gospel by providing for those in need**

"Without you, ShareLife could not fulfill its mission to Live the Gospel by providing for those in need. Together we are making a real difference! My prayer is that we may continue to respond to God's love by going forth from ourselves to seek the good of others." —*Thomas Cardinal Collins, Archbishop of Toronto.*

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