



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

**Sunday, April 5**

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord*

10:30 a.m.

*For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord*

†John and Valerie Poirier, by Kathleen Lynch

**Tuesday, April 7**

*Easter Octave*

9:00 a.m.

†Chris Slaney, by Madonna Slaney

**Wednesday, April 8**

*Easter Octave*

9:00 a.m.

†For the souls in purgatory

†Lorraine Exekiel, by Madonna Slaney

**Thursday, April 9**

*Easter Octave*

9:00 a.m.

**Friday, April 10**

*Easter Octave*

9:00 a.m.

**Saturday, April 11**

*Easter Octave*

4:30 p.m.

For the protection of Canada & for the well-being of all its citizens, by a parishioner

†Wayne Quan, by Martha Quan

**Sunday, April 12**

*Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)*

9:00 a.m.

*For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish*

10:30 a.m.

*For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord*

†Antonio and Rosa Maria Bevacqua, by

Serafina Sebastyan

**Please remember these sick people in your prayers:**

Michelle Boyer, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Raechel McIntyre, Zygmunt Wysocki, Lily Harmon, Debby MacAdam, Michael Budge, Robby Felteau, Elaine Taylor, Wanda Staples, Judette & Marie, Marilyn & Jim Donoghue, Aline Lafleur Raymond, Paul O' Leary, Michaela Fong, Julie Robinson

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION**

*For priests in crisis ~ Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.*

**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (Year A)**

**First Reading:** Acts 10.34a, 37-43

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3.1-4

**Gospel:** John 20.1-18



**Lectors & Commentators**

**Saturday, April 11**

4:30 p.m. Daniel Boyer

**Sunday, April 12**

9:00 a.m. Paulette Michel

10:30 a.m. Sebastien Saber

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, April 11**

4:30 p.m. ---

**Sunday, April 12**

9:00 a.m. Wendy Schieman

10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas

**Vocation Prayer:**

That those the Lord is calling to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated brother or sister will listen to Him, and proclaim His name, we pray to the Lord.

### EASTER GREETINGS

We Christians are Easter People living on Friday. That is to say that we suffer and experience pain by carrying our cross and this is as long as we live on this earth. However, Good Friday is not the end, it is the beginning because we die with Christ and now we Christians rise with Him as Easter People – Alleluia! Resurrection is ours because of our belief in the Resurrected Christ. May Christ the Risen Lord richly and abundantly bless us and lift us up... is my wish: Happy Easter.

– Father Vincent

### ROCK AND ROLL DINNER DANCE

Please remember to purchase your tickets for the Rock and Roll Dinner Dance April 25th. Help support the Ottawa Food Bank

### THANK YOU

Thank you to all the kind people who acted quickly to assist two of our older parishioners during mass. Your kindness and caring are appreciated by the two women and their families.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Are you planning to get married this year and have not yet completed your Marriage Preparation Course?

St. Theresa Parish will be hosting a Marriage Preparation Course on Friday evening, **April 17, 2026, and all-day Saturday, April 18, 2026**. The cost is \$175 per couple and the course will be held in the parish hall. For more information or to register for the course, please contact the parish office at 613-235-5119 or email [SaintTheresaChurch@outlook.com](mailto:SaintTheresaChurch@outlook.com).

### HIKE FOR LIFE

Action for Life's annual Hike for Life in support of the unborn will take place on April 25, 2026. Please support them!

### SAINT OF THE DAY:

#### St. Peter

St. Peter the Apostle was a disciple of Jesus Christ, recognized in the early church as the leader of the 12 disciples and by the Catholic Church as the first pope. Peter, a Jewish fisherman, was called to be a disciple of Jesus at the beginning of Jesus' ministry.

Peter probably was known originally as Simeon (or Simon). His family came from Bethsaida in Galilee, but during the period of Jesus' ministry, Peter lived in Capernaum, where he and his brother St. Andrew were fishermen with St. James and St. John.

Much can be learned about Peter from the New Testament. He was at times vacillating and unsure, but he could also be resolute. Occasionally, he is depicted as rash and hasty or irritable and capable of great anger. Often he is pictured as gentle but firm and, as in his professions of love to Jesus, capable of great loyalty and love. The Bible reports that Peter was unlearned in the sense that he was untrained in the Mosaic Law. He apparently learned slowly and erred time and time again, but later, when entrusted with responsibility, he demonstrated that he was mature and capable. Peter recognized Jesus' messiahship from the beginning and Jesus saw Simon as the "rock" from their first meeting.

Peter served as spokesman of the disciples and enjoyed a certain precedence over the others. While Peter's confession demonstrates his faith and insight, his denial that he knew Jesus demonstrates a weakness of will (even if momentary), but not a loss of faith. Prior to the denial, out of his deep love for Jesus and his overestimation of his own capabilities, he had sought to overrule Jesus' prophecy of his denial and declared that, even if the other disciples deserted Jesus, he would suffer death rather than disown his Lord. As the drama unfolded, Peter fled when Jesus was arrested but did find his way to the palace of the high priest where Jesus had been taken. When confronted in the courtyard with the danger of admitting association with Jesus, he chose denial. The degree of his shame and the depth of his love were revealed when he later realized that the prophecy had been fulfilled, and he wept bitterly. The fact of Peter's denial did not destroy the love and trust that Jesus felt for him. Among the Apostles, it was Peter who had been commissioned earlier to "lend strength" to his brothers, and who on the morning of the Resurrection ran to the tomb.

Peter emerged immediately after Jesus' death as the leader of the early church. For approximately 15 years after the Resurrection, the figure of Peter dominated the community. He first "raised his voice" and preached at Pentecost, the day when the church began its mission to the world. Peter also served as an advocate for the Apostles before the Jewish religious court in Jerusalem. And it was he who exercised the role of judge in the disciplining of those who erred within the church. Peter led the Twelve Apostles in extending the church until he was martyred.

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