



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

Sunday, March 30

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

†Diomira Contestabile, by the family.

†Anita Niman.

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 a.m. †Mary Smith.

Wednesday, April 2

9:00 a.m. †For the souls in purgatory.

Thursday, April 3

9:00 a.m. †Jean, by Jeannette de Nazareth.

Friday, April 4

9:00 a.m. For the healing of Melody Rose Maria, by her father.

Saturday, April 5

4:30 p.m. †Wayne Quan, by the family.
For the protection of Canada & the well-being of all its citizens, by a parishioner.
†Lillian Grace Lindsay, by her son Dave.

Sunday, April 6

Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m. For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

†Leo Desmarreau, by the family.

†Diomira Contestabile, by the family.

†Deceased members of the Sgro family, by Serafina Sebastyan.

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

Michelle Boyer, Baby Ivy Murray, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Patricia McNamara, Rachel McIntyre, Zygmunt Wysocki, Linda MacNay, Theresa Tam-Sue, Alice Hilchie, Lily Harmon, Debby MacAdam, Michael Budge, Robby Felteau, Lise Campbell, Elaine Taylor, Richard Lafleur, Wanda Staples, Judette & Marie, Marilyn & Jim Donoghue.

Vocation Prayer:

- That all in the Church will accept their vocation to holiness, we pray to the Lord.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For the use of new technologies ~ Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
(Year C)**

First Reading: Joshua 5.9a, 10-12

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5.17-21

Gospel: Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, April 5

4:30 p.m. Marisa Fusaro

Sunday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Paulette Michel

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 5

4:30 p.m. Cathy Major

Sunday, April 6

9:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry - Choir

25 JUBILEE FACTS

10. Celebrating the Family

Pope Francis emphasizes that families are a source of hope and invites them to rediscover the beauty of their vocation, with grandparents serving as bearers of wisdom and faith.

TAX RECEIPTS

If you have not received your tax receipt as of yet, please contact my office to inform me on how you would like your receipt delivered. I can accommodate most methods. Thank you kindly.
#613 235 5119

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2025: For those celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2025! At Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, May 4, 2:30 pm.

The registration form is now available at <https://forms.office.com/r/jpBDLwDOKg>. Please register before Easter to ensure your place! For questions, please contact Annmarie at annmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

St. Theresa Parish will be hosting a Marriage Preparation Course on Friday evening, May 2, 2025, and all-day Saturday, May 3, 2025. The cost is \$150 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 Denver.McKee@Ottawacornwall.ca.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter will soon be here! Won't you kindly consider making a money donation to help us buy beautiful Easter flowers to decorate our church altar? After Mass on March 29/30, and after Mass on Aprils 5/6 and 12/13 donations will be collected at the back of the church. Thank you for always being so generous.

BAPTISMAL DEDICATION

The bulletin board dedicated to the children who have been baptised at St Theresa parish is changing. It will feature different parishioners at various church activities. If you would like to take your son's or daughter's picture down to keep, please remove the picture when you can. The left-over pictures will be kept at the front of the church by the bulletins to be picked-up.

DIOCESAN RECEPTION

Our Archbishop launches vision for our diocese

- Go Out—to step beyond our comfort zones and reach those on the margins.
- Go Deep—to deepen our relationship with Christ and grow in our faith.
- Go Together—to walk in unity, sharing in the work of serving others.

The Archbishop's Reception will take place on Thursday, May 15th, 2025, at the Infinity Convention Centre, 2901 Gibford Dr, Ottawa. The evening will begin with cocktails at 6:00pm, followed by the reception at 7:00pm. We will reflect on the progress of our archdiocese and share stories of hope, renewal, and faith. There will be delicious finger foods, canapés, and cocktails throughout the evening to foster conversation and camaraderie. The cost for attendance is \$65.00 per person, which will help offset the evening's costs. To reserve your tickets please call the office at 613 235 5119.

SAINT OF THE DAY FOR MARCH 24

Oscar Arnulfo Romero

The night before he was murdered while celebrating Mass, Archbishop Oscar Romero of San Salvador said on the radio: "I would like to appeal in a special way to the men of the army, and in particular to the troops of the National Guard, the police, and the garrisons. Brothers, you belong to our own people. You kill your own brother peasants; and in the face of an order to kill that is given by a man, the law of God that says 'Do not kill!' should prevail. "No soldier is obliged to obey an order counter to the law of God. No one has to comply with an immoral law. It is the time now that you recover your conscience and obey its dictates rather than the command of sin. . . . Therefore, in the name of God, and in the name of this long-suffering people, whose laments rise to heaven every day more tumultuous, I beseech you, I beg you, I command you! In the name of God: 'Cease the repression!'"

Simultaneously, Romero had eloquently upheld the gospel and effectively signed his own death warrant. When he was appointed archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, Bishop Romero was considered a very "safe" choice. He had served as auxiliary bishop there for four years before his three years as bishop of Santiago de Maria. Oscar's father wanted him to be a carpenter—a trade for which he demonstrated some talent. Seminary classes in El Salvador preceded his studies at Rome's Gregorian University and his ordination in 1942. After earning a doctorate in ascetical theology, he returned home and became a parish priest and later rector of an interdiocesan seminary. Three weeks after his appointment as archbishop, Romero was shaken by the murder of his good friend Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande, a vigorous defender of the rights of the poor. Five more priests were assassinated in the Archdiocese of San Salvador during Romero's years as its shepherd.

When a military junta seized control of the national government in 1979, Archbishop Romero publicly criticized the US government for backing the junta. His weekly radio sermons, broadcast throughout the country, were regarded by many as the most trustworthy source of news available. Romero's funeral was celebrated in the plaza outside the cathedral and drew an estimated 250,000 mourners. His tomb in the cathedral crypt soon drew thousands of visitors each year. On February 3, 2015, Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing Oscar Romero as a martyr for the faith. His beatification took place in San Salvador on May 23, 2015, and he was canonized on October 14, 2018. Oscar Romero and many other Latin American martyrs for the faith were falsely accused of advocating a Marxist-inspired "theology of liberation." Following Jesus always requires choices. Romero's fiercest critics conveniently dismissed his choices as politically inspired. An incarnational faith must be expressed publicly.

PRAYER FOR GOOD HUMOR

by St. Thomas More

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest.
Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.
Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good
and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil,
but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.
Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments,
nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."
Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor.
Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke to discover in life a bit of
joy, and to be able to share it with others.