



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

Sunday, April 19

Third Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m.

For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord

For peace in the Holy Land & in the Middle East, by Jeannette of Nazareth

For Filomena Alves, by Serafina Sebastyan

Tuesday, April 21

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

For the intentions of the Rosary Makers

Wednesday, April 22

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

†*For the souls in purgatory*

†Paulette Magnan, by her friends

Thursday, April 23

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

For the people of Cuba, Gaza, Ukraine, Iran & Lebanon, by Theresa Fanus

Friday, April 24

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

For the people of Cuba, Gaza, Ukraine, Iran & Lebanon, by Theresa Fanus

Saturday, April 25

Feast of St. Mark

4:30 p.m.

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

For thanksgiving, by Helen Blampied

Sunday, April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

9:00 a.m.

For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord

For peace in the Holy Land & in the Middle East, by Jeannette of Nazareth

† David Christian Poulsen, by Peter Landry & Elizabeth Landry

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
(continued from last bulletin)*

Pray with the pope:

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd and companion on the journey, today we place in your hands all priests, especially those going through moments of crisis, when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope.

You who know their struggles and wounds, renew in them the certainty of your unconditional love. Let them feel they are not mere functionaries or lonely heroes, but beloved sons, humble and cherished disciples, and pastors sustained by the prayer of their people.

Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer.

May we support those who so often support us.

Holy Spirit, rekindle in our priests the joy of the Gospel. Grant them healthy friendships, networks of fraternal support, a sense of humor when things don't go as expected, and the grace to always rediscover the beauty of their vocation.

May they never lose trust in You, nor the joy of serving your Church with a humble and generous heart – Amen.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Year A)**

First Reading: Acts 2.14, 22b-28

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.17-21

Gospel: Luke 24.13-35



Lectors & Commentators

**EUCCHARISTIC
MINISTERS**

Saturday, April 25

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

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Sunday, April 26

9:00 a.m. George Hack
10:30 a.m. Children

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10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas
(Choir)

HIKE FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus will be behind the church for the weekend of April 11 and **18-19** to collect money for the Hike for Life that will be held on April 25th. Please come help out!

EMPTY YOUR POCKETS

Our March collection for the Centretown Food Centre was \$176.30. Thank you so much for your generosity. The April collection will take place at the Masses next weekend, April 25/26. Last week's bulletin included a number of statistics detailing the growing demands on the food centre. Whatever you can do to help alleviate this challenge is most appreciated. ALL donations, regardless of size, make a difference.

ROCK AND ROLL DINNER DANCE

Dance, sing, or just enjoy a meal with friends: this weekend is the last weekend to purchase tickets for the Rock and Roll Dinner Dance. Enjoy a meal of roasted chicken, scalloped potatoes, honeyed carrots, salad and scrumptious desserts. The Ottawa Food Bank will issue a tax receipt for one half the cost of the ticket.

Until midnight on May 15, your donation will be matched by a generous donation from an Ottawa family! Historically for every \$1 donated, the Ottawa Food Bank can purchase approximately \$5 worth of food. Today they are spending more money on the fuel to deliver food than they are on food. Don't miss your chance to make a difference in the lives of people facing hunger!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the church committees, groups and programs for the amazing donations of treats for Social Sunday. It was especially nice to welcome parishioners from the 9:00 am Mass. We are delighted to share that with a small top-up from the Social Outreach Committee we are able to deliver \$500 to the NET youth group. We thank them for their visit and for their commitment in bringing an appreciation of the Catholic faith to our young people.

FACTS & FIGURES

This past Easter, the Church welcomed a few thousand new Catholics across Canada, including:

- 243 in the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall
- 1823 in the Archdiocese of Toronto
- 650+ in the Archdiocese of Vancouver
- 240 in the Archdiocese of Montreal

Please pray for them!

VOCATIONS APPEAL – SPECIAL COLLECTION (APRIL 25/26)

God has answered our prayers for vocations in a remarkable way. After a short time with no seminarians, our archdiocese now has six men in formation, and we expect up to twelve next year.

Through the Vocations Appeal (Vocations Works Special Collection) on April 25/26, we seek to raise \$500,000 this year to support their formation, which costs approximately \$65,000 per seminarian per year.

Each of these men has answered the call of the Good Shepherd with courage and faith. Now, the call comes to us to walk with them and support them as they are formed to serve God's people well.

Please give generously and pray for our future priests.

DISCALCED CARMELITE SECULAR ORDER

Interested in a lay vocation? The Discalced Carmelite Secular Order meets monthly at St. Patrick's Basilica. Guided by our spiritual mother & Doctor of Spirituality, Teresa of Avila teaches us how to pray. For more info contact Carmel Farmer at 819-420-4125.

SAINT OF THE DAY: St. Magdalene of Canossa

Wealth and privilege did nothing to prevent today's saint from following her calling to serve Christ in the poor. Nor did the protests of her relatives, concerned that such work was beneath her.

Born in northern Italy in 1774, Saint Magdalene of Canossa knew her mind—and spoke it. At age 15 she announced she wished to become a nun. After trying out her vocation with the cloistered Carmelites, she realized her desire was to serve the needy without restriction. For years she worked among the poor and sick in hospitals and in their homes, and also among delinquent and abandoned girls.

In her mid-20s, Saint Magdalene of Canossa began offering lodging to poor girls in her own home. In time she opened a school, which offered practical training and religious instruction. As other women joined her in the work, the new Congregation of the Canossian Daughters of Charity—or Canossian Sisters—emerged. Over time, houses were opened throughout Italy.

Members of the new religious congregation focused on the educational and spiritual needs of women. Magdalene also founded a smaller congregation for priests and brothers. Both groups continue to this day. Magdalene died in 1835. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 1988. Her feast day is on April 10.

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