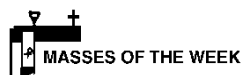


SUNDAY (Liturgical will change to current date each week)



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

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

Tuesday, April 28

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

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

Wednesday, April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

9:00 a.m.

†*For the souls in purgatory*

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

Thursday, April 30

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

Friday, May 1

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

†Margaret Vice, by Peter

Saturday, May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

4:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, May 3

Fifth 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

†Joyce Konopski & for the intentions of the family, by Emer and Barry Cronin

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.

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

First Reading: Acts 2.14a, 36b-41

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.20b-25

Gospel: John 10.1-10



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, May 2

4:30 p.m.

Marisa Fusaro

Sunday, May 3

9:00 a.m.

Paulette Michel

10:30 a.m.

Marie Comisso

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, May 2

4:30 p.m.

Cathy Major – C & EM

Sunday, May 3

9:00 a.m.

Michelle Corbett – C

10:30 a.m.

Darrell Herauf – C & EM - Choir

Vocation Prayer:

That mothers and fathers will help their children grow strong in their faith, filled with the wisdom of God, and encourage openness to vocations, we pray to the Lord.

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) this weekend, 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.



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Select:

- Fund - "Special Collections"
- Sub-fund - "Vocations Works"

EMPTY YOUR POCKETS

Members of the Empty Your Pockets team will be at the back to accept donations for the Centretown Food Centre.

THANK YOU & FAREWELL

Our organist and choir director, Danielle, will be leaving at the end of this month. We thank her for her wonderful music ministry in the parish, through playing the organ and leading our choir. You will be missed! We welcome Michael Trolly as our new organist and choir director in May.

CCSAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM of CCSAC (Centretown Churches Social Action Committee) will be held on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 400 Sparks Street. Our guest speaker is Kaite Burkholder Harris, Executive Director of the Alliance to End Homelessness. All are welcome to attend.

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. Bernadette Soubirous

Bernadette Soubirous was born in 1844, the first child of an extremely poor miller in Lourdes, France. The family was living in the basement of a dilapidated building. Bernadette, 14 years old, was known as a virtuous girl though a dull student who had not even made her first Holy Communion. In poor health, she had suffered from asthma from an early age. On February 11, 1858, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette in a cave above the banks of the Gave River near Lourdes.

There were 18 appearances in all, the final one occurring on the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, July 16. Although Bernadette's initial reports provoked skepticism, her daily visions of "the Lady" brought great crowds of the curious. The Lady, Bernadette explained, had instructed her to have a chapel built on the spot of the visions. There, the people were to come to wash in and drink of the water of the spring that had welled up from the very spot where Bernadette had been instructed to dig.

According to St. Bernadette, the Lady of her visions was a girl of 16 or 17 who wore a white robe with a blue sash. Yellow roses covered her feet, a large rosary was on her right arm. In the vision on March 25, she told Bernadette, "I am the Immaculate Conception." It was only when the words were explained to her that Bernadette realized who the Lady was.

Few visions have ever undergone the scrutiny that these appearances were subject to. Lourdes became one of the most popular Marian shrines in the world, attracting millions of visitors. Miracles were reported at the shrine and in the waters of the spring. After thorough investigation, Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions in 1862.

During her life, St. Bernadette Soubirous suffered much. She was hounded by the public and civic officials until she was protected in a convent of nuns. Five years later, she petitioned to enter the Sisters of Notre Dame of Nevers. After a period of illness, she was able to make the journey from Lourdes and enter the novitiate. But within four months of her arrival, she was given the last rites of the Church and allowed to profess her vows. She recovered enough to become infirmarian and then sacristan, but chronic health problems persisted. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 35. Bernadette Soubirous was canonized in 1933.

Bernadette's feast day is April 16th! People usually celebrate her story on the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11th) and forget that Bernadette has her own feast day! In some countries, the Catholic Church celebrates Bernadette's feast on February 18, which is the day that Our Lady told her, "I do not promise to make you happy in this world, but in the next."

Millions of people have come to the spring Bernadette uncovered for healing of body and spirit, but she found no relief from ill health there. St. Bernadette Soubirous moved through life, guided only by blind faith in things she did not understand—as we all must do from time to time. She is the patron saint of homeless persons.

Source: Franciscan Media