



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

**Sunday, April 13**

*Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord*

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.

†Marc Beaudry, by his son.

†Frank Kay Mancuso, by his grandson.

**Tuesday, April 15**

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

**Wednesday, April 16**

9:00 a.m. †Chris Mooney by Dave & Lynn Webb.  
For the Lindale family, by Anne Stewart.

**Thursday, April 17**

*Holy Thursday of the Lords Supper*

(No 9AM Mass)

5:00 p.m. †Bernice Doonan, by her son Gord.

**Friday, April 18**

*Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord*

(No 9AM Mass)

2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Cross

**Saturday, April 19**

*Holy Saturday Vigil Mass*

(No 9AM Mass)

7:30 p.m. †For Terence C. Serrao, by A.M. Joachim.

**Sunday, April 20**

*Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord*

(No 9AM Mass)

10:30 a.m. For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

†Diomira Contestabile, by the family.

†Valerie & John Poirier, by Kathleen Lynch.

†Michael, Veronica Albert, Leo & Louisa Slaney, by Madonna Slaney.

**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 men and women will accept how God is calling them to serve as Mary responded to the angel Gabriel, 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.*

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD  
(Year C)**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50.4-7

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2.6-11

**Gospel:** Luke 23.1-49



**Lectors & Commentators**

**Thursday, April 17**

5:00 p.m. Marie Comisso

**Friday, April 18**

3:00 p.m. Michelle Corbett

**Saturday, April 19**

7:30 p.m.

Genesis 1.1-2.2 – Peter Landry Exodus 14.15-31 – Miguel Planas  
Isaiah 54.5-14 – Darrell Herauf Baruch 3.9 - 15 – Cathy Major  
Ezekiel 36.16-17A,18-28 – Lyn Lavictoire The Epistle Romans  
6.3-11 – Daniel Boyer

**Sunday, April 20**

10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Sunday, April 20**

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry - Choir

### 25 JUBILEE FACTS

#### 12. The Role of Youth

The youth have a vital role to play during the Jubilee celebrations. Pope Francis encourages the Church to support young people, empowering them to see the Church as a place of hope for their future.

### EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

#### Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper:

5:00pm

#### Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord:

2:00pm (*Stations of the Cross*)

3:00pm (*Veneration of the Cross*)

#### Holy Saturday Vigil Mass:

7:30pm

#### Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord:

10:30am

### 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.  
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### 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](mailto:Denver.McKee@Ottawacornwall.ca).

### 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/jpBDLwD0Kg>. Please register before Easter to ensure your place! For questions, please contact Anmarie at [anmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:anmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca).

### SAINT OF THE DAY FOR APRIL 3: Benedict the African

Benedict held important posts in the Franciscan Order and gracefully adjusted to other work when his terms of office were up.

His parents were slaves brought from Africa to Messina, Sicily. Freed at 18, Benedict did farm work for a wage and soon saved enough to buy a pair of oxen. He was very proud of those animals. In time, he joined a group of hermits around Palermo and was eventually recognized as their leader. Because these hermits followed the Rule of Saint Francis, Pope Pius IV ordered them to join the First Order.

Benedict was eventually novice master and then guardian of the friars in Palermo—positions rarely held in those days by a brother. In fact, Benedict was forced to accept his election as guardian. And when his term ended, he happily returned to his work in the friary kitchen.

Benedict corrected the friars with humility and charity. Once he corrected a novice and assigned him a penance only to learn that the novice was not the guilty party. Benedict immediately knelt down before the novice and asked his pardon.

In later life, Benedict was not possessive of the few things he used. He never referred to them as “mine,” but always called them “ours.” His gifts for prayer and the guidance of souls earned him throughout Sicily a reputation for holiness. Following the example of Saint Francis, Benedict kept seven 40-day fasts throughout the year; he also slept only a few hours each night.

After Benedict's death, King Philip III of Spain paid for a special tomb for this holy friar. Canonized in 1807, he is honored as a patron saint by African Americans. The liturgical feast of Saint Benedict the African is celebrated on April 4.

#### Reflection

Among Franciscans, a position of leadership is limited in time. When the time expires, former leaders sometimes have trouble adjusting to their new position. The Church needs men and women ready to put their best energies into leadership—but also men and women who are gracefully willing to go on to other work when their time of leadership is over.

Saint Benedict the African is a Patron Saint of:  
African Americans

### 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.