



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

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

Tuesday, April 14

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 15

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

†*For the souls in purgatory*

†Eric Burdet, by Jeannette & Geraldine

Thursday, April 16

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 17

Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 18

Easter Weekday

4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

Filomena Alves, 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

In his prayer, the Pope entrusted all priests into the Father's hands, especially those going through moments of crisis, "when loneliness weighs heavily, when doubt clouds their hearts, and when exhaustion seems stronger than hope." God, he said, knows their struggles and wounds as they seek to accept His unconditional love as "humble and cherished disciples" and not as "mere functionaries or lonely heroes."

"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," prayed the Pope. He invited Catholics to support the men who "so often support us" and the Holy Spirit may "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."

(to be continued in next bulletin)

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)
(Year A)**

First Reading: Acts 2.42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1.3-9

Gospel: John 20.19-31



Lectors & Commentators



Saturday, April 18

4:30 p.m. Marisa Fusaro

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Sunday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Marie Comisso

10:30 a.m. Miguel Planas

Sunday, April 19

9:00 a.m. Michelle Corbett

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry
Sebastien Saber
(Choir)

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.

HIKE FOR LIFE

The Knight of Columbus will be behind the church for the weekend of April 11-12 and 18-19 to collect money for the Hike for Life that will be held on April 25th. Please come help out!

LOCAL FOOD BANK & SHELTER

St. Theresa Parish is always a caring community. Food bank visits in Ottawa have increased by 101% since 2019. 37% of those served by our agency partners are children. There were 588,866 visits to member agencies last year. The Food Bank supports the Make Happy Tummies program. Schools in our city are receiving donations for their breakfast programs. Your support makes a significant difference in our students' lives. They are truly grateful for your kindness and commitment to them. Your support means students will have more complete and comforting meals, truly making a difference. Your generosity touches them deeply, not only nourishing stomachs but also hearts. The Ottawa Food Bank is helping many of our students in our community during some challenging times. 100% of proceeds raised from Make Happy Tummies benefit student nutrition programs in local communities in the vicinity of stores where donations are made.

Restoring Hope Ministries is located in First Baptist Church at Elgin and Laurier. It offers drop-in and overnight accommodation for homeless youth ages 16-24. It is open from Friday to Tuesday nights. It can accommodate up to 20 people, male and female, with the goal being to keep our youth out of the shelter system. The ministry is funded by donations and grants and is a Christian organization but not affiliated with any denomination.

Proceeds from Rock Around Clock Dinner Dance will go to support these two causes. Make sure to purchase your ticket today! Tax receipts for \$25 will be issued for each ticket!

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.

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.

NET MINISTRIES

St Theresa parish is happy to welcome youths from the NET Canada program (National Evangelization Teams) this Sunday to talk to the parish about their mission and their work. Join us in the church hall for a Social Sunday after each mass this Sunday.

SAINT OF THE DAY:

St. Crescentia Hoess

Saint Crescentia Hoess was born in 1682, the daughter of a poor weaver, in a little town near Augsburg. She spent play time praying in the parish church, assisted those even poorer than herself and had so mastered the truths of her religion that she was permitted to make her first Holy Communion at the then unusually early age of 7. In the town she was called "the little angel."

As she grew older, she desired to enter the convent of the Tertiaries of Saint Francis. But the convent was poor, and because Crescentia had no dowry, the superiors refused her admission. Her case was then pleaded by the Protestant mayor of the town to whom the convent owed a favor. The community felt it was forced into receiving her, and her new life was made miserable. She was considered a burden and assigned nothing other than menial tasks. Even her cheerful spirit was misinterpreted as flattery or hypocrisy.

Conditions improved four years later when a new superior was elected who realized her virtue. Saint Crescentia Hoess herself was appointed mistress of novices. She so won the love and respect of the sisters that, upon the death of the superior, Crescentia was unanimously elected to that position. Under her, the financial state of the convent improved and her reputation in spiritual matters spread. She was soon being consulted by princes and princesses; bishops and cardinals too sought her advice. And yet, a true daughter of Francis, she remained ever humble.

Bodily afflictions and pain were always with her. First it was headaches and toothaches. Then she lost the ability to walk, her hands and feet gradually becoming so crippled that her body curled up into a fetal position. In the spirit of Francis she cried out, "Oh, you bodily members, praise God that he has given you the capacity to suffer." Despite her sufferings she was filled with peace and joy as she died on Easter Sunday in 1744.

She was beatified in 1900 and canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2001. The liturgical feast of Saint Crescentia Hoess is celebrated on June 15.

Source: Franciscan Newsletter

"When the devil wishes to make himself master of a soul, he seeks to make it give up devotion to Mary."

- St. Alphonsus Liguori