

Resurrection of the Lord, April 4 & April 5, 2026

Intentions:

April 04 - in loving memory of **Sheila Ann Wyman**, requested by Jill Blyth.

April 05 - for the parishioners of St. Gabriel & St. Michael parishes.

Offertory Collection:

March 22 - T.B.A.

March 29 - T.B.A.

April 02 - T.B.A. Thank You.

April 04

Saint Isidore of Seville: Isidore was born of a noble family and was the brother of three saints: Saint Leander of Seville, Saint Fulgentius of Cartagena and Saint Florentina.

Isidore served as archbishop of Seville for nearly 40 years and was recognized as the greatest teacher in Spain. He presided over councils, was a progressive educator and a prolific writer. He compiled an encyclopedia, a dictionary, treatises on various subjects and wrote a history of the Goths, which remains our only sourcebook for much of Visigothic history. He died in 636 and was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1722.


Misc. His fame after his death was based on his *Etymologiae*, an etymological encyclopedia that assembled extracts of many books from classical antiquity that would have otherwise been lost. He also invented the period (full stop), comma, and colon.

April 07

Saint John Baptist de la Salle: John Baptist de la Salle was the founder of the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools, a teaching order well known in North America and around the world.

John's great achievements began quite unexpectedly. Born in 1651 in France, he inherited the position and riches of his family. Destined for a successful career in the Church, he was ordained in 1678 and soon was asked to help establish some charity schools. He quickly realized that the teachers had to be trained and he provided housing for them. His desire to be in the same position as his teachers inspired him to resign his canonry and to give up his private fortune.

In 1684 the group became a religious community. Their rule stated that no brother could become a priest and no priest could join the order, a rule that has been preserved. Despite much opposition and hardship, by the time of his death in 1719, John Baptist had established the first teacher training college, the privileged, and written several education manuals, now classics in the field of education. He is a patron of teachers.



Reflection: Even on this most glorious of days, the gospel incorporates contradictions: Mary of Magdala arrives at an empty tomb, and sees that Jesus is gone and “we don’t know where they have put him” while the disciple whom Jesus loved enters the tomb and “saw and believed”; they “did not yet understand the Scripture.” Our own Alleluias and Easter joy are perhaps filled with some of the same contradictions. It seems as though we, too, peer into the empty tombs of the ups and downs of our everyday lives and are challenged to see and believe. But we are the disciples whom Jesus loves; and we surrender ourselves to the Easter mystery when we return love. All we need to do is hand ourselves over into God’s hands. Filled with God’s love, we are then able to love in return. Alleluia! The tomb is empty; by our love we see and believe, and we are filled with new life. Alleluia! (*Living Liturgy, p.112*)

Vincentian Meditation:

“We must develop the practice of making frequent acts of the desire to know God and ourselves. This will lead us to make the repeated acts of love which we owe Him and to avoid anything that is displeasing to Him. We must often abandon ourselves to Him, show Him our hearts filled with trust and gratitude; and try from time to time to whisper prayers to Him.” -St. Louise de Marillac- (*Gibson and Kneaves, Praying with Louise, p.95*)

“If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us.”

~ St. Isidore of Seville~



Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially for Roy Campbell, Linda Cassidy, Patricia Cassidy, Suzanne Lafontaine, Priscilla Rowley and Lorraine Stafford. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Pope's Intentions for the Month of April: 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.

Lost and Found

Periodically, please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.

Administrator's Corner

IS IT OUT OF PLACE TO QUESTION GOD?

Parish love letter for Easter Sunday

An old woman was asked to lead in prayers on a good Friday and during the prayers, she began to cast aspersions upon Pilate and the Roman soldiers for their cruelty in killing Jesus her beloved Lord and savior after which she ended her prayers by saying, “may the soul of Jesus and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace”

Today's celebration of Easter is the reason the old woman's prayer appears funny because our redeemer liveth (Job 19:25). Today is also the reason we had a Good Friday and not a Black Friday, today is the reason why christianity makes sense, today is a proof that pain may endure through the night but joy comes at dawn (Psalm 30:5).

A young man suffered so many misfortunes ranging from the painful loss of both parents, poverty, rejection and ill health. All these led him to question God and his faith in God's love and providence. Most times we equally find ourselves in such situations and we might be pushed to question God but then, it is not completely out of place to question God. Jesus as we saw on Good Friday questioned God when He asked “My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?” (cf. Matthew 27:46, Psalm 22:8)

However, the problem comes when we question God and walk out on Him without waiting for an answer. Waiting for this answer doesn't equally remove the fact that we can receive silence as an answer just as we saw in the case of Jesus. After the question of Jesus, He got silence as an answer and the scripture recorded that some of the bystanders began to mock him saying “He is calling on Elijah... Let us see if he will come to save Him” (Matt 27:49). Yet, Jesus after receiving the answer of silence and its accompanying mockery from the crowd, did not pick offence or walk out on God rather He simply prayed saying, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit” (cf. Luke 23:46)

The answer to the question of Jesus finally came today (Easter Sunday), that is, after three days of silence when God raised Him from death. The resurrection is clearly an answer that Jesus was never forsaken by God on Good Friday. The message of Easter is one of hope that God will respond to our cries, that there is light at the end of the tunnel, that darkness can never overcome light. While Jesus' answer came after three days, ours may come after three seconds, three minutes, three hours, three days, three weeks, three months, three years, three decades etc. All we need do is to wait hopefully without walking out on God. May we continue to place all our hope in Him who made heaven and earth, in Him who raised Jesus from the death.

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Sts Michael and Gabriel helpinghand ministry: Her objective is to serve needy families periodically in a timely and confidential manner. More details will be announced soon. The administrators can be reached at stmichaelshelpinghands@gmail.com or (613) 623-3419.

West Carleton Food Access Centre: (WCFAC) Please remember our local Food Bank each week by donating items to St. Gabriel's grocery cart. Cash donations of \$20.00 and over will receive a tax receipt. Please include your name and address on the envelope. See Suzanne Lee if you have any questions. Thank you for your support.



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Saturday 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday 9:00 am Mass

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