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ST. ISIDORE

Roman Catholic Parish

Sunday Bulletin • Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026

Pastor's Message



Previously called "Passion Sunday," this Fifth Sunday of Lent marks the beginning of Passiontide, a deeper time of Lent. It is the final Sunday of Lent before the beginning of Holy Week which begins next Sunday – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. The Liturgy of the Word of this day speaks of re-creation,

resurrection, and new life. Today the option of covering of sacred images is practiced. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil. The Gospel reading from St. John, recounts another meeting of Jesus with his friends of Bethany. Lazarus has died. In his dialogue with Martha and Mary, Jesus points to the possibility of resurrection and new life after our earthly death. By his raising Lazarus from the tomb - this last "sign" worked by the Lord before His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem, everything seems to flow to that 'new reality' inaugurated by Jesus who is God with us. Jesus announces, through the work of the Father, that He, Himself, God made man, is the Resurrection and the Life. (cf. Catholic Culture)

At the Sunday 11 am Mass, we will celebrate the Third Scrutiny with our catechumens and candidates. The scrutiny focuses on Christ as the Resurrection and the Life, freeing the elect from the "death-dealing power" of sin. The rite seeks to deepen the elect's faith in Christ as the source of life and to strengthen them against sin and temptation. It is a final, intense preparation for the purification and enlightenment of the elect before receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. As we journey with them, let us pray that they will be enriched by the new life in Jesus Christ which renews us all in the Easter sacraments.

Our Parish Finance Council met last Tuesday. The members reviewed the 2025 financial statements which indicate a modest operating surplus. The Council also reviewed the Refugee Fund Reconciliation, the return of the cemetery management to the parish, and mortgage payment strategies, with particular attention to how these funds should be reported and managed. They discussed the proposed sale of land which is following diocesan protocols. The sale's potential impact on mortgage reduction was considered, while also considering the need for a reserve for capital expenses related to connecting to municipal services as well as regular monthly payments to reduce the debt. The Council is also attentive to the capital expenditures that will be required by our aging buildings and equipment. The Council also reviewed the status of our facilities - such as the need for maintenance due to winter damage including leaks in the church building, a final report on the new sign installation project and potential video display upgrades for the church. The meeting ended with a discussion about scheduling the next Finance Council meeting, with May 13th being selected as the date.

Fr. Kevin

I am the resurrection and the life

Sunday Readings

Sunday, March 22nd – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37.12-14

I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live.

Psalms 130

With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.

Romans 8.8-11

The Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies.

John 11.1-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

Liturgies

Saturday, March 21st – Fifth Sunday of Lent

3:00 – 3:45 pm Confessions

4:30 pm + Rita Nash by Gertie Murphy

For a personal intention by Louise Bettinger

Sunday, March 22nd – Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:00 am + Andre Beaudet by the family

+ Jalen Sharpe by the family

11:00 am For the intentions of the living and deceased members of St. Isidore Parish

Tuesday, March 24th

9:00 am Private Intention

Wednesday, March 25th – The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 am No requested Intention

Thursday, March 26th

9:00 am No requested Intention

7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, March 27th

9:00 – 9:45 am Confessions

10:00 am No requested Intention

6:30 – 7:30 pm Confessions

7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Parish Announcements

❖ We invite all students in grades 7 through 12 to join us for our next **Youth Group Night** next **Saturday, March 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm**. This is a fun and welcoming environment where you can meet new people, enjoy great activities, and grow closer to Christ. The evening in the Parish Hall will be packed with snacks, games, and discussions to help us grow together in faith and friendship. Doors open at 6:30 pm, and we ask that you please register in advance [here](#). We look forward to seeing you there!

LENTEN FRIDAYS

- 6:00 pm – Soup offered by the CWL (freewill offering for the West Carleton Food Cupboard)
- 6:30 to 7:30 pm – Confessions
- 7:00 pm – Stations of the Cross



**Development
and Peace**

CARITAS CANADA

Special Collection – Share Lent celebrated on the Fifth Sunday in Lent in parishes across Canada, highlights the mission of Development and Peace – Caritas Canada, the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. This year's Share Lent campaign, "On Track for Justice", supports our sisters and brothers in Brazil who are defending their rights and their environment against the impacts of large-scale mining and industrial agriculture. Special collection envelopes (beige-coloured) are available in the pews and at the Welcome Centre this weekend. The last day to return the envelopes is this Sunday, March 22nd. You can also donate online [by clicking here](#). Please note that a charitable donation receipt for tax purposes will be sent to you by email directly from Development & Peace for online contributions.

❖ **Shamrocks are available** in the vestibule in support of the residents of Saint Patrick's Home. A freewill offering would be much appreciated. All proceeds from the sale of the shamrocks go to support the pastoral ministry and social activities of the residents. Last year, \$7,000.00 were raised thanks to many parishioners and parishes.

❖ Collection of furniture and household items for **St Isidore's refugee families**: we're currently looking for gently used donations of love seats or small couches, armchairs, TVs and DVD players, laptops, etc. If you have something to donate or would like a more comprehensive list of what's still needed, please contact Elina at (613) 697-8732.

In our community

☘ Shades of Ireland Tour – October 16–25, 2026

Join **Fr. Bill Penney** for an unforgettable 10-day journey through the Emerald Isle with Collette Tours next fall! Highlights include Dublin, a traditional Irish dinner & entertainment, Blarney Castle, a brewery experience, the Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, a sheepdog demonstration. The trip concludes with a magical stay in a majestic Irish castle, where we'll toast farewell to Ireland during an elegant group dinner. Pre- and post-tour extensions are available. For details or to reserve your spot, contact **Nisreen Salem at Marlin Travel** — (613) 728-1616 ext 232.