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# Celebrating Sacred Teachings

## APRIL RESOURCES

### Vision

Creating a culture of faith, hope and love  
to ensure equity and well-being.

### Mission

To accompany our students as we strive for excellence in Catholic Education.  
We educate students in faith-filled, loving, safe, inclusive schools  
to develop the God-given abilities of each person.



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# **April Resources**

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# Prayers / Reflections

## Goodness

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.”

PSALM 23:6

GOODNESS

## Season of Easter

Celebrating the new life we have been called to share - in love, through God's presence, into eternity.





God of Goodness,  
May we always feel your presence and your love and know that you are there for us. We know that on our journey we can always turn to you for forgiveness for all that we have done. We ask for your guidance in order to hear your call and respond with understanding and love. Amen.

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Ever present God,  
We know you are never distant from us and in fact, you dwell within us. We see you in the beauty of nature, in the smile of a neighbour, and in the face of the hungry. May we use all that you have given us in loving service to others. May our acts of goodness and compassion reveal your presence in each of us. Amen.

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Loving God,  
Help us to demonstrate daily your love to others in a variety of ways. Inspire us to be strong and motivated to do good for everyone. Let us continue to work together, for in doing so we will show the world that great change can happen through simple acts. Help us to love and serve each other as Jesus showed us. Amen.

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Creator God,  
Grant each of us an understanding soul, that we refrain from judgement and show forgiveness. Inspire in us a creative mind, that we listen and learn from the experience of others. Instill in us a gentle heart, that we follow you more closely and love you more deeply. Amen.

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All-powerful God,  
You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for all of your gifts and for being with us each day. Amen.

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O God of the poor,  
Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Give us eyes to see the beauty of living simply, walking lightly on the Earth, and sharing with others. Bring healing to our lives, so that we act for the common good. Encourage us, we pray, as we seek justice, love and peace. Amen.





Lord God,  
Blessed are you for the glories of Spring.  
The world bursts with the signs of the  
resurrection;  
Flowers stir in their winter beds,  
Poking through the last traces of snow.  
The sun drenches us with its warmth,  
Stirring the hidden and waiting life  
Within the earth, within us.  
Give us the grace to see your goodness all  
around us.  
Amen.

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God of Life,  
Be with us as we continue our pilgrim journey  
as an Easter people  
Guide our footsteps with the light of Easter  
faith,  
That we may walk in your ways.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord,  
Who has risen from the dead.  
Amen.

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Good and gracious God,  
Open my eyes to your glory.  
Renew my heart with your love.  
Strengthen my will with your purpose  
For just as you created the world and saw that  
it was good,  
You created me and saw that I was good.  
Amen.

Lord Jesus,  
Like the disciples on the way to Emmaus, we  
often journey in confusion and disbelief. Help  
us to recognize you in the face of others that  
journey with us along the way. Let the trust that  
you have in us be a source of grace that  
deepens our spirit of discipleship until we  
reach our home with you.  
Amen.

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Dear God,  
You are in every person that we meet; help us  
to show our love for you by showing  
appreciation and by caring for all those who  
enter our lives. Help us to put aside our  
differences so that we may work for the  
common good. May we be sensitive to those  
who are unloved or unaccepted. Help us to  
see Your face, God, in the eyes of the lonely  
and forgotten.  
Amen.

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Dear God:  
You have not promised skies always blue,  
Flower strewn pathways all our lives through.  
You have not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.  
But you have promised, strength for the day,  
Rest for the worker, light on the way  
Grace for the trial, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.  
Amen.





Lord, your love is strong.  
I place my trust in you for you are always with me.  
Thank you for my family, my friends, and all who have helped me to become who I am today.  
Help me to discover my own gifts that I might use them to serve others.  
Teach me your ways, Lord, as I search each day for meaning in my life.  
Bless our world with people who love others.  
Give me the strength to answer you on my life journey.  
Amen.

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Dear God,  
We pray that you will fill us with your Holy Spirit, and that our lives may be marked with kindness, goodness, and joy. Let us rejoice in your Resurrection as it marks the victory over sin and death. Help each of us to look upon the example of Christ as a model for our actions and may we reach out to others as Jesus did with great faith and humility.  
Amen.

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Lord God,  
Help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter each and every day. May the promise of your spirit working in us light up our lives, may the love you revealed to us encourage our giving and may the truth in your word guide our lives. Grant us the wisdom to make your love known in all that we say and do.  
Amen.

Merciful Lord,  
Thank you for sending us your Son to free us from sin and renew your promise. In hope, we ask you to guide us as we journey toward the life that you have planned for us. Help us to move forward in this Easter season knowing that there is no path too difficult if we put our trust in you. May we participate in your goodness in working for the common good.  
Amen.

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God,  
Blessed are you, for you have loved me into being and have filled me with goodness. Grant me a grateful heart so that I may know you and love you more fully through faithful witness. May the season of Easter take on new meaning as a time of enriching my communion with you, with all those around me, and with life itself.  
Amen.

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God,  
You are the source of all goodness, and your Spirit is within us constantly preparing our hearts to better serve you. Thank you for all the blessings we have received, and the wisdom to follow your actions along our paths. Allow us to trust you and to follow the prompting of your Spirit in this Easter season in order to communicate to the world your good news with one voice, the voice of your Son, Jesus.  
Amen.





Jesus Prince of Peace,  
Bring peace into our homes and our hearts.  
Teach us to celebrate you and to learn how to  
be at peace with ourselves. Help each of us to  
be instruments of your peace and continue the  
great works you began in order to build your  
kingdom here on earth. Grant us the faith and  
grace to let go of all that we have so that one  
day we may be at peace with you.  
Amen.

Dear Father,  
You have given us freedom and promise of  
eternal life and by the Easter mystery you  
touch our lives with the power of your love.  
Help us be open to you and follow the direction  
of your Spirit by continuing to be instruments  
of your love and peace. Help us to carry the joy  
and goodness of this season in our hearts each  
and every day of the year. We ask this in Jesus'  
name.  
Amen.

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# Inspiring Images







**To cherish knowledge is to know WISDOM;**  
**To know LOVE is to know peace;**  
**To honor all of the Creation is to have RESPECT;**  
**BRAVERY is to face the foe with integrity;**  
**HONESTY also means “righteousness”, be honest first with yourself – in word and action;**  
**HUMILITY is to know yourself as a sacred part of the Creation,**  
**TRUTH is to know all of these things.**



# Prayer Service / Non Eucharistic Liturgy

*Please note that there are currently no liturgical suggestions for April based on the availability of resources for this particular Fruit of the Holy Spirit in the 2012 Fruits of the Spirit resource. If you would like to be involved in the updating of liturgical suggestions for the month of April, please contact the Religious Education and Family Life consultant.*



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# Quotes



“And he said, “I will make all my **goodness** pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ~ Exodus 33.19



“Surely **goodness** and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.” ~ Psalm 23.6



“Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your **goodness**’ sake, O LORD!” ~ Psalm 25.7



“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His loving kindness is everlasting.” ~ Psalm 107.1



“True Religion is living out one’s soul, with all one’s goodness and righteousness.” ~ Albert Einstein



“The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation for goodness.” ~ Dalai Lama



“Goodness is about character – integrity, honesty, kindness, generosity, moral courage, and the like. More than anything else, it is about how we treat other people.” ~ Dennis Prager



“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.” ~ Desmond Tutu



“A good head and good heart are always a formidable combination. But when you add to that a literate tongue or pen, then you have something very special.” ~ Nelson Mandela



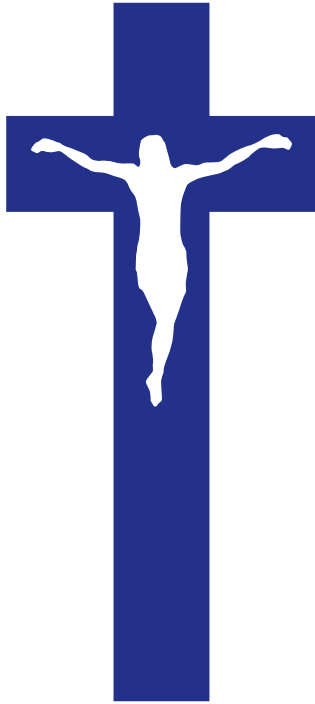


# Short Resource List

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