

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

April 19, 2020

Divine Mercy Sunday

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,
or by request.

Sacrament of Baptism (3rd Sunday of the month outside of Lent)

Parents, please pick up Baptism
package from the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact office six months
prior to desired date.
Marriage Prep offered.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of
loved ones who are housebound
or in the hospital so they may
receive the comfort of the Church's
sacraments and prayer.

Outreach Ministry (A Ministry of Visitation)

Please contact the Parish Office if
you or someone you know would
like a visit by the Outreach Ministry.

Parish Contacts

Parish Pastoral Council

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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or
www.resurrectionist.net

New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!

Please register at the office or pick up a
registration package at the church entrance.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

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St. David Catholic Secondary School

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Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth,
but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which
he moves compassion on
this world.

Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which
he blesses all the world.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 20TH

Tuesday, April 21, NO MASS

God is that, the greater than which cannot be conceived. – St. Anselm

Wednesday, April 22, NO MASS

One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to sacrifice what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying. – St. Joan of Arc

Thursday, April 23, NO MASS

We can cure physical diseases with medicine but the only cure for loneliness, despair and hopelessness is love. – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Friday, April 24, NO MASS

What is the mark of love for your neighbor? Not to seek what is for your own benefit, but what is for the benefit of the one loved, both in body and in soul. – St. Basil the Great

Saturday, April 25, NO MASS**Sunday, April 26, TELEVISED MASS ON YOUTUBE
Third Sunday of Easter****READINGS FOR April 25/26**

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-23
Second Reading: 1 Pt 1:17-21
Gospel Reading: Lk 24:13-35

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH
EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED****HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR****PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., April 20 Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.
Tues., April 21 Rev. Charles Galea
Wed., April 22 Permanent Deacons
Thurs., April 23 Rev. Andrew Quarshie
Fri., April 24 Rev. Marko Stefanec
Sat., April 25 Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Mayonnaise, Ketchup and Apple Juice
(save these items and bring them in when things are back to normal)

At this time the chapel, church, and office are closed. Please check for updates at stteresaelmira.ca and on the Hamilton Diocesan website. On the main home page you will see the link where you can click and see/participate in the Mass with Fr. Peter Meyer each Sunday. It is also on YouTube.

THANK YOU to everyone who is helping in the parish in any way.

NATIONAL MULTI-FAITH PRAYER

The prayer created by Rabbi Dr. Reuven P. Bulka and Ottawa Archbishop Terrence Prendergast is:

O God,

We gather together separated by life-saving distancing, but united more than ever in spirit; We know we are in a war against COVID – 19 together, and the more together we are, the better and stronger we will emerge;

We know the challenges are enormous, yet so are the opportunities;

That whether we are in isolation with loved ones, or alone, we will have abundance of time;

We commit to using that time to the max, to help those in greater need in whatever way we can;

We know we all have the opportunity, and time, to be life savers and life enhancers;

We give thanks for those who are on the front line taking care of those who are not well;

We give thanks for the researchers who are working at breakneck speed to find cure and vaccine;

We give thanks for our leaders, federal, provincial and local, for their dedication to all of us;

We give thanks for the providers of our daily needs who go to work in spite of the risk;

We give thanks for those who have ramped up their ability to produce life-saving supplies.

We pray for the well-being of all our life savers; For those who are not well, that they recover fully;

For those enduring difficulty, that they may overcome their challenges.

We pray that a cure and vaccine will soon be available,

And that we all – family, friends, all Canadians, the entire world may be healed in body and spirit.

We ask you, O God, to bless our leaders, our front line care givers, our life savers and life enhancers.

We ask you, O God, to bless Canada, to bless the world, to bless everyone.

Amen.

Because we are not able to receive Communion at this time below is a prayer that you can say when you are unable to receive the eucharist.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart, I embrace You as if You

have already come and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS

Lord Jesus, all of your life led up to the Way of the Cross. In this final journey you lay down your life for your friends.

Jesus, you consider us your friends. You walk side by side with us on the journey of life. You know its joys and hopes, its suffering and pain. Today we want to walk side by side with you on your way to the Cross. Your suffering, your death, your rising from the dead give meaning to our lives. The way of the Cross is the way of life.

Lord, as you took the bread, your body, take us, bless us, break us, give us to others, so that in you we may be instruments of salvation for the world.

Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

First and foremost we are praying for you and your families at this time. Please call me if a serious pastoral concern arises. We are here to help. Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies.

If you are able, I hope you will consider continuing your financial support of the parish during this period. Being unable to open our doors means we will not be receiving regular contributions to help us pay our bills - which do not stop, even while we are closed.

You may wish to mail in your envelopes to the parish, donate through electronic fund transfers or do online giving. All methods are acceptable.

If you wish to give through the electronic fund transfers you will find an electronic fund transfer form on the parish website which is to be filled out with a void cheque and either emailed or mailed to the parish. Please consider increasing your donation if you are able. About one-third of the parish give this way. It is not complicated to do. You can do this by emailing the parish.

There is also online giving. The diocese has set up a giving page whereby parishioners can support your parish. The link for this page is: hamiltondiocese.com/covid19parishfund/. Parishioners can be directed to this page to make gifts via credit card. Once you submit your gift they are directed to a form to direct their gift to our parish. The chancery office will transfer these funds to parishes and will share with you donor information.

You may wish to mail in your envelopes to the parish – either of these methods would be truly and profoundly appreciated and would help the parish at a time of difficulty.

May God bless you for your generosity.
Father Peter

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Spending quality time together will pay great dividends to all involved, especially our children. Time together allows for positive interaction, the ability to learn about each other and the chance to build strong bonds and memories. A great starting point is a shared family meal, but reading together, playing a board game, or working on a puzzle together are but a few of the many ways we can build connections. The result will be higher self-esteem for children, a greater cohesiveness in the family unit and the desire for more time as a family. Try it, you won't regret it! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – As a couple it is important to spend time with each other. Take the time to plan something for the two of you to do together at least once a week. Try something new, it will add variety and spice to your life. Have each spouse take a turn planning the activity, but keep it simple. A walk on a new trail, hot chocolate instead of coffee, a new recipe that you will cook together – these will bring moments of joy, not stress. Both quantity and quality of time together matter in a marriage, so try something new and watch for a positive impact! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

VOCATION SEEDS – “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” Will you respond to God's call to be sent as a priest? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by email at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988.

Join us for a **PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF QUEBEC** from **Monday, August 3, 2020 to Friday, August 7, 2020**. Join us for 5 days of Masses, Stations of the Cross, recitation of the rosary and the Divine Mercies, tours of the shrines, and much more. Watch for the flyer advertising all the details. Please consider sharing a room with a friend. For more information, contact Rose Gunn 519-744-5923 or Angie Hunt 519-766-5262.

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