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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. David Lewis

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm



Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

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

Sacrament of Baptism (4th 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 any 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

Andrea Visneskie
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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 registration package in the church foyer.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

April 2, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Lent



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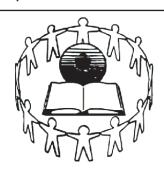
Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

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



MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 3RD

Tuesday, April 4,

3:15 pm – 5 pm First Communion Retreat

7:05 pm +Susan Smith; Marcella & Judy Furlong

7:35 pm Confirmation Class

Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God's sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God. - St. Thomas à Kempis

Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 am - Heritage House Mass

+Wilfred Mayne; Helma Mayne & Family

Prayer ought to be short and pure, unless it be prolonged by the inspiration of divine grace. - St. Benedict

Thursday, April 6,

12:05 pm +Ray Laurette; Danielle Pilon

7:00 pm Penitential Service

The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them. - St. John of the Cross

Friday, April 7,

9:00 am +Frances Lewis; Annie Donkers

9:30 am - Noon Adoration

6:45 pm – Stations of the Cross (led by the choir) You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him. -

St. Teresa of Avila

Saturday, April 8, 5:00 pm

+Fred Mazurek; The Family

+James Furlong; Marcella Furlong & Family

Sunday, April 9,

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:30 am Our Parish Community

During 9:30 am Mass First Communion Class

READINGS FOR April 8/9

First Reading: Is 50:4-7 Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11 Gospel Reading: Mt 26:14-27:66

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 3:15 pm - 5 pm First Communion Retreat 7:35 pm Confirmation Class – Hall 7:45 pm Parish Council Meeting - Library 7:00 pm Choir Practice (5 pm) - Church **WED** 7:00 pm Choir Practice (9:30 am) - Seminar 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting - Library THU 10:45 am Quest Scripture Study – Library 8:00 pm Seminar of Hope - Library

10:30 am R.C.I.A. - Rectory SAT

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D. Mon., April 3

Tues., April 4 Rev. David Reitzel

Wed., April 5 Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.

Thurs., April 6 Rev. Mark Gatto

Fri., April 7 Rev. Fernando Pinto, C.S.Sp. Sat., April 8 Rev. Emmanuel Ogboli

MINISTRIES for Apr 8/9

Eucharistic Ministers

Phil Milan, Erl Andersen, Stewart Logan 9:30am Lisa Denomme, Isabella Maher, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

Marianne Kieswetter, Jodi Sereres, Kieran & Geoff Kelly 9:30am Ray Denomme, Sharon Both, Joyce & Ron Stemmler

Altar Servers

5pm

5pm Patsy Pond, Rachel Wittie

9:30am Heike Elliott, Amber Elliott, Katelyn Grosz, Evan Grosz

Lectors

Commentator Connie Kaster Judy Furlong 9:30am Morgan Glofcheskie Alex Glofcheskie

Barry Glofcheskie

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Apr 9 Mary Mercey

Sign Ministry

Ray Denomme Apr 3

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Apr 5 Ann Staines

FOODBANK NEEDS

Chunky Beef Soup and Canned Meats

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8192 would like to **THANK** our parishioners for their support and help at our annual Lenten Fish Fry. A SPECIAL THANKS to the students of St. Teresa School who helped. We appreciated your help.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: In our MINI MAGAZINE, this 5th week of Lent, meet three inspiring women who are part of our history: Carmen from Chile who got to tell her horrifying story in Geneva about protesting against the Pinochet military dictatorship, Barta from Hondurus who was assassinated trying to stop the building of four hydro electric dams that would destroy the river where she lived and Hanan, an activist from Syria who founded one of our partners that works to empower Syrians to fight for freedom dignity, justice and basic rights. Today is SOLIDARITY **SUNDAY**. Please be generous in giving. Each donation is used to help our sisters and brothers all over the world. Today we end our Share Lent pilgrimage with the words of Pope Francis: "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope." Please check out the Lenten suggestions for April 2nd – 8th in your **SOLIDARITY CALENDAR**.

The CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE GENERAL MEETING is on Tuesday, April 11th after the 7:05 p.m. Mass in the church hall. We will have a guest speaker from Monica House. She will also collect all our items that have been collected during Lent.

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank. Food may be dropped off any time throughout Holy Week. On **Holy Week**, bins will be placed in the narthex and a basket of food will be brought forward during the offertory on Holy Thursday to represent all the food donated for the hungry of our community.

HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper) Thursday, April 13th – 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, April 14th – 11:00 a.m. **HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)** Saturday, April 15th – 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday, April 16th - 10:00 a.m.

MINISTERS are needed for the various ministries on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. If you are able to help please call the Parish Office (519) 669-3387 or email StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com.

The next **ELMIRA AND DISTRICT MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE** is on **Wednesday, April 5**th at the Gale Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. with speaker Hans Borch. All are welcome to attend.

The next 2016–2017 **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** at St. Jerome's University is on **Friday, April 7**th when Mark McGowan, a professor of history at the University of Toronto, will be with us to confront the fact that very little has been written on how the Christian churches of Britain's North American Colonies engaged with the movement to federate the colonies. Dr. McGowan will look at the concerns of the Christian churches at the time, and highlight some of the local issues that were affected by the proposed Confederation. The lecture is at Vanstone Lecture Theatre, Academic Centre (SJ2 1004), St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Free of Charge. Free Parking. Wheelchair Accessible. Refreshments Served.

APPARITION HILL, a movie about seven diverse strangers who journey to Medjugorje, a village in Bosnia-Herzegovina, to investigate reports of miracles and supernatural phenomena. Join two atheists, a father of nine who just lost his wife to cancer, a Canadian man diagnosed with ALS, a mother fighting stage four cancer, a struggling addict, and a woman questioning her faith as they search for answers to life's big questions on Apparition Hill. There is one show time on **Saturday, April 8, 2017** at Landmark (Empire) Cinemas Gateway Park, 135 Gateway Park Drive, Kitchener at 10 a.m. Order tickets at www.ApparitionHill.ca.

The next **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH TAIZE SONGS** is on **Sunday**, **April 9**th at 7:30 p.m. by St. Agatha Christian Communities at St. Agatha Catholic Church, 1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha. All are invited.

The Holy Rosary chapter of the Catholic Grandparents Association invites all present and future grandparents to join them for an informative presentation by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton, titled: **GRANDPARENTING TREASURES: SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH LOVE!** This session will provide practical tips for providing moments to share faith with your children and grandchildren, while respecting your boundaries as a grandparent. Join us on **Tuesday, April 11, 2017** from 1 – 3 p.m. at Holy Rosary Catholic Church,

175 Emma St., Guelph in the "Our Lady of the Rosary" Community Room. All are welcome to attend and bring a friend!

The next **COMMUNITY CAN DINE** is on **Friday**, **April 14**th at Trinity United Church Fellowship Hall, 21 Arthur St. N., Elmira with roast pork from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pay what you can. Free children and youth drop in programs are now being offered during these events. For more information contact 519-669-5560 or Kelly from WCS at 519-669-5139.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH & CHIPS on April 14, 2017 at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre, 58 Charles St., Maryhill from 12 Noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. No reserved seating. First Come, First Served. Haddock with fresh cut fries served and coleslaw. 1 piece - \$13, 2 pieces \$15. Dessert and refreshments available. Cash only. For more information phone (519) 648-2939.

SPRING SOCIAL hosted by St. Joseph's CWL, 1025 Wallace Ave. N., Listowel on **Thursday, April 20**th. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m. Humourous Speaker – Wayne Stoltz/Uncle Willy. Lunch provided, free admission, penny table, main draw, and grocery hamper draw.

St. Mary's General Hospital will be offering MASS IN THE RESURRECTION CHAPEL at the hospital each Thursday at 11 a.m. Those from the community who attend the Mass on any given Thursday will be provided a courtesy parking pass following the Mass so as not to incur the cost associated with visitor parking at the hospital.

VOCATION SEEDS – "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2017? On **Sunday, June 25, 2017,** at 1:30 p.m., Bishop Douglas Crosby will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton. (<u>Space allows room for Anniversary couples only</u> – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if assistance is required.) To register for the celebration please see the poster on the bulletin board or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."

Offertory collection for March 25/26: \$2,717.10 Average per envelope: \$23.47

Electronic funds for the week: \$1,141.25

(based on 4 Sundays per month)

Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00

Thank you!



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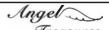
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