

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer

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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer

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**Office Hours:**

Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm



### Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 9:00am

### 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

Annamae Elliott

Debbie Yutzi

Fr. Peter Meyer

Ken Gallipeau

Dan Lauzon

#### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer

Diane Smith

Maria Diemert

Rick Weishar

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#### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

#### Knights of Columbus

Todd Cowan

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#### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or

[www.resurrectionist.net](http://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.

### St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira

519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

### St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo

519-885-1340 Website: [stdavid.wcdsb.ca](http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca)

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. ✠

## PALM SUNDAY

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>

<b>Tuesday, April 4,</b> <b>6:30 pm Stations of the Cross</b> – Led by the Knights of Columbus <b>7:05 pm +Gerard Bruder; Judy Furlong</b> <b>+Joyce &amp; Bill Shantz; Janice &amp; Charles Drexler</b> <i>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</i>
<b>Wednesday, April 5, 9:00 am – Maryhill</b> <i>A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. – Pope Francis</i>
<b>Thursday, April 6,</b> <b>10:00 am Passion Play</b> by School <b>7:00 pm Holy Thursday</b> <b>For the Clergy of the Diocese</b>
<b>Friday, April 7, The Passion of the Lord</b> <b>11:00 am Good Friday Service</b> <b>3:00 pm Maryhill Good Friday Service</b>
<b>Saturday, April 8, 8:30 pm – Easter Vigil</b> <b>For All Those Received Into The Church</b>
<b>Sunday, April 9, Solemnity of Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b> <b>9:00 am Our Parish Community</b> <b>11:15 am Our Parish Community</b>

### READINGS FOR April 8/9

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Second Reading: Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:13-35

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE** 5:30 pm **First Communion/Confirmation Seder Meal** – Hall  
6:30 pm **Stations of the Cross** – Church

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., April 3 Rev. Paul Patrick, O.M.I.  
Tues., April 4 Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean-Pierre  
Wed., April 5 Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.  
Thurs., April 6 Holy Thursday  
Fri., April 7 Good Friday  
Sat., April 8 Holy Saturday

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For a culture of peace and non-violence – We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Crackers, Sidekicks and Juice

### MINISTRIES for April 1/2

#### Children's Liturgy

Apr 7 (11 am) Anna Jakeman, Sarah Glazier  
Apr 9 (9 am) Sarah Glazier, Theresa Mendler

#### Sign Ministry

Apr 3 Sandi Hutchinson

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This week is Holy Week. It is the week which precedes the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday: it includes the last days of Lent and the beginning of the Easter Triduum. During Holy Week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his messianic entrance into Jerusalem.

Please come and join us for our Holy Week Masses.

Fr. Peter

We will be offering **SESSIONS COVERING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH** for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. No commitment is called for to begin. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of the Catechism. If you are interested please speak to Father Peter or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

The C.W.L. will be hosting a **SPRING AFTERNOON ELEGANT TEA**. Would you be able to help us? We are in need of trays on which to serve the sandwiches and desserts and also teapots. If you have a two-tiered or three-tiered dessert platter or china teapot that you can lend us for this special event we would appreciate it. Please contact the Parish Office by email at [stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com) or by telephone at 519-669-3387 if you are able to help us with this request for this special event.

If you are in Grade 4 or older and are interested in being an **ALTAR SERVER** at weekend Masses please contact Iris Miltenburg at the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or by email at [stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com). Training is provided.

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank. Food may be dropped off during office hours or before or after Masses. 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.

The next set of groups/workshops presented by Woolwich Counselling Centre are below. Please see the bulletin board for more information about each individual group/workshop.:

- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**, Adult Sessions, no cost in-person sessions on **Thursdays, April 6, May 4 and June 1, 2023** from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **PRACTICING POSITIVE THINKING AND GRATITUDE**, Adult Workshop, no cost, virtual workshop on **Monday, April 10, 2023** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **CONNECT: PARENTING GROUP**, in person group on **Wednesdays, April 12 – June 14, 2023** from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- **IMPORTANCE OF SELF-CARE FOR PARENTS, Parenting Workshop**, no cost, virtual workshop, on **Thursday, April 13, 2023** from 7- 8 p.m.  
Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or by

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emailing [info@woolwichcounselling.org](mailto:info@woolwichcounselling.org) or drop by at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira for any of the above groups/workshops.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour to praying? Please pray for an end to abortion and pray for the conversion of hearts. Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com) or call 519-742-9025.

**MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER** is on **GOOD FRIDAY, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 St. Charles St. E. from **12 noon to 7 p.m.** Eat in or take out. No reservations are needed. First come- first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. Cost is 1 pc. - \$16 or 2 pc. - \$19. Children 12 & under may buy a half price 1 pc for \$8.00 if dining in house only! Hot Dogs also available. Bar, dessert & refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. **CASH ONLY PLEASE!** Call ahead take out orders are most welcome. For more information contact (519) 648-2939.

The next **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** is on **Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>** at Notre Dame Chapel, SJ1 Classrooms and Library Building at St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Jose Pereira, Director, Division of Palliative Care and Professor in the Department of Family Medicine at McMaster University in Hamilton, will speak on "The End of Life Care and the Cost of Neglect". There is complimentary parking. It is wheelchair accessible. Refreshments will be served prior to the lecture. Admission is free, but please register as seating is limited. Tickets are not required at the door.

**AGING ISSUES: LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES** – join us for this chance to learn about aging from the perspective of three Indigenous speakers in our region. The Diocese, through the Family Ministry Office, is co-sponsoring this Zoom event on **Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 2-4 p.m. For registration and information, please contact Ellen Ryan, [hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:hamiltonagingcommunity@gmail.com) or at 905-648-0437.

**CARD PARTY** - St. Anthony Daniel Parish C.W.L. is hosting a Card Party on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** in the St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments, and prizes and lots of fun playing your favorite game with friends. Plan to join us. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA** - Our annual fundraiser is scheduled for **April 27, 2023** and this year we have a wonderful 1940s theme complete with a Big Band and a menu that will bring back a sense of nostalgia for some of you and a wish to be born in more simpler times by others. Most importantly, the Gala gives us an opportunity

to introduce and re-introduce to you, Catholic Missions In Canada. Catholic Missions In Canada is one of the best kept secrets to our Canadian Catholic community. In 2023 we are starting an awareness campaign. People need to know that in most areas in Canada, religious services like Mass, baptism, religious instruction, confession and so on, are not readily available. **People need to know that CMIC exists to advance and sustain the Catholic faith in Canada...and they need to know that they can help.** We would really love to see you and we would really appreciate it if you could bring somebody along so that they can learn what we are all about and have a great evening as well. There will be individual ticket sales and sponsorship and donation opportunities. If you wish to know more about the Gala and the sponsorship opportunities available now visit the website at [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info).

**EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY** – Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will continue our look at *The 10 Commandments*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith. All are welcome.

Join the Knights of Columbus for **FISH FRY FRIDAYS** at the Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. The seating time on Fridays is 5:30 p.m. Meal includes Fish & Chips, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll. The cost is one Piece \$15.00 (tax included) or two Pieces \$20.00 (tax included). Good Friday seatings are 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. You must call for reservations at 519-884-2060.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – "Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** – As spring begins we see new life erupting everywhere. This is a great chance to point out the beauty of God's creation to your children, as buds form, trees bloom and flowers grow. Remind them of God's creative power and how he created all this for us, but also gave us the task of caring for His creation. We must nurture and protect God's created world. It is also a chance to remind them that life too has cycles and we can begin anew – the Sacrament of Reconciliation allows us to seek forgiveness and start anew, just as nature does each spring! From the Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<b>Offertory collection for March 25/26:</b>	<b>\$3,562.80</b>
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,724.64</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$30,760.04</b>
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