

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
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

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi
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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.

St. Teresa of Avila School

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St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo
519-885-1340 Website: 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. ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 22nd

Tuesday, April 23, 7:05 p.m. +William & Betty Walter; Estate +George Garton; Pat Garton <i>Act and God will act; work and he will work. – St. Joan of Arc</i>
Wednesday, April 24, 9:00 a.m. – Maryhill <i>God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray. – St. Louis Grignion de Montfort</i>
Thursday, April 25, 12:05 p.m. +Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate +Diana Vandenberg; Marie Hanley-Willms <i>Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself. – St. John Mary Vianney</i>
Friday, April 26, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>When we do our own duty, we must not be concerned, because God's help will not be lacking. – St. Gianna Beretta Molla</i>
Saturday, April 27, 5:00 pm Confirmation Enrolment +Laverne Logel; Helen Mooney +Agatha Schorno; Theresa Wuersch
Sunday, April 28, Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Confirmation Enrolment & Youth Choir Singing Our Parish Community After Mass Coffee Sunday 11:00 am Maryhill

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Connie Kaster	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Maria Diemert	John Bruder

Children's Liturgy
Apr 28 Sandi Hutchinson, Nikki Totten

Sign Ministry
Apr 22 Ray Denomme

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the role of women - We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Baked Beans, Canned Salmon & Tuna, and Rice

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

At this time the Church and Office are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Today is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. The call of the laity is a very important role in the ministry of the Church. If it wasn't for you, there would be no Bishops, Priests or Deacons. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

Fr. Peter

READINGS FOR April 27/28

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31
 Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:18-24
 Gospel Reading: Jn 15:1-8

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., April 22	Rev. Innocent Nwachukwu
Tues., April 23	Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico
Wed., April 24	Jesuit Fathers, S.J.
Thurs., April 25	Rev. James Petrie
Fri., April 26	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Sat., April 27	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Library 6:00 p.m. First Communion Session
WED	6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice – Church 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Session
FRI	9:00 a.m. St. Teresa & St. Boniface C.W.L. Mass & Social – St. Boniface Church
SAT	10:00 a.m. First Communion Retreat Day

MINISTRIES for April 27/28

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond
 9am Ray Denomme, Pat Ditner, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly
 9am Anne Hanley, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Jaxson Joseph Koehler**, son of Jason and Stephanie, **Mackenzie Ann Koehler**, daughter of Jason and Stephanie, **Breea DeVon Shouldice**, daughter of Russ and Jennifer, **Scarlett Kathryn Shouldice**, daughter of Russ and Jennifer. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

THANK YOU to all the Elmira & area people who attended our recent Good Friday Fish & Chips Day in Maryhill. Our committee really appreciates your support, this being the only fundraiser we do for local park improvements. We look forward to joining you at your spaghetti supper. Hope to see you next year on Good Friday,

C.W.L. – OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL EVENT

St Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League will be joining with St. Boniface Catholic Women's League on **Friday, April 26th, 2024** at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at **St. Boniface Church**. We will be attending Mass followed by time to socialize and enjoy coffee/tea and something to eat. Everyone is welcome.

St. Teresa's C.W.L. is pleased to announce a **BURSARY** of \$500.00 for a high school parishioner attending university or college in September. Please pick up an envelope with the application requirements at the back of church.

APRIL 21, 2024

Join us for an **ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA** on **Saturday, May 11th** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. There are two sittings: 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$15 per Child 6 – 12 years. For tickets please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com. There will be handcrafted scones with jam and devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, delicious mini desserts and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed please request this when you purchase your ticket. Tickets are on sale after Masses beginning April 20th.

The C.W.L. of Canada has a **NATIONAL BURSARY FUND**. Applications must be submitted to the national office and postmarked by May 15th. A C.W.L. member must be in her third consecutive year of membership or any year thereafter, in order to apply. The maximum bursary award is \$1,000 per year, per applicant, for a maximum of \$4,000 over a member's lifetime. For further information, criteria and guidelines, etc. please visit www.cwl.ca.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **April 26th** the trucks will be at **Gale Presbyterian Church**. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks each week to see which church and what trucks are there.

St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Women's League presents **AN APRIL AFTERNOON BRIDGE & CARD PARTY** on **Wednesday, April 24th, 2024** at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at 12:00 noon. There is lunch, refreshments and prizes. Tickets are \$20 per person. For tickets, contact St. Anthony Daniel Parish office at 519-893-6960 on Monday to Friday from 9 – 12 noon or 1 – 4 p.m. or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534. Tickets are ideally sold in groups of four.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Please join us for the screening of Bigger Than Us on **Thursday, April 25th** from 7 – 9 p.m. The film follows youth activist Melati Wijsen as she travels the world to meet other young activists like herself, striving to make the world a better place. Guest speaker Peter Mahfouz from Caritas Lebanon will speak about his work supporting their communities. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (MAY 5-10, 2024) - The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 was inspired by the following considerations: With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." With open hearts of love, we can continue to "fan the flame of hope" for a bright future. On the fifth anniversary of Renewing the Promise, we celebrate that Catholic Education is centered on our Christian call to love. This love permeates how we live in the world and as we act with love, we build a better future. Pope Francis stated in 2023, "He wants us to be artisans of a new history, weavers of hope, builders of the future, peacemakers."

TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE – Join us on **Saturday, May 11, 2024**. The KW Right to Life will travel to the March for Life at Toronto Queen's Park. A bus will depart at 8 a.m. from Fairview Park Mall, the far-right parking lot facing Walmart. The gathering will be at 10 a.m., rally and speeches at 10:30 a.m. and march through downtown Toronto at 12 p.m. with closing remarks at 1:30 p.m. and the departure at 3 p.m. Reserve your bus seat(s) early as it will fill up fast. Call 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca. Bus seat cost is \$25. Join us in Canada largest city, Toronto for the March for Life 2024.

THE 21ST ANNUAL VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER is on **May 15, 2024** at 6:00 p.m. Celebrate the service given to the Diocese of Hamilton by our Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters, Permanent Deacons, and Consecrated Virgins Living in the World. The dinner is at Liuna Station, 360 James St. N., Hamilton. Tickets are \$90 per person. Contact serrahamilton1965@gmail.com for tickets. Please note dietary restrictions.

THE MAJOR RELIQUARY OF ST. ANDRE BESSETTE (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton **May 17-24, 2024**. Beginning at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the relics of Brother Andre will then visit St. Thomas Parish, Waterdown, St Raphael Parish, Burlington, St. Basil Parish, Brantford, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener, and Holy Family Parish, Hanover. See the Diocesan Website for dates and times. This is a blessed opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our Canadian-born Saints! We are grateful to the Holy Cross Community at St. Joseph's Oratory for this opportunity!

SOCCER COACHES NEEDED for the Woolwich Soccer League! It would be greatly appreciated that anyone **who is able to coach a team please let me know as soon as possible**. We are in need of approximately 12 coaches (4 main and 8 alternate). We strive to have 2 coaches per team. The teams meet on Thursday evenings. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn their volunteer hours. Contact ssurnoskie14@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer.

VOCATION SEEDS – This is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The world needs leaders with courage and integrity. The Church needs good leaders as well, leaders who will unselfishly care for the needs of God's people and minister to them. If you feel God is calling you to priesthood, religious life or diaconate, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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