

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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Office Administration: Donna Vollmer

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Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 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.

St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira
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St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo
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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 26TH

Tuesday, April 27, No Mass

A soul enkindled with love is a gentle, meek, humble and patient soul. – St. John of the Cross

Wednesday, April 28, No Mass

Mother Mary is an echo of God, speaking and repeating only God. – St. Louis Grignon de Montfort

Thursday, April 29, No Mass

The soul is in God and God in the soul, just as the fish is in the sea and the sea in the fish. – St. Catherine of Siena

Friday, April 30, No Mass

May Jesus Christ Our Lord be forever the sole possessor of our hearts, as he will be, if we love and seek only him in all things. – St. Marie of the Incarnation

Saturday, May 1, No Mass

Sunday, May 2 TELEVISED MASS ON YOUTUBE ON OUR HOME PAGE
Fifth Sunday of Easter

READINGS FOR May 1/2

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 26 Rev. William Trusz
Tues., April 27 Rev. David Reitzel
Wed., April 28 Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, S.O.C.
Thurs., April 29 Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
Fri., April 30 Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Sat., May 1 Rev. Claude Perera, O.M.I.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Shampoo, Deodorant and Canned Pasta

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

Fundamental Rights – We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

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 on the YouTube arrow and see weekly reflections on Wednesdays with Fr. Peter Meyer and see/participate in the Mass each Sunday.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pope Francis sent a video message on the occasion of the International Congress "Mujer exceptional", or Exceptional Woman, dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the proclamation of St. Teresa of Ávila as a Doctor of the Church. Pope Francis spoke of how prayer made this great Saint an "exceptional woman". He said that St. Teresa was outstanding in many ways. However, he underlined, "it should not be forgotten that her recognized relevance in these dimensions is nothing more than the consequence of what was important to her: her encounter with the Lord, her 'determined determination,' as she says, to persevere in her union with Him through prayer, her firm intention to carry out the mission entrusted to her by the Lord, to whom she offered herself with simplicity." St. Teresa's boldness, creativity and excellence as a reformer, said Pope Francis, "are the fruit of the interior presence of the Lord." Let us continue to ask our patroness, St. Teresa, to pray for us and our intentions.

Would you like to be part of a gardening team at St. Teresa of Avila? We are looking for volunteers to help with the gardens. If you would like to be a part of this team please contact the Parish Office via by email at StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com or by telephone at 519-669-3387.

Sunday Masses are still being taped and uploaded through St. Teresa's YouTube on the website or just google YouTube St. Teresa's, Elmira. Reflections are also put on YouTube on Wednesdays. Please check them out.

Any questions or concerns you have please call the Parish Office. The telephone is checked regularly every day. Mail is also checked each day.

Be assured of my continued support and prayer. We ask Jesus, our Lord and God to watch over us in these difficult times.

Father Peter

WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY AND MOVIE

Every Wednesday St. Teresa has a Rosary Zoom meeting at 7:00 p.m. We have been running it successfully for a few months now. It averages about 30 people taking part. It has been suggested that we start a movie evening... based mainly on spiritual Movies, i.e. lives of Saints.

The series 'The Chosen' has been mentioned and is free and running on tube. Season one is complete and Season two has just begun.

We would like to extend the Rosary Zoom Meeting and show 'The Chosen' series, after the Rosary is finished. This will add another 40 minutes to the zoom meeting.

We understand that it may not be for everyone, in which case please feel free to log off at that time. Anyone who would like to stay and watch... can enjoy

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the life of Jesus... with 96 million other people around the world.

I have been watching and have enjoyed it immensely.

Yours in Christ.

Deacon Basil

Email: bmarkides@rogers.com.

The Knights of Columbus are offering **FREE ON LINE MEMBERSHIP until June 30, 2021** in honour of the beatification of Father McGivney . Go to <https://www.KofC.org/joinus>. Use the promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

You are invited to the **WOOLWICH COUNSELLING CENTRE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **Wednesday, April 28th** from 7 – 8:30 p.m. This is a virtual meeting on Zoom. Please R.S.V.P., to info@woolwichcounselling.org. The Zoom link will be shared following registration. Join them as they share the rich history of their centre and hear why they are truly an organization built by the community, for the community. From their humble beginnings 45 years ago, they are now a vital local support servicing 1,000 people annually. At a time when people are accessing their services like never before, be part of their 45th anniversary awareness and fundraising campaign in Woolwich and Wellesley.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (MAY 2 – MAY 7, 2021) - This year's Catholic Education Week theme is "*Nurturing Hope*." The Catholic Education biblical quote is, "*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength*." Isaiah 40:31.

The NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE is on **Thursday, May 13, 2021**. This event will take place both in-person and online. The theme for this year's March for Life is 'You are not alone'. Each year, it is a great encouragement to see thousands of young people marching for life, to see people of many faith backgrounds and cultures, and to hear from the pro-life MPs who share words of encouragement. This year, Guelph & Area Right to Life will not be organizing a day trip to the March for Life. However, everyone is encouraged to travel to participate in the in-person March if able to do so. The March for Life will also be hosting a virtual March, as well as many other virtual events during the March for Life week. For more information, visit marchforlife.ca. See the events below:

- Life on Film: Movie Nights, May 9 -11 (online)
- Candlelight Vigil, May 12 (in-person & online)
- National Mass for Life, May 13 (in-person & online)
- March for Life & Rally, May 13 (in-person & online)
- Youth Conference, May 14 (online)

The next Reel Justice Film Festival, **END OF IMMIGRATION**, is showing on **Thursday, May 27th** at 7:00 p.m. A shocking look at the life of temporary foreign workers. To join the online screening R.S.V.P. in advance at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/>.

The **42ND ANNUAL KW RIGHT TO LIFE WALK FOR LIFE** is on **Saturday, May 29th**. There will be an Independent Walk Option. You can walk on your own or not. Details to follow. Walk from a designated place which is to be announced. Prizes. Draws. Every \$50 pledged receives a chance for a \$100 Gift Certificate. Call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 for more information. Income tax receipts are issued at Year End for donations \$20 and over.

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. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

FUNDRAISING FOR PRO-LIFE BUS ADS – Thank you to everyone who has donated to the bus ad fundraising campaign so far! In lieu of the annual change drive, The Guelph & Area Right to Life has been asking for one-time and monthly donations to support these ads. So far, \$6,592 has been raised. To keep pro-life ads running on 7 Guelph Transit buses, the goal is to raise a total of \$11,180. This is a big project, but we know that we have to think big in order to really make change. We envision a community where life is valued from the very beginning. Sharing the message with thousands of local people through bus ads is a great step towards that, and we invite you to be a part of it. If you are currently able to, would you consider supporting these ads? Contact the Guelph & Area Right to Life Office for more details by calling 519-836-6311.

The Waterloo Catholic District School board is currently accepting applications for **REGISTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS**. Please visit the website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for April 17/18:	\$4,650.63
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$137,938.25

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