

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday of Lent

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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

Annamae Elliott
Deana Pfanner Groves
Debbie Yutzi
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
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Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

Knights of Columbus

Frank McGuire

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
519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

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. ✠

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 4TH

Tuesday, April 5,

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
(Knights of Columbus)

7:05 pm +Gerard Butler; Judy Furlong

+Rina Milan; Phil & Debra Milan\

+Howard Meyer; Father Peter Meyer

If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbour, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire. – St. Vincent Ferrer

Wednesday, April 6,

10:30 am – St. Jacobs Place

+Joseph & Annamae Eckert; Estate

7:30 pm Parish Penitential Service

The Holy Rosary is the storehouse of countless blessings. – Bl. Alan de la Roche

Thursday, April 7, 12:05 pm

+John & Luwina Kraemer; Estate

Often remind yourself that you are in the presence of God. – St. John Baptist de la Salle

Friday, April 8,

9:00 am +Sylvester Moser; Anne Runstedler

9:30 – 11:30 am Adoration

Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart? – St. Gerard Majella

Saturday, April 9, 5:00 pm

+Joanne Moser; Ed Brenner

+Bill Walter; Dorothy Walter

Sunday, April 10, 9:30 am

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR April 9/10

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Lk 22:14-23:56

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross – Church

7:30 pm Confirmation Session – Hall

7:35 pm Parish Pastoral Council Mtg - Library

WED 7:00 pm Parish Penitential Service – Church

7:30 pm 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice – Practice Room

THU 7:00 pm First Communion Session – Library

SAT 4:00-4:30 pm Confessions – Church

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO BIOETHICAL

CHALLENGES – We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., April 4 Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Tues., April 5 Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Wed., April 6 Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.
Thurs., April 7 Rev. Tom Moisan
Fri., April 8 Rev. David Weise
Sat., April 9 Rev. Pablito Labado

FOODBANK NEEDS

Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap

MINISTRIES for April 9/10

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy Pond

9:30am Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly

9:30am Adrian Miltenburg, Anne Hanley, Ray Denomme

Altar Servers

5pm No Altar Servers

9:30am Allyson Cassidy, Rachel Grosz

	Lector	Commentator
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5pm	Tom O'Marra	Judy Furlong
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(N) Peggy Kulaga

(S parts) Connie Kaster

9:30am	Iris Miltenburg	Wally Malcolm
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(N) Maria Diemert

(S parts) Dianne McGuire

Sign Ministry

Apr 4 Pat Ditner

My Dear Parishioners,

To continue our Lenten message, the Holy Father goes on to connect Paul's words to the Galatians to the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. "Let us not grow tired of praying," he says, realizing that we need God and others. "Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives," embracing fasting in order "to fortify our spirit for the battle against sin," especially through the sacrament of Confession and by fighting against concupiscence. "Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbour," giving joyfully and generously to others, especially those in most need. Pope Francis says that each year during Lent "we are reminded that 'goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, are not active once and for all; they have to be realized each day.' "

This week we are beginning with our Nursing Home Masses. The first one is this Wednesday at St. Jacobs Place. Please come and join us.

Please pray for our young parishioners in Grade 2 who are preparing for their First Communion. Please also pray for those in Grade 7 preparing for their Confirmation. These young people are special members of our community. They are undertaking special preparation for these sacraments of initiation.

Confessions by appointment at any time.

Fr. Peter

5 P.M. MASS CHOIR – It has been 2 long years since we have had choir singing at the 5 p.m. Mass on Saturdays. Now that covid restrictions are easing, we would like to get our choir together again, aiming to begin singing on the first weekend after Easter. We welcome anyone, who loves to sing; no experience required. For information, please contact Marianne Kraemer at 519-497-5198 or Donna at the Church.

The Knights of Columbus are having their **MAPLE SAUSAGE AND MAPLE BURGERS FUNDRAISER** once

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again. The burgers and sausages are gluten, whey and soy free. They contain NO MSG, no nitrates, nitrites or phosphates. **Orders are due by Wednesday, April 27th.** Proceeds to Ukraine Humanitarian Relief.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – Today is SOLIDARITY SUNDAY. Thanks to your support and commitment, Development and Peace can inform and inspire Canadians and stand in solidarity with vulnerable and marginalized people in the Global South. It is only by joining forces that we can create alternatives to unjust social, political and economic structures and ensure that people and the planet come first. Please be generous in giving to the work of Development and Peace. If you hand in your envelope at the parish, this will be put towards your income tax receipt for the year. Thank you for your generosity.

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank ending on Holy Thursday, April 14th. Food may be dropped off during office hours or before or after Masses. Baskets will be placed in the narthex. This will represent all the food donated for the hungry of our community.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE DATES

Wed., April 6th at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa, Elmira
Tues., April 12th at 7 p.m. at St. Clement's, St. Clements

HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper)

Thursday, April 14th – 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, April 15th – 11:00 a.m. & 3 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)

Saturday, April 16th – 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday, April 17st – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE – INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE on **Monday, April 4th** at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Daniel R.C. Church, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener (corner of Midland and Ottawa). All are welcome!

The Woolwich Community Health Centre virtually presents **DOWNSIZING/DE-CLUTTERING & HOARDING: WHAT TO DO WITH A LIFETIME OF SENTIMENTAL ITEMS** on **Tuesday, April 5th, 2022** from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Facilitated by Gael Gilbert, Executive Director, Supportive Housing of Waterloo. Many of us like collecting household items. In some cases, collecting has taken over our life and becomes an issue. Do you feel that you need to unload your lifetime collections but have difficulty making decisions? Join Gael Gilbert to learn about ways to downsize and de-clutter your items. Registration is required. To register, please email Halee at hradford@wchc.on.ca or visit the website and click 'register online' at www.wchc.on.ca or call 519-664-3794 or 519-656-9025.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, April 7th** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour to praying? Parking is across the road at Schneider Park.

Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

The Woolwich Community Health Centre virtually presents **TEENS & YOUTH HEALTH SERIES** facilitated by Sid Bater, Psychotherapist and Lisa Parker, Child and Youth Worker, WCHC. Being a teen today can be hard! Social media, drugs and addiction, varying beliefs, mental health and feeling pulled in different directions are just some of the things we face. There are a lot of things going on in teenage life but you may not always have a place to talk about them. If you or a friend knows what this is like, these conversations are just for you! These sessions are free, and you can attend as many (4 total) or as few as you like. All conversations are open to anyone between 14 and 19 years of age. Registration is required. Email Lisa Park at lparker@wchc.on.ca. The next session is **KEEPING UP WITH SOCIAL MEDIA & EXPOSING INTERNET TROLLS** on **Thursday, April 14, 2022** from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY FISH AND CHIPS – The Knights of Columbus in Fergus will be serving their popular Fish and Chip dinners from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on **Good Friday, April 15th at St. Joseph's Parish Hall in Fergus.** Choices are oven-baked, or traditional deep fried, breaded haddock fish portions. Fish and Chip dinners, including fries, cole slaw, juice and coffee or tea will be \$12.00 for one piece of fish and \$17.00 for two pieces of fish. A side serving of one piece of fish will be \$7.00 and an order of fries only will be \$5.00. Pop or bottled water will be \$1.00 each. Take out will be available. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending. **50% of the proceeds will be donated to Ukraine Relief** and the balance to our Knights Charities in the Parish and Community.

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo on **Wednesday evenings from April 20th – May 25th** from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. **Register by April 13th** by contacting St. Michael Parish Office at 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. This program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss and follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee. Visit the website for more information at www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support.

VOCATION SEEDS – What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Losinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offeritory collection for March 26/27:	\$3,007.25
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$74,906.51
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