

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of
Lent

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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

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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 LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 11TH

<p>Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (led by Catholic Women's League) 7:05 pm +Frank Walter; Estate +Lorne Glofcheskie; Iris & Adrian Miltenburg <i>God is the living light in every respect. From God all lights shine. Therefore, we remain a light that gives off light through God. – St. Hildegard of Bingen</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, March 13, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes. – St. Dominic</i></p>
<p>Thursday, March 14, 12:05 pm +Sylvester Moser & Intentions of Tena Moser; Jim & Marilyn Moser & Family +Anthony Baldasaro; John & Linda Bruder <i>God will always be attentive and provide us with whatever is necessary. When all shall fail us, then God will take care of us, and then all will not fail us since we shall have God, who must be our all. – St. Francis de Sales</i></p>
<p>Friday, March 15, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>The truly righteous are set apart from the world because they produce the fruits of grace in their actions. – St. Clement of Alexandria</i></p>
<p>Saturday, March 16, 5:00 pm +Danielle Pilon; Ellen McLeod +Gerri Rose Straus-Moser; Margaret & Richard Read</p>
<p>Sunday, March 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR March 16/17

First Reading: Jer 31:31-34
 Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9
 Gospel Reading: Jn 12:20-33

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., March 11	Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.
Tues., March 12	Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
Wed., March 13	Lay Parish Ministers
Thurs., March 14	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.
Fri., March 15	Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
Sat., March 16	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	7:00 p.m. C.W.L. Executive Meeting – Library
TUE	7:35 p.m. C.W.L. General Meeting & Installation of Officers - Library
THU	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Session – Library

MINISTRIES for March 16/17

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Kieran Kelly, Judy Furlong
9am	Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality

5pm	Marilyn Hurlburt, Debbie Yutzi
9am	Anne Hanley, Pat & Linus Ditner

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Tom O'Marra	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Ellen Siebel- Achenbach	Wally Malcolm

Children's Liturgy

Mar 17 Anna Jakeman, Ken Gallipeau

Sign Ministry

Mar 11 Sandi Hutchinson

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the new martyrs – We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Canned Pasta

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another.

Fr. Peter

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA: A MOVEMENT OF SOLIDARITY

– In rural Indonesia, young people are abandoning agriculture to work in cities. Over time, this could threaten food sovereignty. Our partner PAYOPAYO empowers village communities to work together to find solutions to common challenges related to agriculture, food, energy, natural resource management and the engagement of youths, especially women. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor Karno Batiran, the executive director of PAYOPAYO. Learn more at devp.org/lent.

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank from **March 13th to March 28th**. Food may be dropped off during office hours or before or after Masses. This will be our Lenten project in support of those who are less fortunate in our community.

FIRST COMMUNION – Just a reminder that there will be a **Parent First Communion Meeting on Tuesday, March 19th** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Church. This meeting will address final plans for First Communion.

CONFIRMATION – Parents/guardians of Confirmation students (Grade 7) are invited to join us for a **Parent/Student Confirmation Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 20th** at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa Church, Elmira. Come and learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you know of anyone attending a public school who wishes to be confirmed please let them know of this meeting.

IT'S MAPLE SYRUP TIME! Members of the Knights of Columbus will be at the back of the church after all regular Masses, in March, to take pre-orders for specially labelled, 500 ml. bottles of maple syrup. Each bottle is Canada Grade 'A' Amber Pure Syrup and the cost is \$15/bottle. All proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus to help support the good works that they do. Pick up will be after Mass, last weekend of March.

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CONFESSIONS at St. Teresa Church:
Saturday, March 16th – 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, March 23rd – 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26th – beginning 7:30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper)

Thursday, March 28th - 7:00 p.m. (St. Boniface only)

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, March 29th - 11:00 a.m. (St. Teresa)
- 3:00 p.m. (St. Boniface)

HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)

Saturday, March 30th - 8:00 p.m. (St. Teresa only)

EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday, March 31st - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. (St. Teresa)
- 11:00 a.m. (St. Boniface)

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING – Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

TINY HOME TAKEOUT is still in urgent need of **men's pants, Size 30-32, blankets, and sleeping bags** for the unsheltered. If anyone wishes to make a donation of any of these items there will be a box in the cloakroom to put the donation and they will be dropped off.

Join us at a **LENTEN HEALING MINISTRY VIGIL**, with Fr. William Trusz, Missionary of Mercy, on **Wednesday, March 13th** at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. See the poster on the bulletin board for more information.

Mark your calendars for the **GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024** at 7 p.m. at the Guelph & Area Right to Life Office, 26 Norfolk Street, Guelph. Doors open at 6:40 p.m. Light refreshments provided. This year's Annual General Meeting will be held in person and online via video conference. **R.S.V.P. by Friday, March 15th**. If you are joining online, a meeting link will be sent out closer to the date.

The next **LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** presents Dr. Tricia Bruce on **Thursday, March 21st** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Jerome's University, SJ1, Classrooms and Library Building, Notre Dame Chapel. The event is free. It is in-person and online. All are welcome. The topic is "Her Place in the Church: Gender, Power, and Authority in Contemporary Catholicism". Please register for this talk.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MASS WITH BISHOP LOBSINGER – As the 40 Days for Life Guelph prayer vigil draws to a close, Bishop Lobsinger will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady for a special 40 Days for Life Mass on **Wednesday, March 27, 2024** at 7 p.m. at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph. All are welcome to attend!

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Join us for our special youth screening of Island of Lemurs, Madagascar on **Thursday, March 28th** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. An insightful

documentary for the whole family! Follow Dr. Patricia C. Wright's mission to help lemurs, the highly evolved creatures who arrived on Madagascar millions of years ago as castaways but are now highly endangered. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – The 40 Days for Life Guelph prayer vigil is underway until March 28! Join us in praying across the street from the Guelph Community Health Centre, where the SHORE Centre operates a satellite clinic in order to provide the abortion pill. For more details and to sign up today visit 40daysforlife.com/guelph or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311.

MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER on **Good Friday, March 29th** from 12 noon to 7 p.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 St, Charles St. E. Eat in or take out. **NO RESERVATIONS**. First come- first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. 1 pc. - \$16; 2 pc. - \$19. Children 12 & under may buy a half price 1 pc for \$8.00 if dining in house only! Hot Dogs are also available. Dessert & refreshments available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. Cash only. Advanced orders for take-out orders are strongly advised. For more information contact (519) 648-2939 check us out on the "Maryhill Events and Things for Sale" Facebook page.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – We can all appreciate the point Jesus was making. Today's Gospel captures the essence of the Good News. It highlights God's unconditional love for humanity, for you. It talks about the Light that breaks through our darkest nights. God desires our happiness. Are you open to letting God illuminate every corner of your life where shadows linger, guiding you towards this happiness? Or do you perhaps sense a calling to spread this message of hope to others? Fr. Paul Szymanowski CR, Director of Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – St. Paul reminds us that we are "created in Christ Jesus for good works". If you think God's plan for you could be to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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