

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 12, 2023

Third Sunday
of Lent

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Office Hours:

Monday 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

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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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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. ✠

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 13TH

Tuesday, March 14, No Mass 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross – led by Parish Council <i>Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self. – St. Francis of Assisi</i>
Wednesday, March 15, No Mass – Maryhill <i>To abandon, for God's sake, all worldly enjoyments, has always been the practice of holy souls. – St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>
Thursday, March 16, 12:05 pm +Jim Hogan; Stewart & Helen Logan +Elaine Geffros; Trudy & Ray Denomme <i>Truth suffers, but never dies. – St. Teresa of Avila</i>
Friday, March 17, No Mass - Maryhill <i>I pray to God to give me perseverance and to deign that I be a faithful witness to him to the end of my life for my God. – St. Patrick</i>
Saturday, March 18, 5:00 pm +John Schill; Estate +Maurice Downey; Doris & Mike Snelling
Sunday, March 19, Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR March 18/19

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14
 Gospel Reading: Jn 9:1-41

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	7:00 pm	C.W.L. Lenten Circle – Library
TUE	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross – Church
WED	7:00 pm	C.W.L. Meeting - Library
THU	7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
SAT	4:00 pm	5:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church
SUN	After 9:00 am Mass	Coffee Sunday – Hall

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., March 13	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Tues., March 14	Rev. David Wilhelm
Wed., March 15	Lay Parish Ministers
Thurs., March 16	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Fri., March 17	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
Sat., March 18	Rev. George Stortz

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For victims of abuse – We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Jam, Ketchup and Canned Pasta

MINISTRIES for March 18/19

Eucharistic Ministers	
5pm	Erl Andersen
9am	Ray Denomme

Hospitality

5pm Greg & Sue Goetz
 9am Paul & Diane Shutts, Anne Hanley

Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra
 9am Ellen Siebel-Achenbach

Commentator

Phil Milan
 Joan Couto

Children's Liturgy

Mar 19 Theresa Mendler, Sarah Glazier

Sign Ministry

Mar 13 Pat Ditner

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for a Lenten Retreat facilitated by the School Sisters of Notre Dame from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 25th with Mass following the retreat. Refreshments included.

We are now in the Season of Lent. The Stations of the Cross and Adoration are special events that are part of Lent. I encourage you to come and join us.

Fr. Peter

C.W.L. MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING - change in date!

March's monthly general meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 15th** at 7:00 p.m. in the Library (instead of Tuesday). We have a motion to be voted on and need a quorum to do so. If you are planning to attend, please let Holly know by emailing H094.cwlssecretary@gmail.com.

MINI RETREAT, "MARY'S YES TODAY" – Join us on **Saturday, March 25th** from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. followed by the Eucharist at 5:00 p.m. The retreat is facilitated by the School Sisters of Notre Dame: Rosemary Howarth, Celeste Reinhart and Barbara Paleczny. All are welcome. Please register for the retreat by calling the St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or emailing stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.

Mark your calendar for the **ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY** on **Friday, September 15, 2023.**

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY – There are some new & interesting books in the library for your study and reading pleasure. We now have new books on the life of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Theresa of Lisieux and many more of our Great Saints. Also, with Lent upon us there are many books in the Prayer section to help guide us through this penitential season in preparation for the experience of EASTER!

C.W.L. AROUND THE LENTEN CIRCLE - All parishioners are invited to gather around the Lenten circle for small group discussions. For six Monday evenings we will read and reflect on the scriptures for the five Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday, share our thoughts and experiences, and feed our body and soul as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Please join us for these small group sessions on **Monday, March 13th, 20th and 27th** from 7 - 8 p.m. in the library, followed by snacks and fellowship. Hosted by the St. Teresa C.W.L. All are welcome! For more info contact Alice Soeder at alice_soeder@hotmail.com or 519-669-1859.

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SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH – Join us for Mass on **Monday, March 20th** at 3.00 p.m. in the newly renovated Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

Join the **REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** for our fun family screening of **COCO** on **March 23, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. This delightful film follows young Miguel as he dreams of becoming an accomplished musician, despite his family's generations-old ban on music. Themes of Family and Community, Dignity of the Human Person, Forgiveness, and Cultural Diversity are explored. The screening will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.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 injustice.

The next **YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT** is on **Saturday, April 1st** in Guelph. Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.), Social with Food (7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on Saturday, April 1st at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

CARD PARTY - St. Anthony Daniel Parish C.W.L. is hosting a Card Party on **Wednesday, April 26th** 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.

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. 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.

THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY – Time is running out! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, April 16, 2023** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register now at hamiltondiocese.com or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – A fundamental principle of our Catholic faith is that mercy must be part of our lived experience. Practicing forgiveness in all areas of our lives is important, but it is especially necessary in marriage. The intimate relationship of marriage means there will be hurt, anger and resentment between us at times and in these moments we must both seek and provide forgiveness. When we live with a merciful heart, instead of becoming hardened to the goodness in our spouse, we see the good, the joyful and the love that they carry for us. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

VOCATION SEEDS – “But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for March 4/5:	\$3,383.35
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$87,680.31

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