

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer  
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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Basil Markides  
**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer  
**Sacramental Preparation:** Iris Miltenburg  
**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

Annamae Elliott  
Deana Pfanner Groves  
Debbie Yutzi  
Fr. Peter Meyer  
Ken Gallipeau  
Leona Weishar

#### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
Jason Adams Maria Diemert  
Rick Weishar  
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#### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

#### Knights of Columbus

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#### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://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.

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent



### 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. ✠

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday, March 16,**

**6:30 pm Stations of the Cross**

**7:05 pm +Gerry Ellig; Ray & Trudy Denomme**

*Bless those who curse you, and pray for your enemies, and fast for those who persecute you. – The Didache*

**Wednesday, March 17, 9:00 am – St. Patrick's Day**

**+Annamae Eckert; Cheryl & Gord Dunn**

*Heaven is filled with converted sinners of all kinds and there is room for more. – St. Joseph Cafasso*

**Thursday, March 18, 12:05 pm**

**+Rita Graff; Danielle Pilon**

*Some saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking. – St. Thomas Aquinas*

**Friday, March 19, 9:00 am**

**Saint Joseph, Principal Patron of Canada  
Patron of the Universal Church**

**+Judy Reist; Maurice Downey**

**Saturday, March 20, 5:00 pm**

**4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions**

**5:00 pm +Maurice Downey; Diane Dietrich**

**+Sharon Soeder; Sharon & Peter  
Both**

**Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**9:30 am Our Parish Community**

### READINGS FOR March 20/21

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 15	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
Tues., March 16	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
Wed., March 17	Lay Parish Ministers
Thurs., March 18	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.
Fri., March 19	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Sat., March 20	Rev. Issac Tharayil, C.M.I.

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** – Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

**At this time the parish office is only open on Wednesdays, limited hours. Please check for updates at [stteresaelmira.ca](http://stteresaelmira.ca) and on the Hamilton Diocesan website.**

**Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies and serious pastoral concerns.**

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Cheez Whiz, Instant Coffee and Flour

### MINISTRIES for March 20/21

#### Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly

9:30am Bill & Anne Hanley, John Bruder

#### Lectors

5pm Connie Kaster

9:30am Dianne McGuire

#### Sign Ministry

Mar 15 Linda Bruder

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Stations of the Cross are each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., just prior to the 7:05 p.m. Mass. Everyone is welcome to join us.

During Lent we will be having Confessions each Saturday evening from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment.

We are taking orders for Bird Houses until next Tuesday, March 16th. You can purchase a kit and make one for you and/or with your family. The kit is \$10 (assembled or unassembled). All you need is a hammer, wood glue, Robertson screwdriver and latex paint. Email [st.teresaofavilaelmira@gmail.com](mailto:st.teresaofavilaelmira@gmail.com) with your order. Payment for the kit can be put in the collection at Mass or dropped off at the church on Wednesdays when the Parish Office is open. If you are writing a cheque it is payable to St. Teresa's Church. We will need your name and telephone number to call you when the kit is ready for pick-up. This is an excellent opportunity to do something together as a family.

I am available for appointments Tuesday to Friday. If you have any concerns please call the Parish Office and we will get back to you.

Yours in Christ,  
Father Peter Meyer

It is becoming increasingly difficult for Catholic physicians, nurses and pharmacists in Ontario to practise their professions because regulators require some form of participation in ending the lives of their patients. It is time for us to support their need for protection. The human dignity of each person is at stake and we are called to stand for the vulnerable. Please **WRITE OR CALL YOUR LOCAL MPP** and **let them know that you support legislation that would defend the rights of all healthcare workers to adhere to their own conscience when it comes to referrals for MAID.**

Check out the link on the Diocesan website containing information <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/conscience-rights-for-ontario-physicians>.

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank. Food may be dropped off on Wednesdays 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.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - Share Love, Share Lent: Strengthening vulnerable communities.**

Did you know that Development and Peace supports a school for peasant filmmakers in Colombia? This week in the Share Love, Share Lent campaign, discover the creative ways in which we assist communities in speaking for and taking charge of their own development. In keeping with the Catholic Social Teaching principle of participation, let your Lenten journey make a difference in the world. Learn about our work and consider giving to help sustain it.

The next Reel Justice Film Festival is called **TO THE ARCTIC** showing on **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. To join the online screening R.S.V.P. in advance at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/>. This is a family friendly movie about climate change and animals.

In response to the COVID-19 restrictions, the Lectures in Catholic Experience is sponsoring a series of online lectures during the upcoming months called **Hope in the Time of COVID!** The first lecture is on **Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** at 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Please see [sju.ca/lce](http://sju.ca/lce) for more information and links to access the lectures. Speaker David Perrin, PhD will talk on **THE COLLAPSE OF SELF-TRANSCENDENCE: COVID-19 AND MEANING-MAKING IN EVERYDAY LIFE.** As human beings we hunger for deep meaning and happiness in our lives and search for ways to attain both; this is called “self-transcendence.” The centrality of self-transcendence in human happiness, whether one is a believer or not, opens the question of how the COVID-19 pandemic has diminished or even cut off access to self-transcending experiences (e.g., participation in social activities, art, sports activities, and volunteering opportunities) that are knit into our everyday lives. Professor David Perrin will explore the role of “self-transcendence” in our lives, how COVID-19 has impacted it and ways to cope – and even flourish – during these challenging times.

**PORNOGRAPHY: THE THREAT, IMPACT AND CATHOLIC REMEDY** – Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. **Join us on zoom (by internet or phone) March 25<sup>th</sup> from 7-8:30 P.M.** and hear more about the

threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required so we can send you the zoom link, but the session is free of charge. This is an important issue which will not go away unless we provide tools for people (including parents) to end its destructive use. Consider registering to learn how more on this issue at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.

**MASS OF CHRISM** - His Excellency, Bishop Crosby will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. This year, due to COVID capacity limitations and social distancing requirements, **attendance at the Chrism Mass will be limited to Priests only.** Each year at the Mass of Chrism, the Bishop blesses the Oil of the Sick, and the Oil of Catechumens, and consecrates Sacred Chrism. The blessed and consecrated Oils are taken to the Parishes of the Diocese to be used in the celebration of the Sacraments for the coming year. The Priests serving in the Diocese, together with the Bishop, renew the promises of their Ordination in which they committed themselves to serve this local Church in imitation of Christ the Priest, Prophet and Shepherd. Let us pray for all who minister to God’s holy people in our Diocese – our Bishops, Priests, Deacons, lay leaders, and all God’s holy people.

**WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES UPDATE**

- Their Free Income Tax Clinic began on March 1<sup>st</sup> until April 30<sup>th</sup> and is available to those with limited income who live in Woolwich Township or Northern Wellesley Townshlp. This year the program is offered by appointment only. Please call 519-669-5139 to see if you qualify and/or to book your appointment.
- The Youth Centre is open on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The Free STEM and outdoor programming at the Youth Centre is on Saturdays for kids ages 6 – 12 years.
- Woolwich Community Services is also giving out mindfulness kits for children and youth, given from the Woolwich Counselling Centre. You can obtain them through the Food Programs. If you are interested in receiving one please call 519-669-5139.

<b>Offertory collection for March 6/7:</b>	<b>\$3,038.50</b>
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,724.64</b>
<b>Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:</b>	<b>\$136,634.25</b>
<b>Thank you!</b>	

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