

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of
Lent

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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

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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

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 MARCH 18TH

Tuesday, March 19,

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

(led by Confirmation Class)

7:05 pm +Mary Faulhafer; Bill Walter

+Harriet Hauser; Linda & Murray Buchan

The power of God is capable of finding hope where hope no longer exists, and a way where the way is impossible. – St. Gregory of Nyssa

Wednesday, March 20, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Be a lamp in brightness, and make the works of darkness cease, so that whenever your doctrine shines, no one may dare to heed the desires of darkness. – St. Ephrem of Syria

Thursday, March 21, 10:00 am – School Lenten Mass

+Anthony Baldasaro; Iris & Adrian Miltenburg

+Theresa Hahn-Siemon; Leroy Siemon

Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves so that he who gives himself totally to you may receive you totally. – St. Francis of Assisi

Friday, March 22, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Divide your returns with your God. Share your gains with Christ. Make Christ a partner in your earthly possessions so that he will also make you co-heir of his heavenly kingdom. – St. Cyprian of Carthage

Saturday, March 23, 5:00 pm

+Margaret Sheardown; Sue & Greg Goetz

+Theresa Cassel; Marcella & Judy Furlong

Sunday, March 24,

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

9:00 am Our Parish Community

After Mass Coffee Sunday

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR March 23/24

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Mk 14:1-15:47

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., March 18	Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
Tues., March 19	St. Joseph, Patron of Canada & the Universal Church
Wed., March 20	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
Thurs., March 21	Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon
Fri., March 22	Rev. Donald Sanvido
Sat., March 23	Permanent Diaconate Candidates

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	3:15 p.m. Children's Practice for Stations-Church
TUE	1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting —Library
	3:15 p.m. Altar Server Practice – Church
	7:30 p.m. First Communion Parent Mtg – Church
	7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus General Meeting
WED	6:00 p.m. Youth Choir Practice – Church
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation Parent Meeting - Church
THU	3:15 p.m. Altar Server Practice - Church
	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Session – Library

MINISTRIES for March 23/24

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy & Steve Pond

9am Ken Gallipeau, Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme

Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly

9am Ray Denomme, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis

9am Marianne Kieswetter

Commentator

Joan Coutu

Linda Bruder

Children's Liturgy

Mar 24 Iris Miltenburg, Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Mar 18 Kieran Kelly

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

Reflect, on this Fifth Sunday of Lent, upon the fact that no matter what your cross may be, it is a gift from God in that He is desiring to strengthen you for some greater purpose. As Saint John Paul the Great said over and over during his pontificate, "Do not be afraid!" Face your fears and let God transform you in the midst of them.

Pray for our R.C.I.A. Candidates who will be received into the church at the Easter Vigil.

Fr. Peter

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's **REAPING OUR RIGHTS CAMPAIGN** invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "Development and Peace — Caritas Canada accompanies, supports and respects our institutional autonomy. It creates a climate of trust. I thank our sisters and brothers in Canada for their solidarity, a solidarity that generates life opportunities, that accompanies the dreams of women and men, of families, of communities and territories. Thank you!" — Eva Colque, Executive Director, Fundación NUNA, a partner in Bolivia. Help create hope and dreams of the communities we support in the Global South by giving to your Share Lent parish collection. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SOLIDARITY!**

C.W.L. MEET AND GREET - Sunday, March 24th, 2024

Everyone is invited to our Meet and Greet which will take place at our regular, Sunday coffee morning. At this time we will be providing information about the C.W.L. We hope to attract new members. **We need YOU.** You all have God given gifts to share with us, your parish, the greater community and the world. We are eager to meet you and get to know you a little better. We are here to answer your questions. We have different types of membership for those who are unable to participate fully.

MARCH 17, 2024

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.

CONFESSIONS at St. Teresa Church:
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 - 10:00 a.m. (St. Teresa) **NOTE CHANGE**
- 11:00 a.m. (St. Boniface)

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

Wednesday, March 27th 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 – The Paschal Mystery is not just a Christian metaphor for natural cycles of death and life, or psychological processes of crisis and resolution. The Paschal Mystery is a personal invitation from the Risen Lord to experience the power of his resurrection, no matter what your vocation – marriage, consecrated life, priesthood, single life in the world. To enter the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection as we find it in our daily life, and to be raised up to new life and share it with others. Fr. Raphael Ma, Member of Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we die to our selfish ways, we cannot expect to be people who will "lay down their lives for their friends". If you think God is calling you to lay down your life as a priest, religious or deacon for His Church, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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