

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 20, 2022
Third Sunday of Lent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar
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Catholic Women's League

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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

75 First St. W., Elmira
519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo
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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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 21ST

<p>Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (C.W.L.) 7:05 pm +Mary Collins; Knights of Columbus 8192 <i>We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen away and to bring home those who have lost their way. – St. Francis of Assisi</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, March 23, 9:00 am +Gertrude Scherrer; The Palach Family <i>Live in holy joy and fly from anything that would dissipate your spirit. – St. Paul of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Thursday, March 24, 12:05 pm +Bryan Foerster; Ann McLeod <i>It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness. He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfied you. – St. John Paul II</i></p>
<p>Friday, March 25, 9:00 am +Hilda Cassel; Louise Roe & Family 9:30 – 11:30 am Adoration <i>Our Saviour's Passion raises men and women from the depths, lifts them from the earth and sets them in the heights. – St. Maximus of Turin</i></p>
<p>Saturday, March 26, 5:00 pm +Patricia Runstedler; Rick & Leona Weishar +Rita Graff; Darlene & Charlie Koebel</p>
<p>Sunday, March 27, 9:30 am – Fourth Sunday of Lent Our Parish Community</p>

READINGS FOR March 26/27

First Reading: Jos 5:9a, 10-12
 Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21
 Gospel Reading: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 6:30 pm **Stations of the Cross** – Church
 7:30 pm **Confirmation Session** – Hall
WED 7:00 pm **9:30 am Choir Practice** – Church
THU 7:30 pm **Reconciliation Session** – Church
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., March 21	Rev. Mark Morley
Tues., March 22	Rev. Paul Vellimoozhayil
Wed., March 23	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
Thurs., March 24	Rev. James McSharry
Fri., March 25	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Sat., March 26	Rev. Ireneusz Koziak, S.A.C.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap

MINISTRIES for March 26/27

Eucharistic Ministers
 5pm Peggy Kelly-Kulaga
 9:30am Ray Denomme

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly
 9:30am Ray Denomme, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
 9:30am Joan Coutu

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Iris Miltenburg

Sign Ministry

Mar 21 John Bruder

My Dear Parishioners,

Beginning with the image of sowing and reaping, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, points out that “Lent invites us to conversion, to a change in mindset, so that life’s truth and beauty may be found not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness.” God, he explains, is the first to sow, sowing “abundant seeds of goodness in our human family”. During the period of Lent, “we are called to respond to God’s gift” by listening to His Word, so that it might “bear fruit in our lives”. In this way, we become “God’s co-workers”, which is a grace of sharing in God’s own “bountiful goodness”.

Thank you to those who attended the Synod discussion on Tuesday evening and thank you for sharing your responses.

Please pray for our young parishioners in Grade 2 and in Grade 7 preparing for their First Reconciliation, First Communion and 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

LIBRARY – ST. TERESA OF AVILA PARISH,

ELMIRA – This is a Special Library, that is, it specializes in materials to do with faith, primarily the Roman Catholic Faith.

It is organized according to topic. Topics are coded either by colour or symbol on the spine of the book. There are signs on the shelves indicating the topic for that section. Each topic section is organized by the last name of the author.

When you want to borrow library materials, please sign them out using the sign-out form in the black binder. When you return them, please place them on the desk and indicate the return date on the sign-out form in the black binder. One of the library volunteers will put the materials back on the shelf.

Please feel free to use the library.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help with funerals. We need your help for set-up, take-down and in the kitchen. If you are able to help for any of these jobs

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please contact the Parish Office. Let us know your availability (morning, afternoon or evening).

C.W.L. LADIES! One of the Catholic Women's League of Canada's strategies is to improve the effectiveness of communications at all levels of the League. We need your input! Please provide your feedback about how we communicate by completing the online survey found at surveymonkey.com/r/CWLCOMSurvey. If you are on Facebook, the church page has the link posted. If you are not online and would like to fill out a paper copy to mail in, please contact Barb at 519 497-3162. Online and paper surveys should be submitted before March 21, 2022.

Woolwich Community Services is looking at opening a **'COMMUNITY HUB' AT THE WOOLWICH YOUTH CENTRE.** The intention is to offer community-directed programs to get people out and re-connecting. They would love community input on what to offer at the Centre. If you would like to attend an **INPUT SESSION AT THE YOUTH CENTRE** on **Wednesday, March 23rd** from 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. please email leighanne_wcs@yahoo.ca or call the office at 519-669-5139.

Join us for **40 DAYS FOR LIFE – MASS WITH BISHOP LOBSINGER** on **Thursday, March 24th** at 7 p.m. Bishop Lobsinger will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady for a special Mass for 40 Days for Life. 40 Days for Life is a time of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The prayer vigil is taking place daily from March 2nd to April 10th in downtown Guelph, and all are encouraged to sign up to pray. The location has been moved to the front steps (facing the road) of the Basilica of Our Lady in Guelph. **40 Days for Life continues to be an ecumenical effort.** Visit 40daysforlife.com/guelph for more details or call 519-836-6311.

3 KEYS TO CREATING YOUR CATHOLICHOM (HOUSEHOLD ON MISSION) is the third talk in our Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series - What does it take to create a happy, holy family life? Is that even possible these days? It is! Join us for a dynamic discussion of the three things every Catholic family can do to relate more lovingly, connect more meaningfully, and care for each other and the world more deeply. Discover simple, practical ways you can create a more joyful, peaceful family life, encounter Christ more meaningfully at home, and experience your faith as the source of warmth in your home. Join us on **Tuesday, March 22nd** from 7-8:30 p.m. as we welcome Dr. Greg and Lisa Popcak, creators of CatholicHOM (CatholicHOM.com) a

dynamic online community, directors of CatholicCounselors.com, founders of The Peyton Institute for Domestic Church Life, as well as authors of over 20 popular books integrating the timeless wisdom of our Catholic faith with contemporary research in counseling psychology. Visit: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com> for more information on the series and to register. For more information contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE – FOG AND LIGHT 2021-2022 LECTURE SERIES – David Seljak will be delivering his lecture online on **Friday, March 25th** at 7:30 p.m. Professor Seljak's online talk "Religion and Nationalism Refuse to Die. So now what" will outline the ethics of nationalism developed by Canadian Roman Catholic theologian Gregory Baum and discuss them in light of Pope Francis's encyclical on human solidarity, *Tutti Fratelli*.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH — The season of Lent is a perfect time to reflect on how we are living our lives according to God's call to discipleship and vocation. The vocation of marriage is an essential call since the Sacrament of Marriage is meant to be the visible sign or God's invisible love to the world. Lent then, is a perfect time to examine what you are bringing to your vocation, to see if forgiveness is readily available when needed and to contemplate whether you might make changes to better fulfill your call to marriage. As well, consider praying with your spouse, reflecting on a short Bible passage daily and working on holding anger during Lent, since all of these will strengthen your bond of love and bring you feelings of joy as the Easter season draws near. Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

VOCATION SEEDS – The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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 12/13:	\$3,169.65
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$74,776.51

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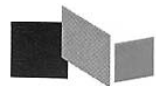
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