

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

March 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer  
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**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  
Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

#### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

#### Knights of Columbus

Adrian Miltenburg

#### 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.

### 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. ✠

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup>

**Tuesday, March 23,**

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

**7:05 pm +Sharon Soeder; Mike & Anna Szabo**

*Take God for your spouse and friend and walk with him continually, and you will not sin, will learn to love, and the things you must do will work out prosperously for you. – St. Teresa of Avila*

**Wednesday, March 24, 9:00 am**

**+Ursula Hahn; Maurice Downey**

*Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could. – St. Gregory Nazianzen*

**Thursday, March 25, 12:05 pm**

**+Mary Lou Schultz; Danielle Pilon**

*We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. – St. Clare of Assisi*

**Friday, March 26, 9:00 am**

**+Ron Eagle; Ron Eby**

*Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives us to his beloved is that of overcoming self. – St. Francis of Assisi*

**Saturday, March 27, 5:00 pm**

**4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions**

**5:00 pm +Frank Walter; Randy Palach  
+Bob McLeod; Ray & Trudy Denomme**

**Sunday, March 28,**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**9:30 am Our Parish Community**

**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.**

### MINISTRIES for March 27/28

#### Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi & Marilyn Hurlburt

9:30am Rick & Leona Weishar, Ron Stemmler

#### Lectors

5pm Kevin Dupuis

9:30am James Ready

#### Sign Ministry

Mar 22 Sandi Hutchinson

### 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..

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

Yours in Christ,  
Father Peter Meyer

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in our Fish Friday Fundraiser on March 12<sup>th</sup>. What a great success! Over 100 dinners were sold supporting St Teresa's. **Thank you so much for your support!**

### READINGS FOR March 27/28

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 22 Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.  
Tues., March 23 Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony  
Wed., March 24 Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.  
Thurs., March 25 Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki  
Fri., March 26 Rev. Felix Nwatu  
Sat., March 27 Rev. Piotr (Peter) Machnacki, S.A.C.

### 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.

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Cheez Whiz, Instant Coffee and Flour

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION – FIRST COMMUNION -

We are beginning our preparation for this very important Sacrament. If your child does not attend St. Teresa of Avila School, please call the Church office to obtain more information.

There will be a Parent Zoom Meeting for all registered Grade 2 parents on **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** This will be when we share information for the parents regarding Sacramental Preparation.

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.

**HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper)**

Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3:00 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)**

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8:00 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection of the Lord)**

Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – Share Love, Share Lent: Keeping Canadians committed.** Did you know that advocacy by Development and Peace members resulted in several schools, parishes and municipal offices across Canada giving up bottled water? Join our Share Love, Share Lent campaign to celebrate the many ways in which Canadian Catholics show that they care for social, economic and environmental justice. To help make a difference, get your MP to commit to building back better from the pandemic. Visit [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent) to learn more.

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.

Don't miss our upcoming webinar, **PORNOGRAPHY: THE THREAT, IMPACT AND CATHOLIC REMEDY.** The webinar is being held **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. and there is still time to register at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>. Pornography influences individuals, relationships, and society as a whole. Here is your chance to learn the facts on pornography in our world, its impacts on all of us, especially children, and to become informed on the topic. No charge, but registration is necessary to receive the Zoom link (join by computer or phone) for the webinar. All are welcome to attend, so please pass this on to your contacts. This is a vital topic to understand, we look forward to providing you with valuable insights,

**MASS OF CHRISM** - His Excellency, Bishop Crosby will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Monday, March 29th, 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.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH** – At the heart of every relationship there needs to be a foundation of love and Respect. When couples respect each other, including their differences, they continually build each other up and enjoy time together. When we respect the other in relationship, we can accept their desire to influence us with their understanding of what is true, good and beautiful. When we are open to our spouse's view of things, we not only grow, but we grow together. When we grow together, we cannot help but grow in love.

**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, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) or call 905-528-7988.

**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 Township. 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.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Offertory collection for March 13/14: \$3,314.50**  
**Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,724.64**  
**Total to Date Building Maintenance Project: \$136,984.25**

**Thank you!**

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