

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday

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Office Hours:
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

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi
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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
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. ✠

PALM SUNDAY

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 25TH

Tuesday, March 26,

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
(led by the Choir)

7:05 pm +Frank Walter; Estate
+Catherine & Vincent Walter; Bill Walter

7:30 pm Confessions

Cleanse your vessel, so that you may receive grace more abundantly. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Wednesday, March 27, 9:00 am – Maryhill

God will not deny mercy to anyone. – St. Faustina

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 pm – Maryhill, Holy Thursday

Friday, March 29, Friday of the Passion of the Lord

11:00 am – St. Teresa (here)

3:00 pm – St. Boniface (Maryhill)

Saturday, March 30, 8:00 pm – Easter Vigil

For All Those Received into the Church

Sunday, March 31,

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

10:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR March 30/31

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-9

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., March 25	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki Chrism Mass
Tues., March 26	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Wed., March 27	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada
Thurs., March 28	Holy Thursday
Fri., March 29	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
Sat., March 30	Holy Saturday

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	2:00 p.m. Chrism Mass – Cathedral of Christ the King
TUE	6:00 p.m. First Communion Session – Hall
WED	7:00 p.m. Confirmation Session - Hall
	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Practice – Church

MINISTRIES for March 30/31

Children's Liturgy

Mar 31 Theresa Mendler, Sara Reimer, Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Mar 25 John Bruder

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

Today, Palm Sunday recalls the story in Christian Scripture of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, greeted by people waving palm branches. It is a reminder for Christians to welcome Jesus into their hearts and to be willing to follow him.

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

I encourage you to attend the services from Holy Thursday to Easter. Please come if you can.

Fr. Peter

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada **THANKS YOU** for supporting the **Reaping our Rights Campaign** with your Share Lent donation. Thanks for your generosity. This will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

The C.W.L. of Canada has a **NATIONAL BURSARY FUND**. Applications must be submitted to the national office and postmarked by May 15th. A C.W.L. member must be in her third consecutive year of membership or any year thereafter, in order to apply. The maximum bursary award is \$1,000 per year, per applicant, for a maximum of \$4,000 over a member's lifetime. For further information, criteria and guidelines, etc. please visit www.cwl.ca.

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.

IT'S MAPLE SYRUP TIME! If anyone wishes to order maple syrup this week for the Knights of Columbus please contact the Parish Office. Please pick up your order of maple syrup on Easter Sunday.

CONFESSIONS at St. Teresa Church:
Tuesday, March 26th – beginning 7:30 p.m.

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.

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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 or check us out on the "Maryhill Events and Things for Sale" Facebook page.

Woolwich Counselling Centre presents

- **SELF-COMPASSION 101**, What is it and how to practice it, adult, no cost, virtual workshop on **Wednesday, April 3, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **MINDFULNESS**, adult virtual group on **Thursdays, April 4th to May 2, 2024** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$100. Further subsidies are available if needed.
- **OPTIMIZING OUR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS AS WE AGE**, no cost, in-person sessions on **Thursdays, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 2024** from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- **CONNECTING MIND AND BODY FOR KIDS**, Ages 4-6, in-person group, **Thursdays, April 11th – May 9, 2024** from 5-6 p.m.. Fee is \$100. Further subsidies available if needed. Please bring yoga mats.
- **STRENGTHENING CHILDREN'S EMOTION-REGULATION SKILLS**, Parenting Virtual Workshop, no cost, on **Wednesday, April 17, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m.

Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or by emailing info@woolwichcounselling.org or drop by at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira for any of the above groups/workshops.

Elmira Maple Syrup Festival **CRAFT AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW** on **Friday, April 5, 2024** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and **Saturday, April 6, 2024** from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Elmira District Secondary School. \$5 Admission gives access to both the Craft and Collectible Show and the Toy Show. 12 and under are free. There will be crafts, quilts, hand-made goods and collectibles.

"TASTE OF DIVERSITY" DINNERS return to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre! Get ready for a wonderful night of bountiful food, community spirit, and making a difference! We are thrilled to present to you the revitalized Taste of Diversity dinners on **Tuesday, April 9th and Wednesday, November 13th**. Cost is \$100 each or \$180 for both. Find out more and register online or call 519-824-1250 ext. 241. Space is limited.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE! Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence! Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "events") for more information on these upcoming retreats:

- **Journeying through Grief One-Day Retreat** - April 11th.
- **Unplug to Reconnect Retreat** – April 16th – 18th.
- **The Everyday God: Finding God in our Sacred Stories One-Day Retreat** – April 19th.
- **Courage, Compassion, Climate Change: Early Earth Day Event** – April 21st.

Register online at loyolahouse.com or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266 or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Listening to Christ's passion, did a specific line resonate with you? Maybe the centurion's "Truly this man was God's Son!" or Jesus' "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Understanding Jesus' suffering and death as part of the Paschal Mystery involves viewing them in the context of his Resurrection. For resurrectionists, the Paschal Mystery is at the heart of their message. Could it be that God is also calling you to spread this Good News with others? Fr. Paul Szymanowski CR, Leader of Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord! Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord! If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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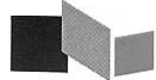
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