

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 27, 2022
Fourth 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
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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. ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 28TH

<p>Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Confirmation Group) 7:05 pm +Jo-Ann Guerrero; Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>Sin is believing the lie that you are self-created, self-dependent and self-sustained. – St. Augustine</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, March 30, 9:00 am +Rita Lorbetski; Wayne & Donna Vollmer <i>All blessings come to us through our Lord. He will teach us, for in beholding his life we find that he is the best example. – St. Teresa of Avila</i></p>
<p>Thursday, March 31, 12:05 pm Intentions of Danielle Pilon; Linda & Vince Spilek 7:00 pm First Reconciliation <i>If we could, with a single interior glance, see all the goodness and mercy that exists in God's designs for each one of us, even in what we call disgraces, pains and afflictions, our happiness would consist in throwing ourselves into the arms of the divine will, with the abandon of a young child that throws himself into the arms of his mother. – St. Marie of the Incarnation</i></p>
<p>Friday, April 1, 9:00 am +Lucy Bertin; Marie Snelling & Family No Adoration <i>When we see a beautiful object, a beautiful garden, or a beautiful flower, let us think that there we behold a ray of the infinite beauty of God, who has given existence to that object. – St. Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>
<p>Saturday, April 2, 5:00 pm +Carmino Bellissimo; Maria Bellissimo +Ronald & Jean Litt; Estate</p>
<p>Sunday, April 3, 9:30 am – Fifth Sunday of Lent Our Parish Community</p>

READINGS FOR April 2/3

First Reading: Is 43:16-21
 Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14
 Gospel Reading: Jn 8:1-11

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 7:00 pm **First Reconciliation** – 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 28	Rev. William Trusz
Tues., March 29	Rev. David Reitzel
Wed., March 30	Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada
Thurs., March 31	Rev. Ross Campbell
Fri., April 1	Rev. Peter Robinson
Sat., April 2	Rev. David Reilander

FOODBANK NEEDS

Laundry Detergent and Dish Soap

MINISTRIES for April 2/3

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve Pond
 9:30am Sharon Both

Hospitality

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt, Debbie Yutzi
 9:30am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler

Lector

5pm Peggy Kelly-Kulaga
 9:30am Maria Diemert

Commentator

Lisa Denomme
 Larry Glofcheskie

Sign Ministry

Mar 28 Jim McInnis

My Dear Parishioners,

To continue our Lenten message, Pope Francis continues. When we sow seeds of goodness and kindness, “no matter how small,” in our own lives, we radiate light and carry “the fragrance of Christ to the world”. Recalling the Gospel proverb, “one sows, while another reaps”, Pope Francis reminds us that “we see only a small portion of the fruits we sow”. The Pope explains that “sowing goodness for the benefit of others frees us from narrow self-interest, infuses our actions with gratuitousness, and makes us part of the magnificent horizon of God’s benevolent plan”.

Please pray for our young parishioners in Grade 2 who are making their First Reconciliation on March 31st. Please also pray for those in Grade 7 preparing for their 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

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – Through their prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent, Christians express their desire to turn toward God and to all God’s children in preparation for Easter. The Bishops of Canada have reserved the Season of Lent for a collection to assist the Global South. Founded and mandated in 1967 by the Bishops of Canada, and now a member of the Caritas International network of Catholic agencies, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace financially supports development and aid projects in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as informs Canadian Catholics on international social justice questions. **The Share Lent (Development & Peace) Collection is on April 2nd/3rd**. Share Lent is the main source of funding for sisters/brothers in the Global South.

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank beginning April 2nd/3rd weekend. Food may be dropped off 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.

MARCH 27, 2022

PENITENTIAL SERVICE DATES

Wed., April 6th at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa, Elmira
Tues., April 12th at 7 p.m. at St. Clement's, St. Clements

HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper)

Thursday, April 14th – 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, April 15th – 11:00 a.m. & 3 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)

Saturday, April 16th – 8:30 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday, April 17st – 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

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.**

Woolwich Community Services is looking at opening a '**COMMUNITY HUB**' utilizing the space at the Woolwich Youth Centre. WCS would like to offer community-based day and evening programs when the Youth Centre is not operating. The Centre is an excellent space with computers, a pool table, TV games and much more. The hope is to offer a mix of programming, including groups using the space to provide their programming, partnerships between agencies to run programming together and other community-led initiative. To realize the goals, program ideas and how to best utilize the space, we need the help of other community-led initiatives. You are invited to attend one of **TWO 'INPUT SESSIONS'** at the Woolwich Youth Centre on **Wednesday, March 30th** from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments and snacks will be offered. Please R.S.V.P. to leighanne_wcs@yahoo.ca or call the office at 519-669-5139.

The Woolwich Community Health Centre virtually presents **TEENS & YOUTH HEALTH SERIES** facilitated by Sid Bater, Psychotherapist and Lisa Parker, Child and Youth Worker, WCHC. Being a teen today can be hard! Social media, drugs and addiction, varying beliefs, mental health and feeling pulled in different directions are just some of the things we face. There are a lot of things going on in teenage life but you may not always have a place to talk about them. If you or a friend knows what this is like, these conversations are just for you! These sessions are free, and you can attend as many (4 total) or as few as you like. All conversations are open to anyone between 14 and 19 years of age. Registration is required. Email Lisa Park at lparker@wchc.on.ca. The first session is **HAVING DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS** on **Thursday, March 31st**,

2022 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Sometimes it's tough to talk about things like different beliefs, religion, who we are and what we think...

PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE – INTERFAITH PRAYER SERVICE on **Monday, April 4th** at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Daniel R.C. Church, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener (corner of Midland and Ottawa). All are welcome!

The Woolwich Community Health Centre virtually presents **Downsizing/De-cluttering & Hoarding: What to Do with a Lifetime of Sentimental Items** on **Tuesday, April 5th, 2022** from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Facilitated by Gael Gilbert, Executive Director, Supportive Housing of Waterloo. Many of us like collecting household items. In some cases, collecting has taken over our life and becomes an issue. Do you feel that you need to unload your lifetime collections but have difficulty making decisions? Join Gael Gilbert to learn about ways to downsize and de-clutter your items. Registration is required. To register, please email Halee at hradford@wchc.on.ca or visit the website and click 'register online' at www.wchc.on.ca or call 519-664-3794 or 519-656-9025.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, April 7th** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour to praying? Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo on **Wednesday evenings from April 20th – May 25th** from 7 – 8:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. **Register by April 13th** by contacting St. Michael Parish Office at 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. This program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss and follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee. Visit the website for more information at www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support.

VOCATION SEEDS – Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness, and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? 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

Offertory collection for March 19/20:	\$2,861.75
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$74,906.51

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