# St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church

March 28, 2021

## **Palm Sunday**

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#### Website: www.stteresaelmira.ca

Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. Peter Meyer frpetermeyer@gmail.com

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer

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 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



MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 29 <sup>TH</sup>			
Tuesday, March 30,			
6:30 pm Stations of the Cross			
7:05 pm +Mary Brenner; Trudy & Ray			
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Let us go forward in peace, our eyes upon heaven, the			
only one goal of our labours. – St. Therese of Lisieux			
Wednesday, March 31, 9:00 am			
Intentions of Armand Bertin; Donna & Wayne			
Vollmer			
The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where			
everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and			
encouraged to live the good life of the gospel. – Pope			
Francis			
Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm – Holy Thursday			
For the Clergy of the Diocese			
Friday, April 2, 3:00 pm – The Passion of the Lord			
Cool Friday Compies			
Good Friday Service			
Saturday, April 3, 8:00 pm – Easter Vigil			
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#### **READINGS FOR APRIL 4**

First Reading:	Act 10:34a, 37-43
Second Reading:	Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Gospel Reading:	Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:13-35

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., March 29	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Tues., March 30	Rev. Maria Joseph Ahilan
	Alphonse, C.R.S.P.
Wed., March 31	Sisters of St. Joseph of Canada, C.S.J.
Thurs., April 1	Holy Thursday
Fri., April 2	Good Friday
Sat., Ápril 3	Holy Saturday

#### 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

At this time the parish office is only open on Wednesdays, limited hours. Please check for updates at stteresaelmira.ca and on the Hamilton Diocesan website. Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies and serious pastoral concerns.

#### **MINISTRIES for April 3/4**

Sign Ministry Apr 6 Nancy Lucier

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Please check out the sung Stations of the Cross on YouTube. I encourage you to watch them on Good Friday.

This week is Holy Week. Everyone is invited to attend our Holy Week Masses beginning on Holy Thursday at 7 p.m., followed by Good Friday at 3 p.m., the Easter Vigil at 8 p.m. and Easter Sunday at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. We ask that you please register your attendance for the Good Friday Service at 3 p.m. by either emailing the Parish Office at StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com or calling 519-669-3387.

Due to Covid-19 Holy Week will be a bit different due to the protocols that we have to follow. Direction will be given at each Mass.

I look forward to seeing each of you and celebrating this very special week in the church with you.

Yours in Christ, Father Peter Meyer

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/familyministry/conscience-rights-for-ontario-physicians).

### **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – Share Love, Share**

*Lent*: Paschal progression – Did you know that Development and Peace has organized a Lenten campaign every year since 1968? Keeping up with the tradition, this year's campaign, Share Love, Share Lent, invites you to a final week of family fun, communal reflection, global solidarity and prayer. Contribute at devp.org/lent. Thank you for your support.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre, 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira is offering programs that you can participate in.

- Mindfulness on March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, -2021 from 7 - 8 p.m.
- Glad to Be Me Ages 4-7, a Self-Esteem Program on March 31, April 28, and May 26, 2021 from 4 - 5 p.m.
- No Need to Fret Ages 8-11, a Childhood Anxiety Group on March 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2021 from 5 – 6 p.m.

 Conquering Teen Anxiety – Ages 12-14, a Teen Anxiety Group on March 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2021 from 7 – 8 p.m.

 Stand Tall – Ages 7 – 9, Assertiveness Building on May 5, 12, 19, 26 & June 2, 2021 from 5 – 6 p.m.
Visit www.woolwichcounselling.org for more program details. Call 519-669-8651 or email info@woo lwichcounselling.org to register.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, April 1, 2021** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. We will all observe 2 metres distance from each other. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com

The next Reel Justice Film Festival is called **LIFE ON OUR PLANET** showing on **Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. Celebrate Earth Day with this beautiful film. To join the online screening R.S.V.P. in advance at https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** – The amount of time spent together as a family during COVID might be considered by some to be too much, but it may also be filling a real need. Past research has shown that children consistently identify a desire to spend more time with their parents and family. Time for them means direct, active engagement. The long-term benefits to family relationships are proven: children grow up healthier in mind, body and spirit. Enjoying quality time with their family means children are more likely to turn to their family for love and support, keeping them healthy. So play with your kids, watch a movie together and discuss its message(s), pray together, be active together, cook together and/or clean together; the possibilities are endless. So remember, time with family is powerful when it is interactive, shared by all and fun!

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Observing Lent as a couple is an excellent way to deepen both your spiritual and marital bond. Talk about each of your Lenten resolutions and then assist each other to achieve it. Challenge each other to keep to your resolve, pray for each other on your 40 day journey, and take up activities as a couple that will deepen your faith. Take the three Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving into your relationship and journey the path together. Consider 40 acts of kindness toward each other for the 40 days of Lent. When you focus on achieving goals together, it strengthens your relationship bond as a couple and with God – a win-win Lenten season. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**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, contact. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 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 Townshlp. 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.

**GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE PRO-LIFE VIRTUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER CAMPAIGN** – In lieu of Guelph and Area Right to Life's Annual Fundraising Dinner, they have prepared a video inviting you to hear updates about the impact of their pro-life projects. This fundraising dinner campaign accounts for a significant portion of donations towards their lifesaving efforts. Due to COVID-19, they are unable to host their annual complementary fundraising dinner at the Mandarin, but hope to do so next year. View their fundraising campaign video here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EjSozB6rZ1k. This year, the fundraising goal in support of local prolife projects is \$15,000. For more information on how you can donate to support the pro-life cause in Guelph and Area, visit http://guelphforlife.com/donate.html or call 519-836-6311.

#### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Offertory collection for March 20/21:	\$2,783.50
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
<b>Total to Date Building Maintenance Project</b>	: \$137,034.25

Thank you!

