

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

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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

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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.

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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 IN LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 30TH

Tuesday, March 31, NO MASS <i>Acquire the Holy Spirit and thousands around you will acquire salvation. – St. Seraphim of Sarov</i>
Wednesday, April 1, NO MASS <i>A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. – Pope Francis</i>
Thursday, April 2, NO MASS <i>How can we complain when he himself was considered “as one struck by God and afflicted.” – St. Thérèse of Lisieux</i>
Friday, April 3, NO MASS & NO ADORATION <i>Nothing, how little so ever it be, if it is suffered for God’s sake, can pass without merit in the sight of God. - Thomas à Kempis</i>
Saturday, April 4, NO MASS
Sunday, April 5, NO MASS

READINGS FOR April 4/5

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Mt 26:14-27:66

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., March 30 Rev. Jan Michalski, S.Chr.
Tues., March 31 Rev. Laszlo Amaszka
Wed., April 1 Congregation of the Sisters of St.
Joseph, C.S.J.
Thurs., April 2 Very Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Fri., April 3 Rev. Grayson Hope
Sat., April 4 Rev. Ian Duffy

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Toilet Paper, Kleenex and Sugar

At this time the chapel, church and office are closed. 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.

Note from Father Peter: In these current times be assured of my prayers and pastoral concern for you and your families. Let us pray for one another and know that I am here for you and your families.

In the words of Pope Saint John Paul II, “Do not be afraid. Open wide the doors for Christ.” We must open the doors of our hearts to Christ and trust in the Lord who will give us everything we need.

The Prayer of the Holy Rosary is especially recommended during this time of crisis. Families and individuals are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily. Pope Francis offers us these encouraging and insightful words:

“The Rosary is the prayer of the humble and of the saints. In its mysteries, they contemplate, along with Mary, the life of Jesus, the merciful face of the Father. O, how much we all need to be truly comforted, to be wrapped in loving presence! We measure the truth of this experience through our relationship with others. At this moment, they are our closest relatives. Let us be close to one another, being the first to be charitable, understanding, patient and forgiving. Though you may be confined to your own homes, allow your hearts to expand so they may be available and welcoming to all.”

On behalf of Development and Peace, I want to **THANK YOU** in a very special way for all the stamps you sent us recently.

Be sure that these stamps will be appreciated by collectors. More importantly, 100% of the proceeds from our stamp sales (as well as postcard and any philatelic pieces) are turned over to Development and Peace to help our partners in the South.

The sums collected will support development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America and provide emergency relief during natural disasters (such as earthquakes and droughts) or man-made catastrophes (war, refugees).

Once again, **THANK YOU VERY MUCH.**
Please accept our warm wishes for peace.

Jean-Paul St-Germain

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: In our **MINI MAGAZINE “SHARE THE JOURNEY”** read on pages 10 and 11 about the impact of our donation in Canada and in the Global South and about how our dollar makes a difference. Today is **Solidarity Sunday**. Please be generous in giving to the work of Development and Peace. Once Masses have resumed once again you can make your donation and

an income tax receipt will be made out for you. Please check out the Lenten suggestions for March 29th – April 6th in your Solidarity Sunday.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO OUR LADY (in the coronavirus emergency)

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain,

with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana in Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

And to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,

and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

AMEN.

Please note that the events listed below will occur when the church has Masses.

In honour of our Bishop, the Reverend Douglas Crosby, the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation is presenting the **15TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S BANQUET** on **Tuesday, May 5, 2020** at Resurrection Catholic Secondary School, 455 University Avenue West, Kitchener at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available by contacting Ms. Jody Fritz by email at jody.fritz@wcdsb.ca or by telephone at 519-578-3660 ext. 2373.

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** on **Sunday, June 14, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance. Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

NEW EUTHANASIA LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN CANADA – It's Time To Act – **Contact your MP Today!** Legislation to expand euthanasia in our

country has been introduced. If passed, those eligible for euthanasia would include those without a terminal illness, including Canadians with disabilities. Doctors may also be forced to “sign off” on euthanasia for the patients they have been treating for years. Dementia patients who signed a “directive” 10 years ago may now have someone else determine when they will die. Every life has value - visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament. The process takes less than 5 minutes. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

VOCATION SEEDS – “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by email at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – For many of our children Lent is a time to give something up; it becomes simply a time of self-denial. Parents need to help their children understand that Lent is really a time to connect with their baptism and the teachings of our faith – it is a time to prepare ourselves for Easter. Explain to your children that we give something up as an act of self-denial, but also to unite ourselves with the world's poor; we fast, not just from food, but from poor behaviours and actions that do not make us Christ like; we pray, not just for ourselves, but for all those in need. Reading and talking about Jesus' passion, praying as a family, engaging together in works of charity – these are all ways that families can journey through Lent together. This Lent, help your children engage in activities and take the time to become closer to God – it will make their Easter so much more meaningful. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Marriage isn't about the word I – it is about the words we and us. Most married couples understand this, but living it is not so simple. Love is an active word, requiring both partners to see themselves as one unit. It means constantly seeking what will be best for each person in your love union. With the help of God, celebrating your covenant daily is made possible. Love is about what you do for each other and how you step beyond yourself to live fully those most important words: we and us. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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