

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent

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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
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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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 4TH

Tuesday, March 5,

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

7:05 pm

+Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate

+Jack LeBlanc; Judy & Marcella Furlong

If we are the heirs of Christ, let us abide in the peace of Christ. – St. Cyprian of Carthage

Wednesday, March 6, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Always give good heed to the Word of God, whether you hear or read it in private, or hearken to it when publicly preached. Listen with attention and reverence, seek to profit by it, and do not let the precious words fall unheeded but receive them into your heart. – St. Francis de Sales

Thursday, March 7, 12:05 pm

+Lorraine Dietrich; Bill Walter

+Joanne Moser; Bill & Anne Hanley

Be attentive to the voice of grace. – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Friday, March 8, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Labour without stopping, do all the good works you can, while you still have the time. – St. John of God

Saturday, March 9, 5:00 pm

+Jane Goll; Sue & Greg Goetz & Family

+Judy Koebel; Irene & Charlie Zettel

Sunday, March 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent

******Daylight Savings Time Change**

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR March 9/10

First Reading: 2 Chr 36:14-17a, 19-23

Second Reading: Eph 2:4-10

Gospel Reading: Jn 3:14-21

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., March 4	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Tues., March 5	Rev. Edward Hinsperger
Wed., March 6	Disabled Persons
Thurs., March 7	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
Fri., March 8	Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.
Sat., March 9	Rev. James Link, C.R.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THU 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Session – Maryhill

MINISTRIES for March 9/10

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Sharon Both, Tim Baillargeon
9am Cheryl Dunn, Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler

Hospitality

5pm Sue & Greg Goetz
9am Adrian Miltenburg, Mike & Sharon Noel

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
9am Linda Bruder

Commentator

Patsy Pond
Iris Miltenburg

Children's Liturgy

Mar 10 Theresa Mendler, Sandi Hutchinson

Sign Ministry

Mar 4 Ray Denomme

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

Thank you to all those who attended the "Soups On" event. Thanks also to those who helped to organize the event as well as those who made the delicious soups. This event was enjoyed by all and was a very good community event. \$615.00 was raised to support the Coldest Night. Awesome!

On the third Sunday of Lent, Moses is given the Ten Commandments. Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians. Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.
Fr. Peter

I would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who attended our "Soup's On" event. There was a real sense of community spirit present as we enjoyed our evening. Your support is very much appreciated. Your generous donations will be put to good use by the Woolwich Township - Coldest Night endeavour. Thank you to all those who helped make this a successful event.

Deirdre

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA: A MOVEMENT OF SOLIDARITY

– Nigeria is Africa's largest economy and biggest oil producer. Despite oil exports worth billions of dollars, millions of Nigerians remain in poverty and face food insecurity. In the south, pollution and contamination by the oil industry are causing great hardship. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner Health of Mother Earth Foundation (HOMEF) defends farmers' rights and helps protect their lands. To learn more about the work of HOMEF, read our Mini-magazine which was in last week's bulletin and watch the video at devp.org/lent.

FIRST COMMUNION – Just a reminder that there will be a **Parent First Communion Meeting on Tuesday, March 19th** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Teresa Church. This meeting will address final plans for First Communion.

CONFIRMATION – Parents/guardians of Confirmation students (Grade 7) are invited to join us for a **Parent/Student Confirmation Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 20th** at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa Church, Elmira. Come and learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you know of anyone attending a public school who wishes to be confirmed please let them know of this meeting.

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.

CONFESSIONS at St. Teresa Church:
Saturday, March 16th – 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Saturday, March 23rd – 3:30 – 4:45 p.m.
Tuesday, March 26th – beginning 7:30 p.m.

HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper)

Thursday, March 28th - 7:00 p.m. (St. Boniface only)

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, March 29th - 11:00 a.m. (St. Teresa)
- 3:00 p.m. (St. Boniface)

HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)

Saturday, March 30th - 8:00 p.m. (St. Teresa only)

EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday, March 31st - 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. (St. Teresa)
- 11:00 a.m. (St. Boniface)

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING – Liturgical

Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2024 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

The Guelph & Area Right to Life has their **40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL from February 14 – March 28, 2024** from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily at the city sidewalk in front of the Guelph Cenotaph, Woolwich St. and Eramosa Road, Guelph. 40 Days for Life is a 40-day prayer vigil, organized locally by Guelph & Area Right to Life to pray for the ending of abortion. Prayer volunteers are currently needed! For more information visit guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311.

Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice – or to find the “right words” to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend the “St. Agnes Education Cafe” talk: **“SPEAKING OUR TRUTH AS CATHOLICS: THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE”**. Special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, on **Sunday, March 3rd**, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

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

KW RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER is on **Friday, March 8th, 2024** at the Knights of Columbus Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Purchase your Fish Dinner at the door. One piece of fish is \$17.50 or two pieces of fish is \$22.50. The bar opens at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. The speaker, Josie Luetke, Director of Education & Advocacy Campaign Life Coalition, will speak at 7 p.m. Call 519-746-5433 to reserve your seat(s) early as there is limited seating. There will be prolife items for sale plus Archangels Sacramentals.

Mark your calendars for the **GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024** at 7 p.m. at the Guelph & Area Right to Life Office, 26 Norfolk Street, Guelph. Doors open at 6:40 p.m. Light refreshments provided. This year’s Annual General Meeting will be held in person and online via video conference. **R.S.V.P. by Friday, March 15th**. If you are joining online, a meeting link will be sent out closer to the date.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Join us for our special youth screening of Island of Lemurs, Madagascar on **Thursday, March 28th** 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. 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.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – We can all appreciate the point Jesus was making about the Temple – but what about our own lives? “But he was speaking about the temple of his body.” Our bodies are just as much a Temple of the Holy Spirit as Jesus’ body was. Lent is a time when we also cleanse ourselves of some of those things we think we just can’t go without, an opportunity to rediscover – or to discover for the first time – our vocation, the purpose of our bodies and our lives, which are Temples of the Holy Spirit. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church. If you think God might be calling you 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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Vacations or ‘Stay-cations’ are a wonderful time to step away from the busyness of everyday family living and reconnect with each other. As you laugh and play this March break, do not forget to stay connected to your faith. Be the family that plays and prays together. Take some time to talk about Lent and how it leads us to the great celebration at Easter!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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