

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

March 5, 2017  
First Sunday  
of Lent

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1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. David Lewis  
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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 (4th 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  
any 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

Andrea Visneskie  
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#### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://www.resurrectionist.net)

#### New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!  
Please register at the office or pick up  
registration package in the church foyer.

#### Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

### St. Teresa of Avila 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. ✠

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup>

<p><b>Tuesday, March 7,</b>  <b>7:05 pm</b> +Larry Bouzane; Kay Bouzane  <b>7:30 pm</b> Confirmation Parent Meeting  <i>I am definitely loved and whatever happens to me, I am awaited by this love. And so my life is good. – St. Josephine Bakhita</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, March 8,</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> Lenten Service (Ministerial Association)  <i>An attachment can empty you of both holy solitude and the spirit and joy of God. – St. John of God</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday, March 9, 12:05 pm</b>                  +Ted Teahen; Hilda Cassel  <i>Our hearts were made for you, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in you. – St. Augustine</i></p>
<p><b>Friday, March 10,</b>  <b>9:00 am</b> +Debbie Powell; Mary Jane &amp; Robert Yaeger  <b>9:30 am – Noon</b> Adoration  <b>6:45 pm</b> – Stations of the Cross (led by C.W.L.)  <i>To eat little, work hard, have lots of concerns on our mind, and then to refuse to give our body sleep is to try to get much work out of a poor, emaciated horse without letting him graze. – St. Francis de Sales</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday, March 11, 5:00 pm</b>                  +Robert Swallow; The Lojek Family                  +Daniel Furlong; Marcella Furlong &amp; Family</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 12, Second Sunday of Lent</b>  <b>9:30 am</b> Our Parish Community</p>

#### READINGS FOR March 11/12

First Reading: Gn 12:1-4a  
 Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:8b-10  
 Gospel Reading: Mt 17:1-9

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>TUE</b>	7:30 pm	<b>Confirmation Parent Mtg</b> – Church
	7:35 pm	<b>Parish Pastoral Council Mtg</b> - Library
<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm	<b>Lenten Service with Reception</b>
<b>THU</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
	10:45 am	<b>Quest Scripture Study</b> – Library
	7:00 pm	<b>Seminar of Hope</b> - Library
<b>FRI</b>		<b>Office Closed</b>
<b>SAT</b>	10:30 am	<b>R.C.I.A.</b> - Rectory

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., March 6	Rev. Steven Murrin
Tues., March 7	Rev. Jozo Grubisic, O.F.M.
Wed., March 8	Sister Adorers of the Precious Blood
Thurs., March 9	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Fri., March 10	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Sat., March 11	Rev. Steven Costello, L.C.

#### MINISTRIES for March 11/12

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy & Steve Pond, Erl Andersen  
 9:30am Iris Miltenburg, Matthew Griffin, Rick Weishar

##### Hospitality

5pm Jane Goll, Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss  
 9:30am Ray Denomme, Sharon Both, Paul & Diane Shuttsa

#### Altar Servers

5pm Joseph Ditner, Rachel Wittie  
 9:30am Ellen Siebel-Achenbach, Michèle Siebel-Achenbach, Fiona Bernard

#### Lectors

5pm Jim Goll  
 9:30am Joan Coutu  
 Iris Miltenburg

#### Commentator

Phil Milan  
 Wally Malcolm

#### Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Mar 12 Mary Mercey

#### Sign Ministry

Mar 6 Pat Ditner

#### Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Mar 15 Tom O'Marra

#### FOODBANK NEEDS

Sidekicks and Canned Fruit

#### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family, **Grace Anna Tupling**, daughter of Benjamin and Anna. *We pray that God will help her to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

This summer's **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** at St. Teresa's Church will be **July 17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**. Registration for "A Wilderness Adventure Through The Sacraments" will take place in April.

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** The insert in the bulletin today is our **SHARE LENT MINI MAGAZINE** called: "Women at the Heart of Change". Each week in Lent, read testimonials of women who are working to build the world of tomorrow. In this 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent, we meet Marta and Silvia of Paraguay. They are members of the indigenous women's farming association. It is their wish that enough land be available for poor people. They would also like women to be free to organize and defend their rights to advocate for land. Please check out the Lenten suggestions for March 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> in your **SOLIDARITY CALENDAR**.

The Catholic Women's League is spearheading a **SPECIAL LENTEN PROJECT**. We will be collecting donations for Monica Place for Pregnant and Parenting Youth. Monica Place empowers young women who are pregnant, parenting or choosing adoption to make informed and healthy choices for themselves and their children. Instead of "giving something up" for Lent, here is a way of "giving" for Lent.

#### WILLS & POWER OF ATTORNEY INFORMATION

**NIGHT:** The Catholic Women's League is hosting an information night on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the library. All parishioners are welcome.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**Confirmation:** A Parent Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** Please join us for the 7 p.m. Mass followed by the meeting.

**REMINDER:** Please sign up to **help with the KITCHENER REGIONAL MEETING** being hosted at St. Teresa's on **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

**GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS** – For this year's Garden Party to be held on Friday, June 9, 2017 we are in need of prizes with a value of at least \$100 or more. Prize donations may be dropped off at the church office by calling the church office at 519-669-3387 or emailing [teresagardenparty2013@gmail.com](mailto:teresagardenparty2013@gmail.com) to **commit to supplying a prize**. The **deadline** to record all prizes is **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**. Thank you for your support.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 24, 2017** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, Elmira. There will be two sittings – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Take out will be at 6:00 p.m. Cost is Adults \$15.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take Out is \$15.00. Advanced tickets are available until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Purchase your tickets after the Masses beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> or at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call (519) 669-3387. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

The Catholic Women's League will be leading the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Wednesday of Lent at Chartwell at 3:15 p.m. in the Retirement Home Chapel. Please join us. We will also have a Garage Sale in April, so please save items to donate.

All parishioners are invited to a **LENTEN RETREAT** on **Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** led by our Pastoral Associate, Ms. Ruthann Fisher. Drawing from 26 years of ministry at St. Francis of Assisi Parish, a Bachelor of Arts degree in English and Certificates in Pastoral and Youth Ministry, as well as a three-month sabbatical at the Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, Ruthann will lead us in a retreat entitled "The Word Became Flesh, and Dwelt Among Us." This Lent, explore how you allow the Word of God to influence your life. We begin with the Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. followed by the retreat. Hosted by the Catholic Women's League. Please bring your bible.

**THE JOY OF LOVE LENTEN SERIES** - Pope Francis wrote a beautiful and rich Exhortation called **Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love**. This document evolved from the Synods on the Family of the past few years, and offers a clear description of the challenges for families today, as well as a wealth of suggestions for how we can find and enjoy

the love in our own families. Join us for a four part Lenten Series led by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. on **Thursday afternoons: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>**. We begin with Mass at 1 p.m., series talk at 1:30 p.m. There will be a break with refreshments, group discussion and Q and A. You do not have to read the exhortation before coming, but if you wish to you can access it online at: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, March 9, 2017** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Jim Rodger, Co-ordinator of the Prime Ministers Statues and Educational Resources Advisory Committee will speak on "The Prime Minister's Home is our Castle". For information contact Joan Haid at [jehaid@xplornet.ca](mailto:jehaid@xplornet.ca).

The next **COMMUNITY CAN DINE** is on **Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at Trinity United Church Fellowship Hall, 21 Arthur St. N., Elmira with lasagna from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pay what you can. Free children and youth drop in programs are now being offered during these events. For more information contact 519-669-5560 or Kelly from WCS at 519-669-5139.

The next **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** is on **Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>** at Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, at St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Michael Patella, A Benedictine monk from Saint John's Abbey and University, in Collegeville, Minnesota, will explore the meaning of the leitmotifs that run through the Saint John's Bible, the first handwritten and illuminated bible since the arrival of the printing press. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Free of charge. Free parking. Wheelchair accessible.

Join us at the **LISTOWEL AND DISTRICT RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL FUNDRAISING BREAKFAST** on **Saturday, March 11, 2017** at the Bethel Christian Reform Church, 345 Elizabeth Street East, Listowel. The breakfast runs from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. Cost is \$8.00 per person with children 5 and under free. The breakfast includes bacon, sausage, pancakes, scrambled eggs, toast, jam, coffee, tea and juice.

Come out and bring a few friends to the **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CARD PARTY** at St. Agatha RC Church Hall on **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at 2:00 p.m. Door Prizes, Draws and a delicious Beef Stew Luncheon. Admission is \$10/person includes stew, rolls, beverage & dessert squares. Cash Draw & Raffle Draws during luncheon at 4:30 p.m. For more info email: [stagathacwl@gmail.com](mailto:stagathacwl@gmail.com).

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."**

<b>Offertory collection for February 18/19:</b>	<b>\$2,252.05</b>
<b>Average per envelope:</b>	<b>\$22.94</b>
<b>Electronic funds for the week:</b>	<b>\$1,166.25</b>
<b>(based on 4 Sundays per month)</b>	
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,632.00</b>

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