

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

March 5, 2023

Second 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 9:00am

### 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  
Debbie Yutzi  
Fr. Peter Meyer  
Ken Gallipeau  
Dan Lauzon

#### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
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#### Catholic Women's League

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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 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. ✠

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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

**Tuesday, March 7, No Mass**

**6:30 pm Stations of the Cross** – led by C.W.L.

*It is simply impossible to lead a virtuous life without the aid of prayer. – St. John Chrysostom*

**Wednesday, March 8, No Mass – Maryhill**

*Charity is the sweet and holy bond which links the soul with its Creator. – St. Catherine of Siena*

**Thursday, March 9, No Mass**

*It is true that God's power triumphs over everything, but humble and suffering prayer prevails over God himself. – St. Pius of Pietrelcina*

**Friday, March 10, No Mass - Maryhill**

*We must fast with our whole heart, that is to say, willing, wholeheartedly, universally and entirely. – St. Francis de Sales*

**Saturday, March 11, 5:00 pm**

**+Daniel Furlong;** Marcella Furlong & Family

**+Jerome Brenner;** Ed Brenner

**Sunday, March 12, Third Sunday of Lent****Daylight Saving Time Begins**

**9:00 am Our Parish Community**

**11:00 am Maryhill**

**READINGS FOR March 11/12**

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Reading: Jn 4:5-42

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MON** 7:00 pm **C.W.L. Lenten Circle** – Library

**TUE** 6:30 pm **Stations of the Cross** – Church

**SAT** 4:00 pm **5:00 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church

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

Mon., March 6 Rev. Michael Downey  
Tues., March 7 Rev. Pawel Jamroz  
Wed., March 8 Disabled Persons  
Thurs., March 9 Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot  
Fri., March 10 Rev. Pablito Labado  
Sat., March 11 Rev. Duy Van Nguyen

**LIVING ROSARY INTENTION**

**For victims of abuse** – We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**MINISTRIES for March 11/12****Eucharistic Ministers**

5pm Phil Milan

9am Barb Vodicka

**Hospitality**

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt, Debbie Yutzi

9am Carol & Ed Kieswetter, Ray Denomme

**Lector**

5pm Connie Kaster

9am Iris Miltenburg

**Commentator**

Marianne Kieswetter

Wally Malcolm

**Children's Liturgy**

Mar 12 Sarah Glazier and Sandi Hutchinson

**Sign Ministry**

Mar 6 Jim McInnis

**FOODBANK NEEDS**

Jam, Ketchup and Canned Pasta

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Please remember next weekend to turn your clock ahead for Daylight Saving Time.

Mark your calendar and plan on joining us for a Lenten Retreat facilitated by the School Sisters of Notre Dame from 1 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> with Mass following the retreat. Refreshments included.

We are now in the Season of Lent. The Stations of the Cross and Adoration are special events that are part of Lent. I encourage you to come and join us.

I will be away from March 6<sup>th</sup> to March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Fr. Peter

Join us for the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Join us for **ADORATION** on the First Thursday of the month from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (after Mass) beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY....** There are some new & interesting books in the library for your study and reading pleasure. We now have new books on the life of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Theresa of Lisieux and many more of our Great Saints. Also, with Lent upon us there are many books in the Prayer section to help guide us through this penitential season in preparation for the experience of EASTER!

**C.W.L. AROUND THE LENTEN CIRCLE** - All parishioners are invited to gather around the Lenten circle for small group discussions. For six Monday evenings we will read and reflect on the scriptures for the five Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday, share our thoughts and experiences, and feed our body and soul as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Please join us for these small group sessions on **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** from 7 - 8 p.m. in the library, followed by snacks and fellowship. Hosted by the St. Teresa C.W.L. All are welcome! For more info contact Alice Soeder at [alice\\_soeder@hotmail.com](mailto:alice_soeder@hotmail.com) or 519-669-1859.

**FUNERAL CHOIR** – We are looking to enhance our Funeral Choir with new members for this important Sacrament. If you have time to share your gift of music with this choir and would like more information contact the church by email at [stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com) or call 519-669-3387.

**HELP FOR EVERY MARRIAGE** – Are you frustrated or angry at each other, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times and allows you to rediscover the relationship that drew you together. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples find a better way for their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program, happening the **weekend of March 10, 11, 12, 2023** please call 905-664-5212 or email

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1013@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at  
www.retrouvaille.org.

**THE LEGACY OF FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE – TEN YEARS FROM HIS ELECTION - March 9, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. at SJU's Notre Dame Chapel (SJ1)**

Register in advance for IN PERSON attendance only. Live Stream option available on this page on the evening of the lecture, for those unable to attend in person. Speaker, Dr. Massimo Faggioli's lecture will try and offer an assessment of Pope Francis' pontificate at ten years from his election on March 13, 2013. Among the topics addressed by the lecture: Francis' ressourcement of Vatican II against traditionalism and fundamentalism; the relationship between the Church and the world, between internal issues and global challenges; the handling of the abuse crisis; the turn to a "synodal Church". The presentation will offer a few insights on the historical and theological meaning of Pope Francis' pontificate. Complimentary parking - accessible - refreshments served prior to the lecture. Tickets: Please go to the SJU's website and click on the link.

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH** – Join us for Mass on **Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>** at 3.00 p.m. in the newly renovated Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

Join the **REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** for our fun family screening of **COCO** on **March 23, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. This delightful film follows young Miguel as he dreams of becoming an accomplished musician, despite his family's generations-old ban on music. Themes of Family and Community, Dignity of the Human Person, Forgiveness, and Cultural Diversity are explored. The screening will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at [www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/](http://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.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 injustice.

**CARD PARTY** - St. Anthony Daniel Parish C.W.L. is hosting a Card Party on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** in the St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments, and prizes and lots of fun playing your favorite game with friends. Plan to join us. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA** - Our annual fundraiser is scheduled for April 27, 2023 and this year we have a wonderful 1940s theme complete with a Big Band and a menu that will bring back a sense of nostalgia for some of you and a wish to be born in more simpler times by others. Most importantly, the Gala gives us an opportunity to introduce and re-introduce to you, Catholic Missions In Canada. Catholic Missions In Canada is one of the best kept secrets to our Canadian Catholic community. In 2023

we are starting an awareness campaign. People need to know that in most areas in Canada, religious services like Mass, baptism, religious instruction, confession and so on, are not readily available. **People need to know that CMIC exists to advance and sustain the Catholic faith in Canada...and they need to know that they can help.** We would really love to see you and we would really appreciate it if you could bring somebody along so that they can learn what we are all about and have a great evening as well. There will be individual ticket sales and sponsorship and donation opportunities. If you wish to know more about the Gala and the sponsorship opportunities available now visit the website at [www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info).

**EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY** – Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for “Evenings with His Excellency”. This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will begin our look at *The 10 Commandments*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

**THE 2023 DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY** – Time is running out! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, April 16, 2023** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register now at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Join the Knights of Columbus for **FISH FRY FRIDAYS** at the Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. The seating time on Fridays is 5:30 p.m. Meal includes Fish & Chips, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll. The cost is one Piece \$15.00 (tax included) or two Pieces \$20.00 (tax included). Good Friday seatings are 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. You must call for reservations at 519-884-2060.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life. If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Offertory collection for February 25/26:</b>	<b>\$4,148.12</b>
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,724.64</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$87,330.31</b>

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