

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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
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Catholic Women's League

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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

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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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 8TH

Tuesday, March 9,

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross

7:05 pm +Mary Lou Schultz; Marcella & Judy Furlong

A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. – Pope Francis

Wednesday, March 10, 9:00 am

+Laura Logel; David & Sandra Logel

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 a Kempis

Thursday, March 11, 12:05 pm

+Elgin Cassel; Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Virtues are formed by prayer. Prayer preserves temperance. Prayer suppresses anger. Prayer prevents emotions of pride and envy. Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises a person to heaven. – St. Ephrem

Friday, March 12, 9:00 am

+Harry Lemieux; Maurice Downey

Take yourself off to the garden of olives or the foot of the cross and stay there. Our Lord will speak to you and you listen to him. – St. Bernadette

Saturday, March 13, 5:00 pm

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

**5:00 pm +Daniel Furlong; Marcella Furlong & Family
+Sharon Soeder; Rick & Leona Weishar**

Sunday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30 am Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR March 13/14

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 8	Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam
Tues., March 9	Rev. Stephen Gilbert
Wed., March 10	Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny, S.J.C.
Thurs., March 11	Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
Fri., March 12	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
Sat., March 13	Rev. Ilija PetKovic

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.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Cheez Whiz, Instant Coffee and Flour

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.

MINISTRIES for March 13/14

Hospitality

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt & Marianne Kieswetter

9:30am Adrian Miltenburg, Ron Stemmler & Ray Denomme

Lectors

5pm Armand Bertin

9:30am Wally Malcolm

Sign Ministry

Mar 8 John Bruder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Stations of the Cross are each Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m., just prior to the 7:05 p.m. Mass. The stations are also available on YouTube. Everyone is welcome to join us.

During Lent we will be having Confessions each Saturday evening from 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by appointment. I am available anytime for the Anointing of the Sick.

We hope that you will take part in the Fish Friday Fundraiser. Orders must be made by March 10th. See the information in the bulletin.

Check out the Weekly Reflection posted on Wednesday, February 24th. Deacon Basil and myself are assembling and painting a bird house. You will have the opportunity to purchase a kit and make one for you and/or with your family. The kit is \$10 (assembled or unassembled). All you need is a hammer, wood glue, Robertson screwdriver and latex paint. Send your requests to st.teresafavilaelmira@gmail.com. Payment for the kit can be put in the collection at Mass or dropped off at the church on Wednesdays when the Parish Office is open. If you are writing a cheque it is payable to St. Teresa's Church. We will need your name and telephone number to call you when the kit is ready for pick-up. This is an excellent opportunity to do something together as a family.

I am available for appointments Tuesday to Saturday. If you have any concerns please call the Parish Office and we will get back to you.

We are allowed to open our churches again. May God watch over us and keep us safe. All safety protocols will be in place in the church and all are welcome to come.

Yours in Christ,
Father Peter Meyer

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – A story from Brazil Last year's Share Lent campaign allowed Development and Peace to continue supporting its partners' work with Indigenous communities in Brazil. One of these partners is the Pastoral Land Commission (CPT), whose coordinator, Sr. Jean Bellini, said "We thank you for your contributions, because in addition to

concrete help, which makes a difference, the solidarity of the Canadian people with the rural people of Brazil encourages us to continue to overcome the challenges that we face.” The Share Lent collection is on March 20th/21st. Share Lent is the main source of funding for sisters/ brothers in the Global South.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA FISH FRIDAY FUNDRAISER is on **Friday, March 12th** with pick up for lunch or dinner from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Grill on the Green (at the Elmira Golf Course). Enjoy a 1 piece hand-dipped haddock with fresh cut fries, creamy coleslaw and your choice of Apple Crumble Pie or Greek Baklava. Cost is \$16.99 plus tax. \$3.00 from every order will be donated back to St. Teresa of Avila. **Meals must be pre-ordered by Wednesday, March 10th** and there are 2 ways to do this.

1. You can call the restaurant (519-669-1652 ext. 27) (Wed - Sun from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.) with the number of dinners required and the time you will be picking them up. They will take your payment over the phone.
2. You can go online to order and pay. Go to www.tgotg.com and click the Link to Order. Click View menu/order. Click on No. Click St. Teresa's Fish Friday Special. Enter the quantity and in Special Instructions type in the time you will be picking them up on March 12th. Click on Add to order. Click on Checkout and follow the prompts. When picking up your order, please follow the signs and protocols for social distancing. Thanks for your support!

The next Reel Justice Film Festival is called **TO THE ARCTIC** showing on **Thursday, March 25th** at 6:30 p.m. To join the online screening R.S.V.P. in advance at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/>. This is a family friendly movie about climate change and animals.

PORNOGRAPHY: THE THREAT, IMPACT AND CATHOLIC REMEDY – Pornography is one of the most important issues to understand in our world today. With the ease of its availability on the internet, it has affected people of all ages and backgrounds, whether male or female. Pornography today is violent and degrading and often involves young people who have been sex-trafficked. **Join us on zoom (by internet or phone) March 25th from 7-8:30 P.M.** and hear more about the threat and impact of pornography on children and adults, how we can educate ourselves and our children to counter its negative influence and how our Catholic faith provides hope to those impacted. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett and Deacon Joseph Di Loreto. Registration is required so we can send you the zoom link, but the session is free of charge. This is an important issue which will not go away unless we provide tools for people (including parents) to end its destructive use. Consider registering to learn how. More on this

issue at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/pornography-help>.

BILL C-7, which will expand the eligibility criteria for **EUTHANASIA AND ASSISTED SUICIDE**, passed in the Legislature and was sent to the Senate for approval. In the Senate further changes were made that would allow MAID (Medical Assistance in Dying) to occur more often by removing the “reasonable foreseeability of natural death” criterion currently in the Criminal Code. It will also allow MAID for those who are suffering from mental illness. Senator Batters spoke quite eloquently as the third reading of the Bill was occurring in the Senate. Please take the time to listen to her words as she lays out her thoughts and passionately defends the vulnerable in our country:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7empfv36HM&feature=youtu.be>.

While it will be challenging to stop the proposed changes now, it is not too late to make a difference. Please watch this video clip. Contact your Member of Parliament and let them know that the changes proposed to Bill C-7 goes too far, beyond what the courts called for and now puts at risk all persons suffering from mental health or disabilities, the very people we should most want to protect.

The video will provide you with some great insights for sharing this topic with others. Timelines are very tight on this Bill – we must act now if we will have an impact.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE VIRTUALLY!

Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats and programs:

- Teilhard de Chardin Weekend Retreat – March 12 – 14 with Bernie Carroll, S.J. and Andre Auger.
- Teilhard de Chardin 5-Day Retreat – March 14-19 with Bernie Carroll, S.J. & Andre Auger.
- Holy Week Retreat – March 27 – April 3 – Walk with Jesus along his journey to the cross and his rising from death, and allow Christ to join his journey to yours.
- Easter Triduum – April 1-3 – Visual retreats for engaging the Holy Week rituals.

These virtual retreats may include video links and/or Zoom (or telephone) gatherings and optional individual meetings with your spiritual director where indicated. Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for February 2021:	\$12,339.00
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$136,494.25
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