

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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

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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. ✠

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 26TH

Tuesday, May 4, No Mass

Let us work, my daughters, we shall rest in heaven! – Bl. Marie-Leonie Paradis

Wednesday, May 5, No Mass

It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken. – St. Francis Xavier

Thursday, May 6, No Mass

The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ. – St. Anthony of Padua

Friday, May 7, No Mass

Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song. - St. John Paul II

Saturday, May 8, No Mass

**Sunday, May 9 - TELEVISED MASS ON YOUTUBE ON OUR HOME PAGE - Mother's Day
Sixth Sunday of Easter**

READINGS FOR May 8/9

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10

Gospel Reading: Jn 15:9-17

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., May 3 Rev. David Reilander
Tues., May 4 Rev. David Weise
Wed., May 5 Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate,
S.S.M.I.
Thurs., May 6 Rev. Tom Moisan
Fri., May 7 Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Sat., May 8 Rev. Pablito Labado

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit, Flour and Canola/Vegetable Oil

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

The World of Finance - Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

At this time the chapel, church, and office are closed. Please check for updates at stteresaelmira.ca and on the Hamilton

Diocesan website. On the main home page you will see the link where you can click on the YouTube arrow and see weekly reflections on Wednesdays with Fr. Peter Meyer and see/participate in the Mass each Sunday.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Once Masses resume a Finance Report will be presented to the Parish at all Masses.

Would you like to be part of a gardening team at St. Teresa of Avila? We are looking for volunteers to help with the gardens. If you would like to be a part of this team please contact the Parish Office by email at StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com or by telephone at 519-669-3387.

Sunday Masses are still being taped and uploaded through St. Teresa's YouTube on the website or just google YouTube St. Teresa's, Elmira. Reflections are also put on YouTube on Wednesdays. Please check them out.

Any questions or concerns you have please call the Parish Office. The telephone is checked regularly every day. Mail is also checked each day.

Be assured of my continued support and prayer. We ask Jesus, our Lord and God to watch over us in these difficult times.

Father Peter

WEDNESDAY EVENING ROSARY AND MOVIE

Every Wednesday St. Teresa has a Rosary Zoom meeting at 7:00 p.m. We have been running it successfully for a few months now. It averages about 30 people taking part. It has been suggested that we start a movie evening... based mainly on spiritual Movies, i.e. lives of Saints.

The series 'The Chosen' has been mentioned and is free and running on YouTube. Season one is complete and Season two has just begun.

We would like to extend the Rosary Zoom Meeting and show 'The Chosen' series, after the Rosary is finished. This will add another 40 minutes to the zoom meeting.

We understand that it may not be for everyone, in which case please feel free to log off at that time. Anyone who would like to stay and watch... can enjoy the life of Jesus... with 96 million other people around the world.

I have been watching and have enjoyed it immensely.

Yours in Christ.

Deacon Basil

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Pope Francis has declared December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021 the year of "St. Joseph" in celebration of 150 yrs. as the patron saint of the Universal Church. May 1st the church celebrates the **FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER.** While working as a carpenter St. Joseph was providing and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother, Mary. Through his example and prayer for his powerful intercession we can ask him to protect all workers,

especially those working in healthcare, those who have lost their jobs and all essential workers.

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT SAINT JOSEPH?

“Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God,” Pope John Paul II had once said.

There is very little about the life of Joseph in Scripture but still, we know that he was the chaste husband of Mary, the foster father of Jesus, a carpenter and a man who was not wealthy. We also know that he came from the royal lineage of King David.

We can see from his actions in scripture that Joseph was a compassionate man, and obedient to the will of God. He also loved Mary and Jesus and wanted to protect and provide for them.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph had probably died before Jesus entered public ministry.

Joseph is the patron of many things, including the universal Church, fathers, the dying and social justice.

From Catholic News Agency

HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS will be at St Teresa's & Elmira Pentecostal Assembly every Friday from 4:30 pm - 8:00 pm beginning May 7!

There will be two trucks every week at both churches! See the Heavenly Eats Facebook page for a list of trucks at each church. This will be for take-out only and social distancing practised for placing and picking up orders. Please wear your mask. Remember, it's not fast food, it's made to order. There may be lineups - please be patient, it's worth the wait! Be sure to pop by for some tasty take-out, a fundraiser for 5 local churches!

The Knights of Columbus are offering **FREE ON LINE MEMBERSHIP until June 30, 2021** in honour of the beatification of Father McGivney. Go to <https://www.KofC.org/joinus>. Use the promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (MAY 2 – May 7, 2021) is being celebrated across Ontario starting Sunday, May 2, 2021. The theme this year is **Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope**. The Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) will be offering a livestreamed Provincial Mass on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, presided by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins. Catholic schools across the Province will be participating in this

online Mass. Additionally, the Diocesan Office for Evangelization and Catechesis is preparing a message that will be sent to the School Boards in our Diocese and available on our website. Publically funded Catholic Education in the Province of Ontario is a rich blessing for our young people. We celebrate and give thanks! The Catholic Education biblical quote is, *“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.”* Isaiah 40:31.

The NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE is on Thursday, May 13, 2021. This event will take place in-person and online. The theme for this year's March for Life is 'You are not alone'. Each year, it is a great encouragement to see thousands of young people marching for life, to see people of many faith backgrounds and cultures, and to hear from the pro-life MPs who share words of encouragement. This year, Guelph & Area Right to Life will not be organizing a day trip to the March for Life. However, everyone is encouraged to travel to participate in the in-person March if able to do so. The March for Life will also be hosting a virtual March, as well as many other virtual events during the March for Life week. For more information, visit marchforlife.ca. See the events below:

- Life on Film: Movie Nights, May 9 -11 (online)
- Candlelight Vigil, May 12 (in-person & online)
- National Mass for Life, May 13 (online)
- March for Life & Rally, May 13 (in-person & online)
- Youth Conference, May 14 (online)

The next Reel Justice Film Festival, **END OF IMMIGRATION**, is showing on **Thursday, May 27th** at 7:00 p.m. A shocking look at the life of temporary foreign workers. To join the online screening R.S.V.P. in advance at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/>.

The **42ND ANNUAL KW RIGHT TO LIFE WALK FOR LIFE** is on **Saturday, May 29th**. There will be an Independent Walk Option. You can walk on your own or not. Details to follow. Walk from a designated place which is to be announced. Prizes. Draws. Every \$50 pledged receives a chance for a \$100 Gift Certificate. Call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 for more information. Income tax receipts are issued at Year End for donations \$20 and over.

VOCATION SEEDS – Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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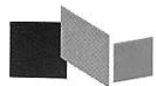
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