

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

May 3, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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 9:30am

### 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

Deana Pfanner Groves

Fr. Peter Meyer

Ken Gallipeau

Leona Weishar

Lisa Denomme

#### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer

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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

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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.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday, May 5, NO MASS**

*We must love our neighbor as being made in the image of God and as an object of God's love. – St. Vincent de Paul*

**Wednesday, May 6, NO MASS**

*In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give God thanks. – St. Teresa of Avila*

**Thursday, May 7, 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*

**Friday, May 8, NO MASS**

*If we wish to make any progress in the service of God we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honour. – St. Charles Borromeo*

**Saturday, May 9, NO MASS**

**Sunday, May 10, TELEVISED MASS ON YOUTUBE ON OUR HOME PAGE**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**READINGS FOR May 2/3**

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9

Gospel Reading: Jn 14:1-12

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH  
EVERYTHING IS CANCELLED****HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR****PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., May 4 Rev. Jeffery Oehring  
Tues., May 5 Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.  
Wed., May 6 Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, S.O.C.  
Thurs., May 7 Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.  
Fri., May 8 Rev. Francesco Cucchi  
Sat., May 9 Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan

**LIVING ROSARY INTENTION**

We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

**FOODBANK NEEDS**

Mayonnaise, Ketchup and Apple Juice  
(save these items and bring them in when things are back to normal)

**At this time the chapel, church, and office are closed. Please check for updates at [stteresaelmira.ca](http://stteresaelmira.ca) and on the Hamilton Diocesan website. Bulletins are updated each week.** 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.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY IN THE MONTH OF MARY**

When COVID-19 was first spreading throughout the world, Pope Francis asked all Catholics to pray the Rosary with him for the intentions of those who have gotten sick or died from the virus, for all the front-line workers and researchers fighting it, and for all those affected. During May, the month of Mary, Fr. Peter and the Catholic Women's League invite our parish to pray the Rosary each day for these intentions, and we are hoping some of us might pray it in a very visible way.

We are blessed at St. Teresa's to have an outdoor Rosary Path. We would like to have one family, or person, or household come to the Rosary Path each day in May and pray the Rosary. You can walk the path as you pray, or sit on the bench, whatever posture works for you. **If you would like to sign up for a date please email Alice Soeder at [alice\\_soeder@hotmail.com](mailto:alice_soeder@hotmail.com).** You can go to the path to pray any time on your date, although during daylight hours would be safest and the best way to witness to our community that we are standing with them.

Not all of us are able to leave our homes right now, due to the weather and of course the threat of this virus. Please, if you are not able to go outside, continue to pray in solidarity with our community and our world. And if you go to the path to pray and find someone else already there, please stay 6 feet apart from others. Our prayers and physical distancing are working, so this May let our voices join together in supplication to our Mother!

**April is #BEADONOR month.** Check the back of your Health Card. If it does not indicate Donor and you wish to register, use the link <https://www.beadonor.ca/campaign/barb-vodicka> which is found on our parish website.  
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### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Please be assured of my continued prayers for you and for your families. Don't hesitate to call for any pastoral needs you may have.

Let us continue to pray for the deceased victims in the Nova Scotia killings and for their families.

During this month of May, which the Church particularly dedicates to the Mother of Christ, we are one in consecrating ourselves and our loved ones to Mary most Holy, the humble Handmaid of the Lord and his most perfect Disciple. During this time of the pandemic we lift up in prayer and in recognition all those many women and men, clergy, religious, laity, and front line workers who tirelessly commit themselves to the care of others.

Again we are looking for volunteers for spring gardening and clean up around the parish property. Those who are interested please contact me.

Father Peter

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK** - This year's Catholic Education Week theme is, "*Igniting Hope.*" The Catholic Education biblical quote is, "*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the Holy Spirit.*" Romans 15:13. To find out more information in regards to Catholic Education Week and various activities see

<https://www.ocsta.on.ca/project/igniting-hope-allumer-la-flamme-de-lesperance/>.

The Diocese of Hamilton in an effort to stay connected to our school community and the life of the Church would like to announce the **live-streaming of a special Mass for Catholic Education** from St. Patrick's Parish in Hamilton. This Holy Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, on **Friday, May 8, 2020 at 11:00 a.m.** Please see **Bishop Crosby's message for Catholic Education Week 2020**, in English and in French, on our parish website.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH** – Before a couple begins to parent, they first have a relationship with each other. We know that the best gift parents can give their children is a strong and healthy relationship. Time together as a couple is an excellent way to strengthen your bond – it ensures that love continues to flourish, that you don't lose your connection to each other as husband and wife and shows your children that you love spending time together. Make spending time as a couple a priority and you will soon see the value it has in your lives. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, especially for the Diocese of Hamilton, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by telephone at 905-528-7988 or by email at [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

**C.Y.O. CAMP BREBEUF** – They are preparing for another exciting summer of offering Catholic camp experiences to young people. In 2020 there will be seven weeks of children's residential camp and eight weeks of day camp. The Brebeuf Leadership Program is open to youth entering Grade 9 – 11 in September 2020 who are looking to develop or build on existing leadership skills. Four successive levels of leadership will enrich student's knowledge of self, while developing close relationships in an interactive and challenging environment. Youth will learn the value of building an increased level of awareness on issues within their home community and broaden their scope on issues across our country and throughout the world. Check out the website at [www.campbrebeuf.ca](http://www.campbrebeuf.ca).

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for <u>Month of April</u> :	\$13,864.00
Share Lent (Development & Peace):	\$780.00
Good Friday:	\$270.00
Easter:	\$2,920.00
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$96,694.25
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