

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday of
the Lord's Passion

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Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
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

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi
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Vocations

Contact hamiltodiocese.com/vocations/
or resurrectionists.com/vocations

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. ✠

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 14TH

<p>Tuesday, April 15, 6:15 pm Stations of the Cross (Led by the Choir – Music Stations) 7:05 pm +Helma Mayne; Marcella & Judy Furlong 7:35 pm Confessions (2 Priests) <i>The patient and humble endurance of the cross, whatever nature it may be, is the highest work we have to do. – St. Katharine Drexel</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, April 16, No Mass <i>The Eucharist is a fire that inflames us. – St. John Damascene</i></p>
<p>Thursday, April 17, Holy Thursday 10:00 am The Gospel – Passion Play 8:00 pm MARYHILL</p>
<p>Friday, April 18, Friday of the Passion of the Lord 11:00 am – St. Teresa (here) 3:00 pm – St. Boniface (Maryhill)</p>
<p>Saturday, April 19, 8:00 pm – Easter Vigil For All Those Received into the Church</p>
<p>Sunday, April 20, Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR April 19/20

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Second Reading: Col 3:1-4
 Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-18

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

Mon., Apr 14	Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly
Tues., Apr 15	Rev. Gregory Merkle
Wed., Apr 16	Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.
Thu., Apr 17	Holy Thursday
Fri., Apr 18	The Passion of the Lord
Sat., Apr 19	Holy Saturday

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus General Mtg-Hall

MINISTRIES for April 19/20

Children's Liturgy
 Apr 20 No Children's Liturgy

Sign Ministry
 Apr 15 Kieran Kelly

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the use of the new technologies – Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter, Jam, Canned Meat (Ham/Turkey/Chicken)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Palm Sunday is the feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The feast commemorates Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the

four canonical Gospels. Its name originates from the palm branches waved by the crowd to greet and honor Jesus Christ as he entered the city. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week, the beginning of the last week of the solemn season of Lent.

Thank you to all those who organized and helped at the Elmira Maple Syrup Festival, especially the Knights of Columbus.

Father Peter

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: THANK YOU for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the Turn Debt into Hope campaign with your Share Lent donation. Thanks to your generosity. This will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory. **THANK YOU** for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

If your family or friends are **in the hospital and need a visit** from Father Peter please **CALL** the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

As you may be aware, St. Mary's Hospital Chapel had their final Mass a couple of weeks ago. We have **postcards with a picture of the chapel with a prayer on the back**. If you wish to have a copy of this postcard, please contact the Parish Office and we will set aside a post card for you.

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank from **April 2nd to April 17th**. Food may be dropped off during office hours or before or after Masses. This will be our Lenten project in support of those who are less fortunate in our community.

St. Teresa of Avila presents **THE GOSPEL** at St. Teresa of Avila Church on **Holy Thursday, April 17th** at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Costumes are designed by Pat Ditner and Cecilia Moser.

The C.W.L. are happy to announce our **TRADITIONAL ENGLISH TEA** on **May 3, 2025** at 1 p.m. Get your tickets soon to avoid disappointment! Limited number of tickets to be sold. Cost is adults \$25.00 and children 12 and under \$10.00. Come and join us!

Join us for an exciting evening of fun, fellowship, and giving back! On **May 29th**, bring your dabbers to the Elmira Lions Hall for an unforgettable night of **LIONS BINGO**. Our Knights of Columbus Council is honoured to be one of the recipient organizations for this special event, with proceeds directly supporting our mission to enrich both our church and community. Bring your friends and family—18 years of age or older—for just \$25 per person, you can enjoy every game! Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 7 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

APRIL 13, 2025

MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER is at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre, 58 St, Charles St. E., on **Good Friday, April 18th** from 12 noon to 7 p.m. Eat in or take out. **NO RESERVATIONS.** First come- first served. Come and enjoy fresh cut fries and gravy, with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce and lemon. Cost is 1 pc. for \$16 or 2 pc for \$19. Children 12 & under may buy a half price 1 pc for \$8.00 dining in house only! Hot Dogs also are available. Dinner includes coffee and tea. Dessert is extra. Cash only please! Call ahead take out orders are most welcome. For more information contact (519) 648-2939.

FIRE FIGHTER VISIT on **Wednesday, April 23rd** from 3 – 5 p.m. and 6 – 8 p.m. for those aged 9 – 15 at the Hub, Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue, Elmira.

FREE VIRTUAL COOKING CLASSES WITH LISA – Join us for a Zoom cooking class to explore ways to prepare healthy, delicious recipes on **Wednesday, April 23rd** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register, call 519-669-5139. If registered with the food programs through Woolwich Community Services, you are eligible for a meal kit with all the needed items. For more information email Lisa at lisam.wcs@gmail.com.

You are invited to a **LADIES TEA PARTY** on **Sunday, April 27, 2025** at 12:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church, 1025 Wallace Avenue North, Listowel. Tickets are \$15 for ladies, \$10 for children 10 years and under. Contact Lisa at the Parish Office at 519-291-4400 ext. 0. Advance tickets only. Seating is limited so get your tickets early. **Deadline for tickets is Tuesday, April 15, 2025.**

Join us for the **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** – Reserve Your Seat! Guelph & Area Right to Life is providing a coach bus to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 8, 2025.** This is a powerful opportunity to stand alongside thousands on Parliament Hill in defense of life. Pickup & Drop-off is at the Basilica of Our Lady parking lot, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph. Bus will depart at 6:00 a.m. sharp (please arrive by 5:45 a.m.). The bus will return at 4:00 p.m. sharp (boarding at 3:45 p.m.). Seats are limited—reserve yours today! Goodwill offerings are gratefully accepted and can be made by cash, cheque, or e-transfer to info@guelphforlife.com. To reserve your seat, contact us at info@guelphforlife.com or (519) 836-6311. For more info, visit the website at <https://www.guelphforlife.com/bus>.

Join us for the **TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE** on **Saturday, May 10, 2025.** The bus leaves from Fairview Park Mall at 7:45 a.m. Parking is at the front of the Walmart over to the right where it is less crowded. Bus cost is \$25. Children under 12 are free. KW Right to Life must inform Toronto Right to Life before April 15th in order to get the workshop participants Early Bird Pricing of \$20 regular/\$10 student/senior. Workshops begin at 2:30 p.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. Return to Kitchener. Your seat reservation must be confirmed by the KW Right to Life Office or call Jane at 519-746-5433.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE! Move from the daily routines of everyday life and journey in solitude and silence to deepen your relationship with God, creation and others. **The Enneagram for Organizational Leaders** - May 1
Day of Quiet (lunch provided) - May 9
Prayer of the Senses - May 9
Birds Weekend Retreat - May 9-11
Songs of Joy, Doubt & Hope Weekend Retreat-May 9-11
Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

RETREAT AT THE CARMEL – The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 24th**. The theme of the Retreat is “Hope”. The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. The day will begin with the Rosary, Holy Mass, two short conferences, and a time for prayer and reflection. The retreat will begin at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please register on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: www.thecarmel.ca

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo – Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month; 7 p.m. in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. This is a 6 week Program-theory and sharing. The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **May 14th to June 18th** at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Registration is required by April 30th for this program by contacting our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca.

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – As we approach Holy Thursday and the commemoration of Jesus’ gift of the Eucharist, it might be worth asking ourselves how do we come to the Lord’s table, who do we meet there, and how do we leave?
Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS –Like the forgiving father of Luke's Gospel, God welcomes us home in spite of our sinfulness and calls us to a life of holiness. Where are you at home? Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person? If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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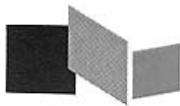
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