

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 23, 2025

Third Sunday
of Lent

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Office Hours:

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 hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/
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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 24TH

<p>Tuesday, March 25, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord 6:15 pm Stations of the Cross (Led by Confirmation Class) 7:05 pm +Theresa Hahn-Siemon; Leroy Siemon <i>Preach the truth as if we had a million voices, for it is silence that kills the world. – St. Catherine of Siena</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, March 26, No Mass <i>By partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, may you be made of the same body and same blood with him. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i></p>
<p>Thursday, March 27, 12:05 pm +Bill Strauss; Marie Snelling & Family <i>To each one of us Christ is saying: If you want your life and mission to be fruitful like mine, do as I do. Be converted into a seed that lets itself be buried. Let yourself be killed. Do not be afraid. Those who shun suffering will remain alone. No one is more alone than the selfish person. But if you give your life out of love for others as I give mine for all, you will reap a great harvest. – St. Oscar Romero</i></p>
<p>Friday, March 28, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>God does not ask all souls to show their love by the same works, to climb to heaven by the same ladder, to achieve goodness in the same way of life. What sort of work, then, must I do? Which is my road to heaven? In what kind of life am I to sanctify myself? - St. Charles de Foucauld</i></p>
<p>Saturday, March 29, 5:00 pm +Jim Hanley; Bernard & Rose Hanley +Sean O'Rourke; Mike Hicknell</p>
<p>Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community After Mass Coffee Sunday 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Kevin Dupuis	Judy Furlong
9am	Maria Diemert	Joan Coutu

Altar Servers
 9am Wesley, Isabelle, Evan

Children's Liturgy
 Mar 30 Sandi Hutchinson, Linda Bruder

Sign Ministry
 Mar 25 Jim McInnis

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For Families in Crisis – Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Ketchup, Cheez Whiz & Salad Dressing (any type)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Now into the third week of the Season of Lent, our Sunday Gospel prepares us to hear Lent's call to conversion and repentance.

We invite you to come to the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday evening at 6:15 p.m.

Father Peter

As we continue our spiritual journey **this season of Lent**, our **LIBRARY** is a great resource for books. Browse the library for books on Daily Reflections and Spiritual insights from many Catholic authors. Books can be found in the Prayer section.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom? Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries, often foreign-owned, plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights. These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled. Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives. This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our Mini-magazine and watching our testimonial video at devp.org/lent.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, April 5th – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12th – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. (After Mass)

TINY HOME TAKEOUT is in need of women's boots and shoes, men's mitts and gloves, backpacks, totes. Please drop off any of these items in the cloakroom. Thank you!

READINGS FOR March 29/30

First Reading: Jos 5:9a, 10-12
 Second Reading: 2 Cor 5:17-21
 Gospel Reading: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Mar 24	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Tues., Mar 25	Annunciation of the Lord
Wed., Mar 26	Lay Parish Ministers
Thu., Mar 27	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Fri., Mar 28	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Sat., Mar 29	Rev. Luis Inacio

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 7:00 p.m. **Confirmation Session** – Hall

MINISTRIES for March 29/30

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Steve & Patsy Pond
9am	Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm	Greg & Sue Goetz
9am	Mike & Sharon Noel, Adrian Miltenburg

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Mark your calendar for the next **ELEGANT TEA** on **Saturday, May 3rd** at 1 p.m. More information to follow.

PHOTO DIRECTORY – Those who have said they would submit pictures of themselves for the Photo Directory, please send a jpeg file to the Parish Office. Additionally, if anyone has pictures of parish events please submit them to the Parish Office as a jpeg file.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Join us for our special youth screening of **Marcel the Shell with Shoes** on **March 27th**! Marcel is an adorable, 1-inch-tall shell who ekes out a colorful existence with his grandmother, Connie, and their pet, Alan. Once part of a sprawling community of shells, they now live alone as the sole survivors of a mysterious tragedy. However, when a documentary filmmaker discovers them, the short film he posts online brings Marcel millions of passionate fans, as well as unprecedented dangers and a new hope of finding his long-lost family. Available to watch all day! Movie link will be sent straight to your inbox! Register and view our full schedule at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre presents **EMPOWERING THE GIRL IN ME, FOR AGES 10-12**, in-person group workshop, **Thursdays, March 27th – April 24th** from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$100. Further subsidies available if needed. Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or emailing woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events. Check out info@woolwichcounselling.org. The Woolwich Counselling Centre is at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira.

GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS:
March 29th at 7 p.m. - 40 Days for Life Prayer and Worship Night featuring Ramona Trevino at River of Life International Fellowship
April 9th at 7 p.m. - 40 Days for Life Mass with Bishop Lobsinger at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate
April 4th at 6 p.m. - Guelph and Area Right to Life Annual General Meeting at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall
April 4th - April 5th - The Truth about Sex Parent Conference at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall
May 8th - March for Life Bus from Guelph
May 24th - Walk for Life Guelph
Stay tuned for further information on these upcoming events or contact our office for any questions at (519) 836-6311 or email info@guelphforlife.com.

St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener invites you to a **PASTA DINNER FUNDRAISER** on **Sunday, March 30th**. Sittings are 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per adult, \$10 per child 7 – 14 and children 6 and under are free. Pasta is by Ennio's. The meal includes pasta, salad, bun, dessert and a beverage. There will be a silent auction as well. Tickets can be purchased by emailing Barbara at bmdaly@me.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE IS HERE! Join 40 Days for Life in Guelph and be part of this worldwide movement of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. Since its start, 40

Days for Life has helped save over 24,000 babies, seen 250+ abortion workers leave the industry, and led to the closure of 140+ abortion centers. Join us in prayer outside the Guelph Cenotaph (Woolwich St. & Eramosa Rd.) from **7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily until Sunday, April 13th**. Learn more and sign up at 40daysforlife.com/guelph or contact Joe Montague at info@guelphforlife.com.

The **CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH GUILD**, founded in 1952, is dedicated to supporting the personal and household requirements of the Carmelite Nuns, and is instrumental in helping the Nuns preserve their life of prayer and service to the Church at the Carmel of St. Joseph (St. Agatha). They share in the spiritual benefits of the community and help others to become sharers in these benefits. The Guild invites you to explore our webpage, read our 2025 Newsletter, purchase a 2025 Guild membership for yourself or a loved one, donate to the Chapel Fund, attend Special Events and Masses at the Carmel of St. Joseph, and consider becoming a member of the women's General Support Group, attend our meetings, and our spiritual retreat on **Saturday, May 24th**! Visit us at <https://thecarmel.ca>.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – March is the start of Lent, a time when we reflect on our faith and our commitment to living as we are called to as disciples of Jesus. It is a perfect time to discuss as a couple how your marriage, considered both a Sacrament and Vocation by the Church, is fulfilling its mandate to be the visible sign of God's invisible love. Do you strive always to treat each other as God loves, in total self-giving, with mercy and forgiveness acting as strong pillars of your marriage? This Lent, make your Lenten journey a time to pray together and to work as a couple to strengthen one of the most important parts of your life, your marriage. From the Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – Jesus' parable of the fig tree illustrates God's patient mercy. The gardener asks for more time, believing the tree might yet bear fruit. Similarly, discernment requires patience - not rushing to immediate results but allowing time for God's grace to cultivate growth within us. Are you patient enough to let God guide your vocation, trusting His timing and care? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R. resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – The Lord is kind and merciful and calls us to proclaim His Name. Consider service in the priesthood or consecrated life. 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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