

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 30, 2025
Fourth 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/
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
519-885-1340 Website: stdavid.wcdsb.ca

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 LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 31ST

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| Tuesday, April 1, 6:15 pm Stations of the Cross (Led by Knights of Columbus) 7:05 pm +Millie Schlupp; The Family <i>Neither wealth, nor honours, nor vanity can make a person happy during their life on earth, but only attachment to the service of God when we are fortunate enough to realize that and to carry it out properly. – St. John Mary Vianney</i> |
| Wednesday, April 2, No Mass <i>Cast your care upon God, for you are God's, and God will not forget you. – St. John of the Cross</i> |
| Thursday, April 3, 12:05 pm +Jeff Giambattista; John & Linda Bruder <i>The essence of the love of God will always consist not in feeling good, not in remembering or thinking or understanding or imagining, but exclusively in fulfilling God's will at every moment of our lives and in submitting ourselves completely to this will. – St. Maximilian Kolbe</i> |
| Friday, April 4, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>Labour without stopping; do all the good works you can while you still have the time. – St. John of God</i> |
| Saturday, April 5, 5:00 pm +Regina Truttman; Theresa Wuersch +Jack Soeder; Margaret & Richard Read |
| Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill |

READINGS FOR April 5/6

First Reading: Is 43:16-21
 Second Reading: Phil 3:8-14
 Gospel Reading: Jn 8:1-11

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

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| Mon., Mar 31 | Rev. Piotr Jurzyk |
| Tues., Apr 1 | Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis |
| Wed., Apr 2 | Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M. |
| Thu., Apr 3 | Grandparents & the Elderly |
| Fri., Apr 4 | Rev. Patras Samuel Masih |
| Sat., Apr 5 | Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I. |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| TUE | 6:15 p.m. | First Communion Session – Hall |
| WED | 7:00 p.m. | Practice for Confirmation – Church |

MINISTRIES for April 5/6

Eucharistic Ministers

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| 5pm | Kathy Ziegler, Tim Baillargeon |
| 9am | Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka, Pat Ditner |

Hospitality

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| 5pm | Geoff & Kieran Kelly |
| 9am | Ed & Carol Kieswetter, John Bruder |

Lector

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| 5pm | Connie Kaster |
| 9am | Wally Malcolm |

Commentator

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| 5pm | Patsy Pond |
| 9am | Linda Bruder |

Altar Servers

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| 9am | Matilda, Libby, Divine |
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Children's Liturgy

Apr 6 Emily Beynon, Theresa Grosz

Sign Ministry

Apr 1 Ray Denomme

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

The readings for the 4th Sunday of Lent emphasize the loving and forgiving nature of God, who eagerly waits for us to return to Him. The first reading describes the Israelites' celebration of Passover and the end of the manna as they begin to eat the yield of the land. The second reading urges us to be reconciled to God, and the gospel recounts the parable of the Prodigal Son, highlighting God's abundant mercy and forgiveness. The themes encompass leaving behind old ways, embracing new habits, understanding the generosity of God as our Father, and embracing the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Let us pray for our confirmandi being enrolled this weekend. May they continue their journey towards confirmation with an open heart to hearing the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Let us pray for Brandon, our Seminarian, who is leaving on April 1st to go to another parish for his formation. He is moving to St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Brandon's time in formation in parishes is to experience and to learn about ministry. May the Holy Spirit guide him as all seminarians and priests are called to serve and to learn how to serve.

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

Father Peter

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Demanding fairer policies in Tunisia Resource mismanagement and unfair international conditions trap Tunisia in debt. Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's partner, the Tunisian Economic Observatory (OTE), analyzes the country's debt policies, and informs Tunisians about economic issues, enabling them to demand fairer and more equitable policies to promote sustainable development that benefits everyone. This Lent, discover the work of OTE by reading our Mini-magazine at devp.org/lent/resources.

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.

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)

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HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper)

Thursday, April 17th - 8:00 p.m. (St. Boniface only)

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, April 18th - 11:00 a.m. (St. Teresa)
- 3:00 p.m. (St. Boniface)

HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)

Saturday, April 19th - 8:00 p.m. (St. Teresa only)

EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday, April 20th - 9:00 a.m. (St. Teresa)
- 11:00 a.m. (St. Boniface)

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.

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 a memorable night of bingo while making a meaningful difference. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the games begin at 7 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

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!

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

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, April 3rd** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at cmlamers@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

April 9th at 7 p.m. - 40 Days for Life Mass with Bishop Lobsinger at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate

May 8th - March for Life Bus from Guelph

May 24th - Walk for Life Guelph

Contact our office for any questions at (519) 836-6311 or email info@guelphforlife.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.

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.**

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.

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>.

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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