

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 9, 2025

First 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

Dianne Brenner Fr. Peter Meyer

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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

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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. ✠

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 10TH

<p>Tuesday, March 11, 6:15 pm Stations of the Cross (Led by Father, Brandon and Iris) 7:05 pm +Peter Cote; Debbie Yutzi <i>A good person is soft and flexible to each good thing and separates evil from themselves. – St. Hildegard of Bingen</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, March 12, No Mass <i>Can there be a more fitting pursuit in youth or a more valuable possession in old age than a knowledge of sacred scripture? In the midst of storms it will preserve you from the dangers of shipwreck and guide you to the shore of an enchanting paradise and the everlasting bliss of the angels. – St. Boniface</i></p>
<p>Thursday, March 13, 12:05 pm +Garton and Keane Family; Pat Garton <i>The name of Jesus feeds and revives those who are famished and spiritually hungry. – St. Bernardine of Siena</i></p>
<p>Friday, March 14, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>All spiritual growth comes from reading and reflection. By reading we learn what we did not know; by reflection we retain what we have learned. – St. Isidore of Seville</i></p>
<p>Saturday, March 15, 5:00 pm +Daniel Furlong; Marcella Furlong & Family +Jack Soeder; Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt</p>
<p>Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR March 15/16

First Reading: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18
 Second Reading: Phil 317-4:1
 Gospel Reading: Lk 9:28b-36

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Mar 10	Rev. Adam Voisin
Tues., Mar 11	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Wed., Mar 12	Permanent Diaconate Candidates
Thu., Mar 13	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
Fri., Mar 14	Francesco Cucchi
Sat., Mar 15	Rev. Mark Gatto

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 4:30 p.m. Scotland & England Trip Meeting - Library

MINISTRIES for March 15/16

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly
 9am Carol & Ed Kieswetter, Paul Shutsa

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
 9am Leona Weishar

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Iris Miltenburg

Altar Servers

9am Xander, Andrew, Evan

Children's Liturgy

Mar 16 Tessa Heffernan, Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Mar 11 Linda Bruder

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

On this First Sunday of Lent, Christians reflect on Jesus' temptations in the desert. It is a time to be strengthened by the Word of God and the Holy Spirit to face Satan's temptations.

Thank you to all those who volunteered or helped in any way at the Fish Fry hosted by the Knights of Columbus this past Friday. Thank you also to those who came. It was a wonderful community event with fellowship and good food.

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

Father Peter

THANK YOU to everyone who attended our recent "Soups On" for the Woolwich Coldest Night of the Year! Your presence and support for this event warmed the Hall and all our hearts. Woolwich Community Services will be grateful for your very generous donations!

As we begin 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.

Tiny Home Take Out at St. Mary of Seven Sorrows is still in **URGENT NEED of men's mitts and gloves and men's and women's winter coats and boots**. Please place any donations in the containers in the cloak room.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – Next Sunday, March 16th, you will be invited to sign the global **Turn Debt into Hope Campaign Petition** that calls for an end to unjust debt. With inequalities widening as rich countries continue enriching themselves by exploiting the resources of the poorest countries, we respond to Pope Francis's call: "In the spirit of this Jubilee Year, I urge the international community to work towards forgiving foreign debt in recognition of the ecological debt existing between the North and the South of this world. This is an appeal for solidarity, but above all for justice." (Message for the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2025) Help us reach the Canadian goal of 100,000 signatures, which will feed into the global goal of 10 million signatures. There is a petition to sign at the back of the church. Thank you for your solidarity!

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

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anyone has pictures of parish events please submit them to the Parish Office as a jpeg file.

Dear Parishioners;

The school is in transition of directors for the long-standing tradition of **THE GOSPEL PLAY ON HOLY THURSDAY**. **Please consider donating the following items if you are able.** All items may be dropped off at the school or in the children's liturgy room at the church.

Props

- fishing net
- blue tarp or cloth (to act as our water)
- baskets
- Roman soldiers (swords, head gear, capes, duct tape to fashion into a costume)

Clothing (we use any type of cloth. It can be ripped and tied into something new)

- red cloth
- scarves (head scarves and such)
- old curtains or blankets that can be pinned and draped into a new costume
- aprons
- skirts (boho type of print, earth colours)

Miscellaneous:

- rope
- cheese cloth
- bobby pins
- large safety pins

Thank you so much from the Grade 5, Grade 6 & Grade 7 Students of St. Teresa of Avila

As graduating high school students prepare their applications for universities and colleges, many of them will also be seeking financial aid to support their further education. The Ontario State Board of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to offer **FIVE BURSARIES**, each valued at \$1,000.00, to **students of our members who are entering a full-time course at an accredited Ontario university or college**. The deadline for applications is June 1st. For more information, students can contact Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Noël, at sharon.mikeis@rogers.com.

OPENING THE HOLY DOOR: SPRING BOOK CLUB –

The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, *“Opening the Holy Door.”*

Tuesdays, **March 18 – April 8, 2025** from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>.

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 and attend our meetings, and our spiritual retreat on **Saturday, May 24th**! Visit us at <https://thecarmel.ca>.

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM - This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered from **March 24 - June 9** (no sessions April 21 & May 19) and held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

Do you like spending time with seniors? **VOLUNTEERS** are always appreciated at **Barnswallow Place** where residents could benefit from someone reading to them, taking them outdoors, playing cards, or just spending time visiting. Police checks are required. TB testing is only required for those spending more than 3 hours weekly. Interested parties can call the home and ask to speak to the program's staff.

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – Before beginning His ministry, Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where He faces temptation. Discernment also involves being led into unknown places, trusting that God is guiding us. Religious life calls for surrender to the Spirit, allowing Him to shape us through prayer, sacrifice, and daily conversion. Are you willing to let the Spirit lead you in your discernment and during this time of Lent? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R. resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? 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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