

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

April 5, 2020

Palm Sunday

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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
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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or
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.

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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. ✠

PALM SUNDAY

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 6TH

Tuesday, April 7, No Mass

You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him. – St. Teresa of Avila

Wednesday, April 8, No Mass

During mental prayer, it is well, at times to imagine that many insults and injuries are being heaped upon us, that misfortunes have befallen us, and then strive to train our heart to bear and forgive these things patiently, in imitation of our Saviour. This is the way to acquire a strong spirit. – St. Philip Neri

Thursday, April 9, No Mass**HOLY THURSDAY – Mass of the Lord's Supper****Friday, April 10, No Service****GOOD FRIDAY – Celebration of the Passion of the Lord****Saturday, April 11, No Mass****EASTER VIGIL – Resurrection of the Lord****Sunday, April 12, No Mass****EASTER SUNDAY – Resurrection of the Lord****READINGS FOR April 12**

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-18

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

Mon., April 6 Rev. Bernard Carroll, S.J.

Tues., April 7 Rev. William Clarke, S.J.

Wed., April 8 Deceased Members of our Parish
Community

Thurs., April 9 Holy Thursday

Fri., April 10 Good Friday

Sat., April 11 Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

We pray that those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

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 and on the Hamilton Diocesan website.

Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies and serious pastoral concerns.

Note from Father Peter: I write to you today to offer my prayerful support and closeness as we navigate these difficult times. I hope you will consider continuing your financial support of the parish during this period. Being unable to open our doors means we will not be receiving regular contributions to help us pay our bills - which do not stop, even while we are closed. The best way to do this is to sign up for pre-authorized giving. You may also wish to mail in your envelopes to the parish – either of these methods would be truly and profoundly appreciated and would help the parish at a time of difficulty. May God bless you for your generosity.

Go to the website stteresaelmira.ca and **check out the Hope, Gratitude and Solidarity A Message to Canadians from Religious Leaders in Canada** in Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

SEE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE MASS AT ST. TERESA'S

– Please see the website stteresaelmira.ca for more information. On the main home page you will see a YouTube link where you can click and see/participate in the Mass with Fr. Peter Meyer each Sunday.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER TO OUR LADY (in the coronavirus emergency)

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus' pain,

with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana in Galilee,

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us Mother of Divine Love,

to conform ourselves to the Father's will

And to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself,

and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

AMEN.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE and Caritas Canada wish to thank everyone who supports us. The money we receive when the Share Lent collection occurs will go towards helping needy people in Africa, Asia, Latin American and the Middle East to deal with their struggles. Please pray for us at Development and Peace as we work to build a world of justice and peace in this 53rd year of our founding in 1967 by the Catholic bishops of Canada.

Please note that the events listed below will occur when the church has Masses.

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** on **Sunday, June 14, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance. Please register for the celebration by going to www.hamiltondiocese.com.

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board has launched a new online campaign called **#STEAMDAYS** to assist parents in keeping their children engaged and learning as we work our way through the unprecedented COVID-19 shutdown. In times like these, it is vital for one and all to come together and #SteamDays will provide a convenient platform for parents and educators alike to share ideas, resources and fun ways to keep the learning process going. As ideas are shared, we will gather some of them and post via our website: www.wcdsb.ca/STEAMDays. Please visit on social media via Twitter: @WCDSBNewswire #STEAMDays; Facebook: @wcdsb #STEAMDays or Instagram: @waterloocdsb #STEAMDays.

NEW EUTHANASIA LEGISLATION INTRODUCED IN CANADA – It's Time To Act – **Contact your MP Today!** Legislation to expand euthanasia in our country has been introduced. If passed, those eligible for euthanasia would include those without a terminal illness, including Canadians with disabilities. Doctors may also be forced to “sign off” on euthanasia for the patients they have been treating for years. Dementia patients who signed a “directive” 10 years ago may now have someone else determine when they will die. Every life has value - visit www.helptheliving.ca to send a letter (prepared for you) to your Member of Parliament. The process takes less than 5 minutes. We continue to pray and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

VOCATION SEEDS – “Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a priest? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by email at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – “When you Thought I Wasn't Looking” is a poem written by Mary Rita Schilke Koraan. The poem provides every parent with much food for thought – it reminds us that we are always teaching. Our children watch and hear everything; we model with more power than we speak. When we model consistent behaviours they become enmeshed in our children's actions. They are watching how we speak, love, forgive, care, act towards others and so much more. The importance of faith is also modeled in family. Do they see their parents praying, attending and engaging in Mass, thanking God for the gifts in their lives, making faith a priority? Our children will become what we model, so remember, they are seeing you even when you think they are not looking! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Marriage means making daily decisions about who we will be in our relationship. We choose how to act and those choices have a profound impact on our loved one. We can choose to focus on traits in our partner that bother us, or we can choose to focus on those good, loving and particular qualities that drew us to our spouse. We can choose not to verbalize our expectations, or we can articulate our needs and openly discuss how as a couple we can strive to meet each other's needs. We can choose to stay silent until we are calm and then discuss difficulties, or we can choose to act in anger and say things unintended. Love is a choice – good choices make for happier, healthier marriages. Choose well! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for March 28/29	\$2,494.25
Average per envelope:	\$87.84
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$96,314.25
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