

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent

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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
Deana Pfanner Groves
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Leona Weishar
Lisa Denomme

Building & Finance Committee

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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.

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. ✠

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 2ND

<p>Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (Youth) 7:05 pm +Gerard Bruder; Judy Furlong <i>We always find that those who walked closest to Christ were those who had to bear the greatest trials. – St. Teresa of Avila</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, March 4, 8:45 am +Theresa Hahn-Siemon; Leroy Siemon <i>Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity. – St. Vincent de Paul</i></p>
<p>Thursday, March 5, 12:05 pm +Gertrude Scherrer; Maurice Downey <i>Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self. – St. Francis of Assisi</i></p>
<p>Friday, March 6, 9:00 am +Lincoln Furlong; Debbie Yutzi 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Adoration 7:00 pm World Day of Prayer <i>Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one's flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble...and kindles the true light of chastity. – St. Augustine</i></p>
<p>Saturday, March 7, 5:00 pm +Daniel Furlong; Marcella Furlong & Family Intentions of Armand & Lucy Bertin; Vince & Linda Spilek</p>
<p>Sunday, March 8, Second Sunday of Lent 9:30 am Our Parish Community During Mass First Communion Session & Confirmation Enrolment</p>

READINGS FOR March 7/8

First Reading: Gn 12:1-4a
 Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:8b-10
 Gospel Reading: Mt 17:1-9

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 6:30pm **Stations of the Cross** - Church
 7:30pm **Parish Pastoral Council Mtg** – Library
 7:35pm **Confirmation Session** - Hall
WED 6:30pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** - Church
 7:30pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** - Church

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., March 2	Rev. Robert Dunn
Tues., March 3	Rev. Ron Cote
Wed., March 4	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
Thurs., March 5	Rev. Ralph Diodati
Fri., March 6	Rev. Msgr. Paul Boucher
Sat., March 7	Rev. Michael McHugh

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Toilet Paper, Kleenex and Sugar

MINISTRIES for March 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Judy Furlong, Stewart Logan, Kieran Kelly
 9:30am Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg, Matthew Griffin

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Jane Goll, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss
 9:30am John Bruder, Adrian Miltenburg, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Altar Servers

5pm Phil Milan
 9:30am Katelyn Grosz, Evan Grosz, Rachel Grosz, Luke Cassidy

Lectors

5pm Connie Kaster
 9:30am Joan Coutu
 Wally Malcolm

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
 Barry Glofcheskie

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Mar 8 Trudy & Ray Denomme

Sign Ministry

Mar 2 Larry Knarr

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Mar 4 Tom O'Marra

BAPTISMS – We welcome into our Parish Family:

Benjamin Philip Hipkiss, son of Phil and Carrie,
Holden Bruce Hipkiss, son of Phil and Carrie, and **Tyra Krystyna Werner**, daughter of Roger and Apirom. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW SESSIONS DURING LENT

Would you prefer to have them on Wednesday evening or Thursday morning sessions? Please sign up or contact the office for your preference.

For all those who are **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AT MASS**, a **WORKSHOP** is being held on Thursday, March 12TH at 7 p.m. for ongoing learning and updates in this special ministry in our parish. If you are not able to attend please call the Parish Office.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: The insert in the bulletin today is our **SHARE LENT MINI MAGAZINE “THIS LENT, GIVE FROM THE HEART”**. In this 1st week of Lent, read on pages 2 and 3, about rooting for a just world and about why giving is good. Please check out the Lenten suggestions for February 26th – March 7th in your Solidarity Calendar. It was in the bulletin last week.

BOOK FAIR

- Please donate your gently used books to aid in fundraising at our Garden Party on June 12th.
- Donations may be dropped off at the Church after May 1st.
- Please NO magazines.

MARCH 1, 2020

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Elmira, Ontario is seeking an **ORGANIST/ACCOMPANIST** for **Saturday afternoon Mass and one rehearsal weekly**. This position includes extra possibilities for added services and professional development. The candidate should possess a basic knowledge of the Catholic Liturgy and the ability to work closely with the Pastor and Choir Director in liturgy planning. Compensation is based on competitive salaries and determined upon skill and experience. St. Teresa of Avila is a vibrant parish that is looking to expand and enhance its Music Ministry and therefore looking for an individual with a like-minded attitude. Please send your resume to the Parish Office at 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 20, 2020** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out will be at 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own take out containers as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until March 18th. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Tickets are on sale after Masses. Cost is Adults \$16.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take out is \$16.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on March 19th and 20th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event.

The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE** will be held on **Friday, March 6th** at 7 p.m. here at St. Teresa of Avila Church. This year's program was written by women from Zimbabwe on the theme "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". Join our ecumenical brothers and sisters from other Elmira churches for scripture, prayer, African music and some Zimbabwean treats in the parish hall following the service! Everyone is welcome.

The Elmira and District Ministerial Association **WEDNESDAY EVENING ECUMENICAL LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE** for **Wednesday, March 4th** is at Gale Presbyterian Church with speaker Fred Lichti.

ADORATION FOR LIFE – Join us on **Thursday, March 5th** from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows R.C. Church, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener with Mass at 12 Noon, **Thursday, March 5th** at 6 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. Mass at St. Agnes R.C. Church, 75 Bluevale Street North, Waterloo or **Friday, March 6th** from 6 to 7 p.m. at St.

Teresa R.C. Church Adoration Chapel, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener. Mass is at 7 p.m. Call K-W Right to Life for information at 519-746-5433.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, March 5, 2020** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of 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 kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

Join us at an **ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION SEMINAR**, with Mike Glugosh, on **Saturday, March 7th** from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at the Youth Centre of Woolwich Memorial Centre. Refreshments provided. Co-sponsored by the Elmira Mennonite Church and Woolwich Community Services.

Bishop Crosby will be visiting the Basilica of Our Lady for a **SPECIAL MASS FOR 40 DAYS FOR LIFE** on **Thursday, March 12th** at 7 p.m. 40 Days for Life is a time of prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil to end abortion. The prayer vigil is taking place daily from February 26th to April 5th in downtown Guelph, and all are encouraged to sign up to pray. Visit 40daysforlife.com/Guelph for more details, or call 519-836-6311.

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 refer to the poster on the bulletin board for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to www.hamiltondiocese.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 serve him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by email at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or by telephone at 905-528-7988.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for February 22/23:	\$4,487.00
Average per envelope:	\$26.09
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$95,267.25

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