

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday in 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

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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

75 First St. W., Elmira
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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. ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 23RD

Tuesday, March 24, NO MASS

An attachment can empty you of both holy solitude and the spirit and joy of God. – St. John of God

Wednesday, March 25, NO MASS

Take God for your spouse and friend and walk with him continually, and you will not sin, will learn to love, and the things you must do will work out prosperously for you. – St. Teresa of Avila

Thursday, March 26, NO MASS

I am definitely loved and whatever happens to me, I am awaited by this love. And so my life is good. – St. Josephine Bakhita

Friday, March 27, NO MASS & NO ADORATION

Before prayer, endeavour to realize whose presence you are approaching, and to whom you are about to speak. – St. Teresa of Avila

Saturday, March 28, NO MASS**Sunday, March 29, NO MASS****READINGS FOR March 28/29**

First Reading: Ez 37:12-14

Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11

Gospel Reading: Jn 11:1-45

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

Mon., March 23 Rev. David Walter
Tues., March 24 Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Wed., March 25 Sisters of St. Joseph of Cluny, S.J.C.
Thurs., March 26 Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.
Fri., March 27 Rev. Roger Yaworski, S.J.
Sat., March 28 Rev. Stan Kuczaik, S.Chr.

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

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: In these current times be assured of my prayers and pastoral concern for you and your families. Let us pray for one another and know that I am here for you and your families.



DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: In our **MINI MAGAZINE “THIS LENT, GIVE FROM THE HEART”** for this 4th week of Lent, read on pages 8 and 9, about the Seringueiros, protectors in peril and about CPT, a pastoral partner of the people. Please check out the Lenten suggestions for March 22nd – 28th in your Solidarity Calendar. Next weekend is Solidarity Sunday. Our Share Lent Collection will take place then. Please be generous in your support of Development and Peace. Income tax receipts will be provided. Cheques are to be made out to St. Teresa of Avila Church.

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.

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

The **FISH FRY** is cancelled. If you have purchased tickets please contact the Parish Office for your refund.

On **PALM SUNDAY, April 5th** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass all children JK to Grade 3 are invited to join Mrs. Miltenburg in the library for their Passion reading.

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank. Food may be dropped off any time throughout Holy Week. During **Holy Week**, bins will be placed in the narthex and a basket of food will be brought forward during the offertory on **Holy Thursday** to represent all the food donated for the hungry of our community.

MINISTERS are needed for the various ministries on **Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday**. If you are able to help please call the Parish Office (519) 669-3387 or email StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com.

HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper)

Thursday, April 9th

7:30 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Friday, April 10th

11:00 a.m. Children/Family Service
& 3:00 p.m. Solemn Service

HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)

Saturday, April 11th

8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday, April 12th

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

The Knights of Columbus will host their **ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER APPRECIATION PARTY** on **Saturday, April 25th** at 7 p.m. at the Elmira Bowl. Altar Servers will get to enjoy some bowling, followed by pizza. All Altar Servers are welcome to attend and are asked to RSVP with the Parish Office either by email (StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com) or telephone (519-669-3387) by April 22nd.

SERRA CLUB ANNUAL DINNER – Celebrate the anniversaries of Priests, Consecrated/Religious Brothers and Sisters who have served 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 + years in the Diocese of Hamilton with members of the Serra Club on **Tuesday, April 28, 2020** at Liuna Station. Those called to ordination or

to profess final vows will also be present. For more information: contact Margaret Carreiro at celebrationprl@gmail.com or via celebrationprl.wixsite.com.

In honour of our Bishop, the Reverend Douglas Crosby, the Waterloo Region Catholic Schools Foundation is presenting the **15TH ANNUAL BISHOP'S BANQUET on Tuesday, May 5, 2020** at Resurrection Catholic Secondary School, 455 University Avenue West, Kitchener at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are available by contacting Ms. Jody Fritz by email at jody.fritz@wcdsb.ca or by telephone at 519-578-3660 ext. 2373.

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.

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 – "We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day." Are you being called to a life 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 March 14/15	\$3,623.75
Average per envelope:	\$32.73
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$96,267.25
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