

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 15, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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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/
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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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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 16TH

Tuesday, March 17 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (led by the Music Ministry) 7:05 pm +Dolores Campbell; Cassidy Family <i>Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises us to heaven. – St. Ephrem of Syria</i>
Wednesday, March 18, 12:05 pm +Holy Souls in Purgatory; Fr. Arek Skwarek <i>Lord, open our eyes to our true destiny and make us understand that seeking to glorify you on earth is our first duty and the surest means of reaching our true greatness in eternity. – Ven. Emmanuel D'Alzon</i>
Thursday, March 19, 12:05 pm +Wayne Vollmer; Theresa Bauer <i>There is something in humility that strangely exalts the heart. – St. Augustine</i>
Friday, March 20, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>Be submissive to good, unbending to evil, gentle in generosity, untiring in love, just in all things. – St. Columbanus</i>
Saturday, March 21, 3:30-4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Art Moser; Jacob Karl +Allen Hanley; Judy & Marcella Furlong
Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill After Mass Coffee Sunday

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Connie Kaster	Marianne Kieswetter
9am	Iris Miltenburg Leona Weishar	John Bruder

Altar Servers
9am Andrew, Hudson, Hannah

Children's Liturgy
Mar 22 Tessa Heffernan, Ken Gallipeau

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For disarmament and peace - Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday, from the Latin phrase meaning "let us rejoice." Even in the midst of a penitential season, the Church invites us to pause and rejoice as we continue our journey toward Easter

We are hoping to have a Vacation Bible Camp this summer jointly with St. Boniface Parish. We will need a total of 10 volunteers to help with the bible camp. If you are interested, please contact me by email at pmeyer@hamiltondiocese.com. Father Peter

On February 28th we had a small Team from St. Teresa take part in the **Coldest Night of the Year walk**. The St. Teresa Trotters (Mike, Lisa & Patsy) would like to send a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the many parishioners and clubs from St. Teresa for their donations. With your help we were able to raise \$2,204 that will go to Woolwich Community Services right here in our community. Anyone wanting to join us next year please keep February 27th, 2027 open to help us with this wonderful cause.

Our school students warmly invite you to a special dramatization of **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW**. Experience the life, ministry, and Passion of Christ brought to life through the voices and hearts of our youth. This performance offers a unique opportunity to enter more deeply into prayer as we begin the Easter Triduum. Come support our students and reflect on the powerful message of the Gospel on **Thursday, April 2nd** at 10 a.m. in the church.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, March 21st – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 28th – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31st at 7:30 p.m. (After Mass)

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 17th** at 10 a.m. in the parish library. Please bring any shawls you have completed or are working on. We always welcome new members and maybe some of you have taken up knitting or crocheting to pass the time. You can join us and at the same time contribute to the well-being of those who could use prayerful support. Looking forward to seeing you again. Any questions? Call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

READINGS FOR March 21/22

First Reading: Ez 37:12-14
 Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11
 Gospel Reading: Jn 11:1-45

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Mar 16	Rev. Deaha (John) Kim
Tues., Mar 17	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Wed., Mar 18	Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada, C.S.J.
Thurs., Mar 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri., Mar 20	Rev. Luis Inacio
Sat., Mar 21	Rev. Kazimierz Tyberski, O.M.I.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting -Library
	1:00 p.m.	Book Club - Library
THU	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. – Library
FRI	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group – St. Clement's Church

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Ham, Chicken or Turkey and Canned Fruit

MINISTRIES for March 21/22

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Carol Kieswetter, Cheryl Dunn, Ron Stemmler

Hospitality

5pm	Geoff Kelly, Debbie Yutzi
9am	Pat & Linus Ditner, Adrian Miltenburg

MARCH 15, 2026

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank beginning March 21st/22nd. Food may be dropped off during office hours or before or after Masses. 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.

HOLY THURSDAY (Last Supper)

Thursday, April 2nd - 7:00 p.m. (St. Teresa)
7:00 p.m. (St. Boniface)

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

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

HOLY SATURDAY (Easter Vigil)

Saturday, April 4th - 8:00 p.m. (St. Teresa)
8:00 p.m. (St. Boniface)

EASTER SUNDAY (Resurrection of the Lord)

Sunday, April 5th - 9:00 a.m. (St. Teresa)
11:00 a.m. (St. Boniface)

TINY HOME TAKEOUT is still in need of winter clothing for the homeless. They are looking for mitts, gloves, jackets, winter boots, hoodies, and SMALL Sizes of men's jeans and pants. Items may be placed in the bins in the cloakroom or brought directly to St. Mary of Seven Sorrows Church (back entrance).

Next weekend, **Sunday, March 21/22** is **SOLIDARITY SUNDAY**, "On Track for Justice" Caritas Canada's Campaign invites us to give generously. Our donations help transform the lives of some of the most vulnerable across the world. It assists by promoting economic alternatives to mining and industrial agriculture, thereby strengthening local economies and agroecology. Help create hope and fulfill dreams of local sustainability in the global south. You may donate using the **Share Lent envelope** or pick up a pamphlet regarding monthly donations. If you are writing a cheque, please make it out to St. Teresa Church. Thank you for sharing!

The **WORKING CENTER IN KITCHENER** which provides multiple services to the poor and homeless has opened its St. John's Kitchen as an Overnight Warming Center until the end of March. Daily, they welcome 350-400 people as respite from the cold. This effort is costing \$250,000 and has no government funding. By donating during March, an anonymous donor is matching donations, doubling the value of your donation.

Pope Leo asks us all to appreciate Christ's love and his summons to care for and to serve the poor and suffering. Donations may be made online or by e-transfer along with your mailing address to: eft@theworkingcentre.org, or call at 519-743-1151 ext. 111.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Join us for our March screening of **Living on One Dollar**. Four college students from the United States travelled to rural Guatemala to live on just \$1 a day for two months. They battled hunger, parasites, and the realization that there are no easy answers to solving extreme poverty. Yet the generosity and strength of their neighbors left them with a resilient optimism. \$56 for 56 days, how would you survive? There

is no discussion with this screening. Watch the film any time you receive the link on **March 26th**. Registration required. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>.

THE 7 LAST WORDS – Special musical presentation by The Philippine Choral Society of Mississauga on **Palm Sunday, March 29th** at 1:00 p.m. at St. Mark's Parish, Kitchener. Hosted by St. Mark's C.W.L. We will experience a time of meditation and song, helping us to enter more deeply into this sacred time. All are welcome. A goodwill offering will be collected.

In our noisy world, many voices compete for our attention. We are called to go to that quiet place in prayer where God speaks to us. Do we listen? And act? Come away from the noise and join us for the next **ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ, "God speaks - are we listening? Overcoming Spiritual Deafness"** on **Sunday, March 29th** from 2 - 3:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, with Fr. Raphael Ma, St. Mary's, Kitchener.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – Save the Date! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31, 2026** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance.) Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI from **January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027**, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service. To learn more about this Holy Year, visit <https://bit.ly/yearoffrancis>.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth. At first, the man does not fully understand who Jesus is, but step by step his eyes and his faith are opened. Discernment often works the same way. God does not reveal everything at once; He gradually helps us see more clearly. Are you ready to let Jesus open your eyes as you discern your vocation? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R. resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for March 7/8: \$ 3,250.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$62,803.16



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