

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 22, 2026
Fifth 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

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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. ✠

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 23RD

Tuesday, March 24 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (led by Parish Council) 7:05 pm +Jack Soeder; Ruthann Fisher <i>When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than the proceeding from the mouth. – St. Bonaventure</i>
Wednesday, March 25, 12:05 pm (St. Jacob's Place) +William & Betty Walter; Estate <i>One of the greatest gifts that the Holy Spirit can bestow on us is peace in time of struggle, calm in the midst of trouble, so that in time of desolation we are armed with so strong a courage that nature, the devil, and even God, who seems to be against us, cannot withstand. – St. Claude de la Colombière</i>
Thursday, March 26, 12:05 pm +Corey Goetz; Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>Sin arises simply from loving what God hates and hating what God loves. – St. Catherine of Siena</i>
Friday, March 27, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others. - St. Charles Borromeo</i>
Saturday, March 28, 3:30-4:30 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Basil & Evlyn Markides; Deacon Basil Markides +Betty Furlong; Jane & Allan Graff
Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR March 28/29

First Reading: Is 50:4-7
 Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11
 Gospel Reading: Mt 26:14-27:66

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Mar 23	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Tues., Mar 24	Most Rev. Matthew Ustrzycki
Wed., Mar 25	The Annunciation of the Lord
Thurs., Mar 26	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Fri., Mar 27	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Sat., Mar 28	Rev. Tomy Chittinapilly

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	6:00 p.m.	First Communion Session - Hall
WED	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Session - Library
THU	3:15 p.m.	Children's Choir – Church
	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. – Library

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Ham, Chicken or Turkey and Canned Fruit

MINISTRIES for March 28/29

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Steve & Patsy Pond
9am	Chris & Allyson Cassidy, Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

5pm	Joanne Weber, Pat Stortz
9am	Rick & Leona Weishar, Ron Stemmler

Lector

5pm	Tom O'Marra
9am	Wally Malcolm Linda Bruder

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
Joan Coutu

Altar Servers

9am	Xander, Matilda, Allyson
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Children's Liturgy

Mar 29	Sandi Hutchinson, Anna Jakeman
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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 Fifth Sunday of Lent focuses on the raising of Lazarus, highlighting Jesus as "the resurrection and the life". Traditionally, this marks the beginning of Passiontide, where crosses and images may be veiled in purple.

Thank you to those who came out to the Fish Fry. Thank you also to all those who organized, helped, and volunteered at the Fish Fry.

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

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Heidi Anne Soeder**, daughter of Russell and Blaire. *We pray that God will help this child to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

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

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)

MARCH 22, 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.

DONATED ITEMS: Many thanks to those who have been collecting **used stamps & milk bags** and dropping them off in the coat room. We have decided to **discontinue** collecting these items. There are not very many places taking the milk bags anymore and they can be recycled now. We get very few stamps to cover the cost of sending them to the Redemptorists. If you have stamps and would like to donate, you can send them directly to: The Redemptorists, 4644 Willow Creek Dr, Mississauga, ON L5V 1L1. There is still a box in the coat room where you can donate your used glasses (no cases) and a box for any hotel items you do not use (like small bottles of shampoo, hand lotion, etc.) that are given to the homeless. Thank you!

Chances are you know someone struggling with **MENTAL ILLNESS** — a family member, friend, or colleague. As Catholics and Canadians, we are called to offer care, hope, and protection — not death — to those who are suffering and most vulnerable. Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca today and ask your MP to support Bill C-218.

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).

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.

MADE FOR BETTER: RELATIONSHIPS, WELLNESS & THE DIVINE DESIGN on **April 11, 2026** from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. Target age is 14-20 years old. Cost is \$25 which includes speakers, snacks and lunch. Speakers are Stephanie Smith, Adrian Faver and Jakki Jeffs. Stephanie Smith and Adrian Faber will focus on mental health including healthy relationships and God's design. There will be workshops and discussion will be held following the keynote session. Jakkie Jeffs will present Wonderfully Made and the Good Samaritan. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

All are invited to attend a **SENIOR INFORMATION FAIR** on **Saturday, April 18, 2026**. Drop-in from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Louis Gym, 77 Willow St., Waterloo (a barrier-free environment). This is a great opportunity to meet over 30 professionals from many areas impacting seniors' lives to ask questions about what is available to help. Admission and refreshments are free. Sponsored by St. Louis Ministry to the Elderly and St. Louis Catholic Women's League. For information contact StLouisSeniorFair@outlook.com or Cecilia at 519-572-5435

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 – In the Gospel for this Sunday, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead by commanding him to come out of the tomb. But he also commands the crowd of people assembled around the tomb to roll the stone away from the entrance, unbind Lazarus, and let him go. God calls each one of us to personal transformation and to service to others. How is God calling you in both these ways? Grant Hartley (Resurrectionist Vocations Office, U.S.A.) resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" Do you believe that your plan is God's plan? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for March 14/15:	\$ 3,234.10
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$62,893.16



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