

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday of
Lord's Passion

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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/
or resurrectionists.com/vocations

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
519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo
519-885-1340 Website: stdavid.wcdsb.ca

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 OF LORD'S PASSION

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 23RD

Tuesday, March 31	
6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross (led by Fr. Peter, Iris & Mary)
7:05 pm	+Jack Glazier; Theresa & Pam & Families
After Mass Confessions	
<i>Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases. – St. Rose of Lima</i>	
Wednesday, April 1, 12:05 pm	
+Gord Walz; Carol & Ed Kieswetter	
<i>Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could. – St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>	
Holy Thursday, April 2,	
10:00 am	Gospel According to Matthew (Passion Play)
7:00 pm	For the Clergy of the Diocese
Good Friday, April 3,	
11:00 am	Friday of the Passion of the Lord
7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross (led by the Music Ministry)
Saturday, April 4, 8:00 p.m. - Easter Vigil	
For All Those Received into the Church	
Sunday, April 5,	
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord	
9:00 am	Our Parish Community
11:00 am	Maryhill

READINGS FOR April 5

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37:43
 Second Reading: Col 3:1-4, or 1 Cor 5-6b-8
 Gospel Reading: Jn 20:1-18 or Lk 24:13-35

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Mar 30 Rev. David Mowat, C.R.
 Chrism Mass
 Tues., Mar 31 Rev. Gregory Merkley
 Wed., Apr 1 Oblates of Mary Immaculate, O.M.I.
 Thurs., Apr 2 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Fri., Apr 3 The Passion of the Lord
 Sat., Apr 4 Holy Saturday

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THU 3:15 p.m. **Children's Choir** – Church
FRI **Office Closed**
 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** – St. Clements

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Ham, Chicken or Turkey and Canned Fruit

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

Today is Palm Sunday marking the start of Holy Week and the final Sunday of Lent. It commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem with a blessing of palms and a reading of the Passion of the Lord, balancing joy and suffering.

All are welcome to join us for the Easter Triduum this week beginning on Holy Thursday and concluding on Easter Sunday.

Father Peter

Once again, I would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who helped and/or supported the **FISH FRY** on March 13th. With the proceeds from the Spaghetti Dinner and the Fish Fry we will be able to reupholster over half of the hall chairs.

Rick Weishar

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:

Tuesday, March 31st at 7:30 p.m. (After Mass)

We will have a **FOOD DRIVE** to support our local Food Bank. 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.

MARYHILL PARK FISH FRY FUNDRAISER on **Good Friday, April 3, 2026** from 12 noon to 7 p.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 St. Charles St. E. Eat in or take out. **NO RESERVATIONS. Service in order of arrival.** First come- first served. Fresh cut fries with haddock, coleslaw, tartar sauce, lemon and gravy. 1 pc is \$17 and 2 pc.is \$20. Children 12 & under 1 pc is \$8.00 in house dining only! Hot Dogs are \$3. French Fries are \$3. Desserts are \$1 and \$2. Refreshments are available.

Dinner includes coffee and tea. **CASH ONLY PLEASE!**
Call ahead take out orders **ARE MOST WELCOME.** For
take out call (519) 648-2939. The facility is wheelchair
friendly.

WALK THE LABYRINTH – HOLY WEEK at Gale
Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira. During
Holy Week, a labyrinth will be set up in the fellowship hall at
Gale Presbyterian for all to experience. Walking the
labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice—a simple,
meaningful form of silent prayer and reflection. Guidance
and information will be available. Take time to step away
from the busyness of the week and enter into a quiet,
reflective space. Labyrinth hours are: Monday, **March**
30 (4:00–8:00 p.m.), Tuesday, **March 31** (10:00 a.m.–4:00
p.m. & 5:00–8:00 p.m.), Wednesday, **April 1** (10:00 a.m.–
4:00 p.m. & 5:00–8:00 p.m.) or Thursday, **April 2** (10:00
a.m.–12:00 p.m.). Please bring socks for walking the
labyrinth. Any questions? Contact our Faith & Outreach
Coordinator Melanie Dow at
melanie.dow@galepresbyterian.com.

**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.

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

Join us for a delicious **COMMUNITY FISH FRY** on **Friday,**
April 24, 2026 at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10
Barnswallow Dr., Elmira. Cooked and served by Elmira
Kiwanis and Gale Presbyterian. Serving time is 4:30–7:00
p.m. with Dine-in or Take-out. Menu options are: Dinner
\$25 (½ lb haddock, fries, coleslaw, dessert and beverage)
or kid's meal (12 & under) \$15 (¼ lb haddock, fries,
coleslaw, dessert and beverage). Advance tickets are
required and must be prepaid. For tickets Call 519-669-
2852, email events@galepresbyterian.com or visit the
church office (Tues–Fri, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.). Payment
Options are cash, cheque, or e-transfer to
bookkeeper@galepresbyterian.com. Please include your
name, phone number, number of tickets, and dine-in or
take-out. Proceeds support Elmira Kiwanis and Gale
Presbyterian Church. We hope you'll join us for a great
meal and a wonderful community event!

VOCATIONS RECOGNITION DINNER 2026 – The Serra
Club of Hamilton warmly invites you to attend the 23rd
Annual Vocations Recognition Dinner on **Wednesday, April**
29, 2026, at Liuna Station to celebrate the dedicated service
of our Priests, Deacons, Religious Brothers and Sisters, and
Consecrated Virgins in the Diocese of Hamilton. Milestone
anniversaries will be honored and we will hear the inspiring
faith journeys of this year's ordinandi and candidates.
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$90 per person. For
more information and to order tickets, visit:
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>. This event is co-
sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of
Hamilton.

COMMUNITY CARE BOX AT IGNATIUS FARM - Ignatius
Farm is launching the Community Care Box, a weekly
harvest program that connects local food, farmer training,
and community care. Participants receive fresh, seasonal
vegetables while also contributing to the farm's work
through a charitable donation. This support helps make it
possible to share an equal or greater amount of produce
with local partners, including Hope House, Chalmers
Community Services Centre, and Wellington Women in
Crisis. Learn more or sign up at
www.ignatiusguelph.ca/community-care-box.

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 – The first
Principle of Resurrection Spirituality is that God loves
unconditionally. As we begin Holy Week perhaps this
Principle could become a meditation for us all. That in his
surrendering to God's will to the degree of giving his life,
Jesus demonstrates the depth to which we are loved and
how much new life can come from making sacrifices for
others. May his example continue to inspire us to surrender
more of our lives to God's will in a way that always gives
thanks for the profound and unmerited gift of God's love in
our lives.
Fr. Toby Collins, C.R.; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – “Blessed is the one who comes in the
Name of the Lord!” Are you being called to proclaim Jesus
as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you,
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 21/22:	\$ 2,843.80
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$62,893.16

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