

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

March 8, 2026
Third 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 hamiltodiocese.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.

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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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 9TH

Tuesday, March 10 6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (led by the C.W.L.) 7:05 pm Intentions of Florence Hickey; Debbie Yutzi <i>All the goods of this world cannot content the heart of the human person, who has been created to love God, and can find no peace outside of God. – St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>
Wednesday, March 11, 12:05 pm +Corey Goetz; Debbie Yutzi <i>The heart is free that is held by no love other than the love of God. – St. Bonaventure</i>
Thursday, March 12, 12:05 pm Intentions of Marcella Furlong; Linda & John Bruder <i>Perseverance: a gratuitous grace, yet forfeited so often! – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>
Friday, March 13, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>The truly righteous are set apart from the world because they produce the fruits of grace in their actions. – St. Clement of Alexandria</i>
Saturday, March 14, 9:30 am +Jack Soeder; Knights of Columbus Council 8192 5:00 pm +Daniel Furlong; The Family +Tobler Hans; Klara Looser & Theresa Wuersch
Sunday, March 15, Third Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill 12:45 pm Baptism

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Kevin Dupuis	Patsy Pond
9am	Jennifer Drinkwater Maria Diemert	Iris Miltenburg

Altar Servers
9am Nathan, Daniel, Divine

Children's Liturgy
Mar 15 Isabelle Lauzon, Linda Bruder

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 Third Sunday of Lent marks the mid-point in the Lenten journey, focusing on purification, conversion, and baptismal promises. Often featuring the Gospel of the Samaritan Woman at the Well, it highlights Jesus as the source of "living water" who brings salvation and renewal to sinners.

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.

Join us at the Fish Fry this Friday.

Father Peter

READINGS FOR March 14/15

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14
 Gospel Reading: Jn 9:1-41

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Mar 9	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Tues., Mar 10	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
Wed., Mar 11	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
Thurs., Mar 12	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Fri., Mar 13	Parish & Chancery Staff
Sat., Mar 14	Rev. Harry Reitzel, C.R.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	1:00 p.m.	Book Club - Library
	7:35 p.m.	C.W.L. General Meeting – Library
WED	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Session – Library
THU	3:15 p.m.	Youth Choir – Church
	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. – Library
FRI	5:00 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry – Church

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Ham, Chicken or Turkey and Canned Fruit

MINISTRIES for March 14/15

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Mary Forcier, Tim Baillargeon
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Barb Vodicka, Pat Ditner

Hospitality

5pm	Greg & Sue Goetz
9am	Mike & Sharon Noel, Jim McInnis

THANK YOU from the C.W.L. to all who attended the recent **Coldest Night Soups On**, assisted with set up and take down of the hall and donated rolls, cookies, squares, etc. Your generous donations will be greatly appreciated by Woolwich Community Services for the needs of underprivileged in our community.

Our Council will be welcoming representatives from the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, Hamilton North Diocese, for a **MASS AND MEETING** on **Saturday, March 14th** beginning at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to attend the Mass, and all Knights of Columbus members are encouraged to stay for the meeting that will follow.

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).

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 13, 2026** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928, after weekend Masses, at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday), or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00;

Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to reupholstering the hall chairs.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on March 12th & 13th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – Women protecting the Earth In Brazil, the lives of several rural communities are disrupted by industrial agriculture, mining and the Carajás railway. Women are at the heart of the fight to protect the land and the environment from the air, water and soil pollution that they cause. This pollution damages their kitchen gardens and harms the health of their children, families and neighbours. Courageously, these women resist to continue to exist on their land. To assert and protect their rights, they formed a women's association called *Seeds of the Earth* with the support of *Justiça nos Trilhos* (JnT), a partner of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada. Discover JnT's work in our Mini-magazine and learn more about the women by watching their testimonies at devp.org/lent.

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....<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.theworkingcentre.org%2Fdonate&data=05%7C02%7Cstteresaelmira%40hamiltodiocese.com%7Ccac839acabca450bdc7908de79eefdc%7C05d9c33451f346b8aed858fd4f0b3672%7C0%7C0%7C639082264583909853%7CUnknown%7CTWFpGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWU%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=L8ZsdTEbatwjl9bQhuVPH7XjA5aRbWeWysAysze80AU%3D&reserved=0>, or by etransfer along with your mailing address to: eft@theworkingcentre.org, or call at 519-743-1151 ext. 111.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2026 Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026 is on **Saturday, March 14th** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This event includes a Youth Conference (13-18) and an Adult Conference. For information regarding busing and tickets, please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ are hosting a **COME & SEE** from **March 17th – 21st** at 177 Sanford Avenue North, Hamilton. This is for young women in the Diocese who are considering religious life. Discover God's call and schedule your visit today and take the next step. Contact 905-512-8493 or vocation.skateritekakwitha@ocaminho.org.

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 a resilient optimism. \$56 for 56 days, how would you survive? There is no discussion with this screening. Watch the film any time once 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/>.

Mark your calendars for the Woolwich Counselling Centre **50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA** on **Friday, March 27, 2026** at the Lions Hall in Elmira. This unforgettable evening will feature a powerful musical keynote by **Séan McCann**, founding member of *Great Big Sea*, and a 3-course dinner prepared by Kennedy's Catering. Through this event, we're aiming to raise \$50,000 to ensure that every resident of Woolwich and Wellesley Townships can access mental health support. Tickets are on sale.

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.

PARENTING TIP – Parenting is a profound vocation, one that requires great stamina and loads of love. Fortunately, God has provided parents with both! Character is at the forefront of all parenting because our kids are watching more than listening! The task of parents, once they bring life into this world, is to center themselves on guiding their child(ren) to maturity. It is a job that requires ongoing learning, teaching and always witnessing to our faith. No one has a greater influence on a child than their parents. Embrace your vocation with dedication and perseverance. Ask God for guidance and support and be confident that your children, by observing you, will learn to be wonderful, faith filled adults whose lives will be find joy and success! (Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

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