

1st Sunday of Lent

Traditionally on this First Sunday of Lent the Gospel speaks of the temptations of Jesus in the desert. Jesus has just completed his forty days of preparation in the desert and he now faces one more test before he begins his mission. Jesus had three encounters with the Evil One. Rather than just seeing them as three consecutive temptations happening almost simultaneously at a particular moment, we should perhaps see them as three key areas where Jesus was tempted to compromise his mission during his public life. They were not just passing temptations of the moment but temptations with which he was beset all through his public life.

The first temptation (to change stones into bread) and **the third** (to jump from the top of the Temple) try to turn Jesus away from his role as the Servant-Messiah to become an eye-catching, self-serving superstar. "Follow me because I am the greatest." **The second temptation** (to worship the devil who can give power and wealth) tries to entice Jesus away from the true direction of all human living – the love and service of God and his creation. He is being lured from setting up a Kingdom of love and service to controlling an empire of minions. Finally, before we leave today's Gospel, let us not overlook its final sentence: "The devil left him to return at the appointed time." The battle with evil was not over for Jesus. It will occur again and again at various stages in his life, right up to and especially at those last hours in the garden and on the Cross. For us, too, the battle against evil never stops.

Why this season of Lent? For those of us who are old enough to remember, Lent in the past was not, in some respects, a time we looked forward to. Fasting and abstinence, not to mention other forms of penance, were in force and it was a serious business. Easter was looked forward to with real anticipation. Our attitudes to Lent tended to be on the gloomy and negative side. Perhaps nowadays we have gone to the other extreme where Lent hardly means anything at all. "You mean Lent has started already? Really, I had no idea! Easter will be on top of us before we know where we are and I haven't bought a thing!" The Church provides Lent (six weeks) almost like an annual retreat, a time for deepening the understanding of our Christian faith, a time for reflection and renewal, a time to make a fresh start. If, in past years, we let it go by largely unnoticed, let this year be a little different. Let it be a second spring in our lives. Let it mean something in our discipleship with Christ.

St. Teresa of Avila

"Christ has no body now, but yours. No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world."

Vocations

Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Please contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton 905-528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Parish

Parish organizations are invited to partake in the Friday night Stations of the Cross during Lent. CWL will lead on Friday, March 15th at 7:00 pm. Please call the office and let us know when your group is able to join in this special evening.

Save-the-Date - St. Teresa Parish Lenten Retreat will take place from **Sunday, March 31st – Wednesday, April 3rd**. Mass during the weekday will be celebrated at 7:00 pm and our retreat master is Father David Perrin from St. Jerome's University.

 **Prayer Network:**

For those not on the internet there is an envelope on the bulletin board at the main entrance marked 'PRAYER NETWORK'. Please take a copy of the prayer intentions inside this envelope and pray for fellow parishioners.

Mass Intentions – On Mother's Day, **May 12th** and Father's Day, **June 16th**, we will accept multiple mass intentions. Call the office if you would like to make a request at 519-743-4525.

Offertory Procession

Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following Saturday & Sunday:
March 30th – 5:00pm Devon Lorentz & Family

Children's Liturgy

We would like to start a Children's Liturgy class for children during Sunday's 10 a.m. Mass. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please call the office.

Guest Speaker at Catholic Women's League Meeting - Tuesday, March 12th after the 7:00 pm Mass. We will have guest speakers from Canadian Food for Children at 8:30 pm. Linda Lou and John Pinnington work out of the site on Guelph St. just a few short blocks from St. Teresa's Church. Come and find out what wonderful things are happening in our own neighbourhood. Mark your calendar for March 12th at 8:30 in our Parish Centre.

Mass Intentions

March 12 – 17, 2019

Tuesday, March 12: 7:00 p.m.

+ **Marian & Bill Keifer, + Ed Kunkle – Helen Deckert Sick & Shut-Ins of CWL - CWL**

Wednesday, March 13: 8:30

+ **Henry & Waleria Jaroszewicz – Andrew & Tina Caruk**

Thursday, March 14: 8:30 a.m.

+ **Florence Schmidt – Bob & Irene Schmidt**

Friday, March 15: 8:30 a.m.

+ **Mikolaj & Kinga Caruk – Andrew & Tina Caruk**

Saturday, March 16: 9:00 a.m.

+ **Ken Skinner - Betty**

Saturday, March 16: 5:00 p.m.

+ **David Borth – Jean Giles**

Sunday, March 17: 10:00 a.m.

+ **Mass for Members of St. Teresa Parish**

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, March 11 – Rev. Edwin Lapinski, C.R.

Tuesday, March 12 – Rev. Patrick McKelvie, C.R.

Wednesday, March 13 – Legionaries of Christ (L.C.)

Thursday, March 14 – Rev. David Mowat, C.R.

Friday, March 15 – Rev. Peter Pigott, C.R.

Saturday, March 16 – Rev. Frank Reitzel, C.R.

Stewardship Report**February 24, 2019**

Envelopes.....	\$1826.00
Loose.....	\$248.00
Building and Maintenance.....	\$639.25
Seminary Education.....	\$10.00

Pasta Dinner Fundraiser: Sunday, March 31st, St. Teresa Parish and St. Teresa School Playground Committee invite you to a Pasta Dinner catered by Ennio's. We are looking for prizes for raffles. To donate something for this evening please contact Barbara Daly at: bmdaly@me.com.

Parish Bible Study: Gospel of Luke

This study promises to enrich your knowledge led by Father Brian Quigley. All sessions will be at St. Anne's Church Hall, Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning **March 13 - April 17**.

Relationship Development

"Keys to Loving Relationships" is a DVD/video based program hosted by Dr. Gary Smalley. He is an engaging presenter with a great sense of humour. He relates well to men in the audience as well as to women. Facilitators guide each evening session making for informative and engaging sessions. Who can benefit?

- married, dating, or single people

- helps help people enrich relationships with a spouse, family member or friend, flexible format – any of 18 episodes can be used alone or run as a multi-night course

Currently, Keys to Loving Relationships is run as a ten-week program twice a year in Hamilton – once in the Fall and once in the Spring.

To register contact Lena at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249

Stress in Your Marriage? There is help! Retrouvaille is a program for married couples that feel bored, frustrated or angry in their marriage. This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **Friday, March 15th**, call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org. Healthy Relationships Share Common Skills – Come and Learn More!

**Hiring**

We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunity: **Occasional Teachers**. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: www.wcdsb.ca

Lenten Preparation – St. John's Bible Reflection

Join St. Michael's CWL, **Tuesday, March 12th**, 6:30 pm for Rosary and/or 7:00 pm Mass, 7:30-9:00 pm in the Parish Centre, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo. Join us for a reflection on Our Life in Community through the lens of the illumination of the Saint John's Bible. Dr. Anne Jamieson, Director of Catechesis for the Diocese of Hamilton will lead us in this retreat steeped in the Word of God.

**Euchre Results**

Next game night will be **Friday, March 15th**.

**Bingo**

Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, March 16th** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener.