

2nd Sunday of Lent

We are faced in today’s readings with a paradox of our Christian faith – we belong here and we do not belong here. It is in this world and through this world that we are to find our God. Yet, this is not our permanent home; we are pilgrims on a journey to a more permanent dwelling place, a place of total union with our God of Truth and Love. That is the goal of living and we need to keep it constantly before our eyes. It is so easy to get obsessed with things on the way: our career, our financial security, the education of our children, the house we want in some desirable area... These are mere stepping stones to a life beyond. We must not, like Lot’s wife, look back nostalgically at the past and become petrified into stone. Life, as one writer put it, is like watching a movie in a cinema. One cannot cry out: “Stop! I want to stay in this scene!” No, the movie goes on. And life goes on. And it is important to know where it is headed.

Luke today gives the story of the Transfiguration. Three of Jesus’ most intimate disciples are brought to “the mountain”. We do not know which mountain but, in general, mountains in Scripture are holy places, places where God is especially felt to be present. Although traditionally Mount Tabor is identified as the mountain in question, it really does not matter. Here Peter, James and John have an experience of Jesus totally transformed in his appearance. The light of God shines through him. The transformation or transfiguration of Jesus that the disciples experienced was not simply something they were to see and experience as happening to him alone. It was also an invitation for them to undergo a transformation and transfiguration of their own.

St. Teresa of Avila

“Reflect upon the providence and wisdom of God in all created things and praise Him in them all.”

Vocations

Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, 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 at 7 p.m. 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 pm and our retreat master is Father David Perrin from St. Jerome’s University. Next week we will have a detailed program insert of our retreat in the bulletin. Reserve these days and let others know to join us for our spiritual journey.

Offertory Procession

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

Preparing for 1st Holy Communion - meeting with parents of First Communion children on **Thursday, April 11th** at 7:00 pm in our parish hall.

Parish Survey 2019

Please find a survey in your bulletin which will help our community to assess our resources and plan for the future. We would appreciate that each member of our parish could complete this survey and return it next Sunday, placing this form in the box that will be left at the back of the church. We are very excited about this process of discerning our gifts and talents which we can share at the service of our community in order to assure our growth and strength as a parish.

Financial Presentation for 2018

This weekend our Finance Committee is presenting the financial report to our parish community for the year 2018. A copy of the financial statement is included in our bulletin. If you have any questions, you can always approach members of our finance committee who will be available this weekend at the back of the church for any clarifications. The names of those who belong to our finance committee are: Don Pickett, Joanna MacGillivray, Bill Zister, Bernie Henry and Biata Sebastian. I would like to thank everyone from our parish community for your financial contribution in 2018/19 and your dedication in order to make our community financially sound and vibrant.

Pancake Breakfast Thank You

Thank you to all who participated and helped with the pancake breakfast. We had an excellent turnout and raised \$400 for St. Vincent de Paul!

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.

Mass Intentions

March 18 - 24, 2019

Tuesday, March 19: 7:00 p.m.
+Rose Lehman – Sandra & Roland Levesque

Wednesday, March 20: 8:30
+Franz Novak – Helene Meier

Thursday, March 21: 8:30 a.m.
+Joanne Becker – MA & B. Zister

Friday, March 22: 8:30 a.m.
+Joe Zister – MA & B. Zister

Saturday, March 23: 9:00 a.m.
+Carolyn Hicknell – Audrey Borth

Saturday, March 23: 5:00 p.m.
+James Martin – Jean Giles

Sunday, March 24: 10:00 a.m.
Mass for Members of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar 2019

Monday, March 18 – Rev. Harry Reitzel
Tuesday, March 19 – Rev. Florian Stasinski
Wednesday, March 20 – Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate
Thursday, March 21 – Rev. Chester Chmurzynski
Friday, March 22 – Rev. Jim Valk
Saturday, March 23 – Rev. Raymond Reitzel
Sunday, March 24 – Third Sunday of Lent

Stewardship Report

March 3, 2019	
Envelopes.....	\$2,416.00
Loose.....	216.00
Building and Maintenance.....	155.00
Funeral - Moser.....	150.00

Are You Separated and/or Divorced? Has a separation or divorce caused you to feel upset, or like you are on a roller coaster? LEARNING TO COPE (Level 1) is a ten week support program offered in both Hamilton and Kitchener starting **Tuesday, March 19th**, 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. The locations are as follows: Hamilton: Diocesan Chancery Office. Kitchener: St. Francis of Assisi Parish. For more information, contact the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988, ext. 2249. Cost: \$35. Have you already completed level 1, 2 or 3? Join the next level and continue the journey toward healing, and connect with others. Find out more on line at: www.hamiltondiocese.com

Fish Fry being hosted by The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 on **Friday, March 22nd** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. There will be continuous seating – 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out will be at 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. at \$16.00. Cost is Adults

\$16.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00. Advanced tickets are available until March 20th. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519 669-3387. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

Reel Justice: the film “Poverty, Inc.” will be shown on **Tuesday, March 19th** at St. Michael’s Church, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, at 7:30 p.m. The film focuses on the challenge of fighting poverty; however, this effort has led to a vast multi-billion dollar poverty industry — the business of doing good has never been better. Drawing from over 200 interviews filmed in 20 countries, Poverty, Inc. unearths an uncomfortable side of charity we can no longer ignore. The film is sponsored by The Diocese of Hamilton and Development and Peace. Free admission. All are welcome.

‘One Heart, One Soul’ kickoff is March 25th

The One Heart, One Soul Campaign for the Diocese of Hamilton is about to reach high gear! The 14 Pilot Wave Parishes have been busy planning the projects of theirs that will benefit from the campaign, and a public kickoff Mass will be held at noon on **Monday, March 25th**, Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Douglas Crosby and followed by a reception at the Cathedral. The Pilot Wave Parishes will be holding kickoffs for their own efforts in April. Three additional waves over the next two years will allow every Parish in the Diocese to participate. Most of the funds from the three-year campaign will go to Parish projects, with a special emphasis on the Parishes most in need. A number of diocesan ministries will benefit as well.

A series of Frequently Asked Questions about the campaign can be found on the campaign website – www.oneheartonesoul.ca.

Bach St. Mark Passion: Spiritus Ensemble performs this rarely heard Bach setting of the Passion story with Stratford actor Scott Wentworth providing narration in English. **Sunday March 31st** at 4:00 p.m. at The Church of St John the Evangelist, 23 Water Street North, Kitchener. Tickets available at the door and through Eventbrite. Regular \$30 | Senior (65+) \$25 | Students \$10 | High school and under 13 \$5.

 **Euchre Results**

High Score - Bernard Brohman
Most Lone Hands - Sandra Naklusi, Charlotte Wilson and Mary Alice Zister
Low Score - John Lawler
1st Draw - Lucy Baker / 2nd Draw - Stella Lemieux
Next Euchre night is **Friday, March 22nd**.

 **Bingo**

Matinee at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 13th** at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener.