

The Presentation of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. Today's Gospel says, "They took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.'" The actual ritual is not described but we are introduced to two elderly people who were in the Temple at the time. Because Simeon and Anna lived lives of prayer and fasting in the Temple, they were filled with the Spirit of God. That is why they were able to identify Jesus as the Savior even though Jesus was only a baby. To these two holy people, he was recognizable as the Redeemer who had been promised. Simeon described Jesus as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

We too are called to recognize Jesus as Lord. Together as a family discuss ways to recognize Jesus as Lord by praying and attending Mass, fasting, and serving others. As a family, decide on one specific sacrifice you can make in order to alleviate the suffering or need of someone you know.

World Day for Consecrated Life

In 1997, Pope Saint John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples. The Holy Father asked the faithful to pray that "through their witness of life, they may radiate to the world the love of Christ and the grace of the Gospel."

When the soul, through its own fault... becomes rooted in a pool of pitch-black, evil smelling water, it produces nothing but misery and filth.
St. Teresa of Avila

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church (Divine Mercy Chapel) is taking place from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. We would like to invite our parishioners to sign up for adoration and dedicate at least one hour a week.

Healing Mass is held on every first Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Nocturnal Adoration is held every first Saturday of the month from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. here at St. Teresa Parish. Please join us and spread the word.

Vocations - Presentation of the Lord – Feb. 2, 2020

"Jesus did not come to help Angels, but the descendants of Abraham." If God is calling you to consider the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Events

February 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Holy Mass with First Communion children and blessing their medallions...

February 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Meeting with First Communion children and their parents: Catechetical Session 3: "Discovering the gift of the Eucharist".

Offertory Procession: Confirmandi & First Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts to the altar on the following Sundays:

Sunday, February 9, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. – Mia Nowak and her family.

Sunday, February 16, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. – Mikayla Onn and her family.

Mass Intentions for 2020

Since our 3 weeks are over, please take advantage of as many Mass intentions as you need going forward. If there is a greater demand for Mass intentions later on, I will introduce a 'Group Mass Intentions' in order to respond to your needs.

'One Heart One Soul' - Parish Capital Campaign

On January 23rd, 2020 the following groups met to discuss Spiritual and Material needs of our parish: the finance committee, parish pastoral counsel, parish capital campaign team. The goal of capital campaign is, as described in the document 'One Heart, One Soul' "to bring vitality to the parish, promote participation on the life of the parish, evangelize and serve the faithful and the surrounding community" including outreach to the poor and marginalized. In this spirit, the above mentioned participants of the meeting, discussed the most important needs of our community and selected spiritual and material projects for our Capital Campaign. These projects will be displayed on our bulletin board at the back of the church for everyone to see and also for adding additional ones. Following this phase, there will be an 'in pew' survey when everyone will have a chance to express his/her opinion concerning selected projects. At this time, we'll be looking for volunteers to help us organize this capital campaign and there will be an orientation session for them, run by the Steier Group, the company that was selected by the Hamilton Diocese to organize this campaign. We invite all parishioners to pray for the grace that we properly discern needs and projects

of our community in order to bring new life and enthusiasm to our parish.

February 3 - 9, 2020

Tuesday, February 4 – 7:00 p.m.
Intention of Lynne & Wayne MacGillivray - CWL

Wednesday, February 5 – 8:30 a.m.
Intention of Father Gil – Betty & Ken

Thursday, February 6 – 8:30 a.m.
Intention of Elizabeth Heydel-Quintanilla – Betty & Ken

Friday, February 7 – 8:30 a.m.
Intention of Stella Lemieux – Rebecca Lemieux

Saturday, February 8 – 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday, February 9 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday, February 3 – Rev. Michael Isabelle
Tuesday, February 4 – Rev. Martin Mikulski
Wednesday, February 5 – Missionaries
Thursday, February 6 – Rev. Antonio Cunha
Friday, February 7 – Rev. Lourdy Dorismond
Saturday, February 8 – Rev. Ross Campbell
Sunday, February 9 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stewardship Report January 26, 2020

Envelopes.....	\$2,282.00
Loose.....	138.15
Building and Maintenance.....	1,166.60
Christmas Offering.....	50.00
Initial Offering.....	20.00
Votives.....	77.10

St. Teresa CWL Twilight Retreat will be held on **Tuesday, February 11th.** Tickets for the dinner will be \$15 a person. Everyone is welcome. The guest speaker will be Father Wayne Lobsinger. Tickets will be available to purchase after Mass on the weekends of February 1/2 and February 8/9 or call Pat at 519-885-9593 (evenings).

Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Parish

We would like to invite all parish organizations, especially First Communion and Confirmation students to lead the Stations of the Cross during our Lenten season on Friday at 7 p.m. beginning February 28th. Please contact parish office to let us know which Friday your group would like to lead.

 **WCDSB - We Are Hiring.** We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities: Lunch Hour Supervisors. Please visit our website for details: www.wcdsb.ca

Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes: February 11, 2020. Holy hour & Rosary begins at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7 p.m. After Mass join Dr. Anne Jamieson, Director of the Catechesis Office of the Diocese of Hamilton for this time of reflection and refreshments in the parish hall. See poster on bulletin board for more details.

Adoration for Life

Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist. Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life on **Friday, February 7th**, St. Teresa Parish, Kitchener Adoration Chapel, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, at 6 p.m., Mass at 7pm.

St. Teresa Card Party - back by popular demand!! We are re-starting our card nights but have changed the day to Thursdays. Please join us for Euchre on **Thursday, February 13th** at 7:00 pm. in St. Teresa Parish Centre. Everyone welcome! We look forward to seeing you again.

Lenten Retreat - "DON'T MISS THIS RARE OPPORTUNITY!" Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Stoney Creek will be hosting with Rwandan Genocide Survivor 's message of FORGIVENESS, HEALING & HOPE. Immaculee will share her powerful journey through remarkable personal testimony. Witness the life-saving power of faith and the Rosary, as she huddled with seven other women in a cramped bathroom for 91 days while killers lurked just outside the door. **Friday, March 13, 4-9 p.m. and Saturday March 14, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Registration: www.immaculee.com; click on "shop/events" then select "Retreats" "

2020 Catholic Charities Lottery!

Don't miss out on the 40 draws for \$40,000 in prizes!!! Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$3 Million dollars to Catholic Schools, Catholic Parishes and Community Organizations in Waterloo Region go to: www.ccfowr.org/lottery OR call (519) 747-5661.

Friday Knight Fish Fry at the Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Reservations preferred. Call 519-884-2060 to reserve. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Best Fish and Chip bargain in town, so we're told.

 **Bingo**

Matinee on **Saturday, February 15, 2020** from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Charities Bingo Hall, 510 Krug Street, Kitchener. To assist with this fundraiser for our parish, please call the office: 519-743-4525.