

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel Reading is from the Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16). This short passage follows immediately after Jesus' pronouncement of the Beatitudes. The symbols of salt and light are used here to explain how service to others can lead both the giver and the receiver into a closer walk with Jesus Christ. "Salt" has many uses, but the one that we most often think about is as a food enhancer, to bring out the best in food. When we help to bring out the "best" in someone else, we help ourselves as well. When we help others to "see the light" through our example, we both gain insight into our role in God's Plan of Salvation.

The feeling remains that God is on the journey, too.
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.

 **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.

Pre-baptismal Preparation (a one-hour meeting) is required and is available to parents after they register their child for baptism (pick up envelope at back of church on rack). These meetings are friendly gatherings helping parents to learn more how to accompany their children in passing on their faith. If child care is an issue, parents may bring their children. Godparents may attend but their presence is not mandatory.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

All children are called to Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, from September through May. After the opening prayer, children (ages 4 – 9) who wish to attend are invited to the lower church to hear the Gospel reading in simple, relatable language. Readings are accompanied by interactive dialogue, and other activities. Children return before the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please share this message with other families.

Vocations - Presentation of the Lord – Feb. 9, 2020

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest? If you think God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Events

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.

Sunday, March 1, 2020 – 10:00 a.m. – Holy Mass with blessing of the Rosary.

Thursday, March 5, 2020- Catechetical Session 4: "We Prepare for Reconciliation". Meeting with parents and 1st Communion candidates.

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

- Monday, February 10 – Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
- Tuesday, February 11 – Rev. William Foote
- Wednesday, February 12 – Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
- Thursday, February 13 – Rev. Robert Love
- Friday, February 14 – Rev. Edward Hinsperger
- Saturday, February 15 – Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
- Sunday, February 16 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

Income Tax Receipts for 2019 will be at the back of the church this weekend in alphabetical order. They will be there for the next few weeks. We would like to thank you for your continued support of this parish.

Holy Hour and Mass by the Serra Club of K-W invites you to their monthly Holy Hour and Mass followed by a dinner with guest speaker, Father David Perrin, OMI for a mini-Lenten Retreat at St Teresa Church, 44 Leonard St. on **Wednesday, March 4th** at 5:00 pm. The purpose of Serra K-W is to pray that more men and women will join the religious life as priests and sisters and to offer support to priests and religious. If you would like to attend or would like more information, call 519 570-4375 before Monday, March 2nd.

February 10 - 16, 2020

Tuesday, February 11 – 8:00 p.m.
Living & Deceased Members of CWL

Wednesday, February 12 – 8:30 a.m.
+Vincent Leis – MA & Bill Zister

Thursday, February 13 – 8:30 a.m.
+Father Peter Watters – MH & Hugh Stroeder

Friday, February 14 – 8:30 a.m.
+Vincent Leis – Barb & Tom Daly

Saturday, February 15 – 9:00 a.m.
+ Soledad Navaleza – Betty & Ken Skinner

5:00 p.m.
Intention of Wendy Schuster & Paul Rowbottom – Rosemary & Bernie Pickett

Sunday, February 16 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report February 2, 2020

Envelopes.....	\$2,466.00
Loose.....	136.70
Building and Maintenance.....	30.00
Seminary Education.....	525.00
Hall Rental – Fronchak.....	300.00
Hall Rental – Sue's Calorie Club.....	100.00

St. Teresa CWL Twilight Retreat will be held on **Tuesday, February 11th**. Everyone is welcome. The guest speaker will be Father Wayne Lobsinger. Tickets are \$15 and 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).

Pancake Breakfast

Join us for pancakes, sausages, eggs and REAL maple syrup. **Sunday, February 23rd** following Mass. Suggested donation of \$8 per person to help cover costs. If you would like to help, please contact Barbara at bmdaly@me.com.

Development & Peace invites you to attend our upcoming Share Lent Workshop, which will be held at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener on **Wednesday, February 12th** at 7 pm. Our Share Lent campaign this year, 'For Our Common Home', invites Canadian Catholics to learn about the crucial importance of the Amazon Rainforest and for the survival of humanity. View our campaign resources, including theological and Lenten Liturgical resources for your parish, on our campaign webpage at: www.dev.org/lent/resources

Hamilton Diocese Capital Campaign - Our Parish


This weekend you will be receiving a survey in your pews. The needs of our parish have been identified by our Capital Campaign Committee, Parish Council and Finance Committee. We would like your input on the priorities of these identified needs. Please take a few moments after the presentation this weekend to fill in the survey.

Kindergarten Registration: To Parents of Children Born in 2015/2016 - Junior Kindergarten (Year 1) or Kindergarten (Year 2)

Registration for September 2020 will be held at St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School by appointment with Mrs. Mary Lavigne, the administrative assistant. Please call the office at 519-74-2131. Office hours are 8:35 a.m. to 4:35 p.m. There is an answering machine available 24/7 if you need to leave a message. Mrs. Lavigne will call you back as soon as possible. If you need an appointment after 4:35 p.m., please call the office to make those arrangements.

The mother, father or legal guardian of the child being registered for Kindergarten Year 1 or Year 2 is asked to visit our website at wcdsb.ca to register their child(ren) for Kindergarten. You will start by completing our online registration and you will follow up with a visit to the school to complete the registration process. If you do not have internet access, we invite you to be present at the above noted place and time. The following will be required: a birth certificate or other legal proof of your child's age and a Catholic Baptismal Certificate of either parent or child.

"Embracing Our Dysfunctional Families" is an upcoming talk at St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo. All are invited to attend with guest speaker Fr. Michael King, being held **Sunday, February 9th** from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in St. Agnes Parish Hall. Families are complex and sometimes we can struggle with our relationships when there have been tensions, conflict and deep hurt. Fr. King, in his engaging style, will share a helpful talk on this topic which affects many of us. The event is complementary.

 **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 p.m. in St. Teresa Parish Centre. Everyone welcome! We look forward to seeing you again.

 **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.