

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

We have now entered the great 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 toward 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 gospel of today’s Mass features the temptations of Jesus in the desert. It clearly links with the Lenten themes of fasting, penance and reconciliation with God and with our brothers and sisters. There is a striking contrast between Jesus in the Gospel and our First Parents in the Garden of Eden (First Reading), while the Second Reading connects the two events: it was the sin of our First Parents which brought about the coming of Jesus to restore our relationship with God. Note that Jesus is led into the desert by the Spirit of God. **The purpose clearly is not to lead him to do evil but as a testing of his fitness for his coming mission.** Will he fail like our First Parents or like the Israelites of old? Or will he prove himself worthy of the mission he has been given?

“We need no wings to go in search of him, but have only to look upon him present within us.”  
St. Teresa of Avila

**Vocations – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent – March 1, 2020**  
Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting. Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Events

**Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00p.m.** - Catechetical Session 4: “We Prepare for Reconciliation”. Meeting with parents and 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates.

**Preparing for Lent!** Instead, you can join us for different spiritual exercises at our parish: **Dedicate** ONE HOUR or half an hour for prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in our Divine Mercy Chapel... **Participate** in Station of the Cross each Friday - 7:00 p.m. **Pray & reflect** upon the text which you will receive each Sunday following the liturgy or **Read** each day a short passage from the Bible. Choosing one of these commitments will help you to have a deep, powerful and unforgettable Lent! **It’s not what you give up... It’s what you want to give!**  
**Lenten Retreat with Fr. David Perrin.**

Please join us for Lenten Retreat with Fr. David Perrin on **March 14 at 5:00p.m. and March 15, 2020 at 10:00a.m.** During this retreat we will host a book event: “The 20-Minute Retreat” by Fr. David Perrin. Before and after masses the new book *The 20-Minute Retreat* will be made available for parishioners so everyone could do a Lenten retreat on their own time at home. **The Lenten retreat can be done alone or with a couple others** (which is all explained in the Introduction of the book). Each meditation is written to be read under 20 minutes and is followed by several questions for personal meditation and reflection. This is what Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI had to say about the book: *“David Perrin reaches into the deep wells of Christian tradition to serve us a drink of needed water. This is more than a simple “feel-good” spirituality. You will enter some real depths here. Put this book on your coffee-table.”* Please invite others to join us for this retreat.

**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.

**Adoration for Life on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** – St. Teresa Adoration Chapel from 6 – 7 pm.

**Healing Mass** will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. following Station of the Cross. All are welcome.

**Nocturnal Adoration** is held every first Saturday of the month from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. here at St. Teresa Parish. Please join us and spread the word.

**We would like to say – a big THANK YOU to Mrs. Ann Onn** as she is retiring. We would like to say thank you for your six years of service at St. Teresa Parish as our secretary. Hope you'll enjoy every minute of your retirement. Thank you for everything you've done for our parish. We sincerely hope that retirement is wonderful and we wish you lots of joyous time with your family. We also welcome **Miss Mary Steffler** who will be our new parish secretary. We wish Mary many of God’s graces in her work for our parish community.

**Presentation of our financial statements for 2019** will take place next **Sunday, February 29 and March 1, 2020**. We would like to thank you for your continued support of our parish. Although I have been at this parish just a year and a half, at times I have been humbled by the extent of the generosity people have shown towards our parish not only by making financial contributions but also devoting so much time to care about our church, property or organizing parish events.

March 2 – 8, 2020

**Tuesday, March 3 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**+Mary Paquette - CWL**

**Wednesday, March 4 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**+John Petronic – Tom & Catherine Rudan**

**Thursday, March 5 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**+Mary Vallee – MA & B. Zister**

**Friday, March 6 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**+Anna VanDyt – Ann Snyder**

**2:00 p.m.: World Day of Prayer – Meeting and Prayer**  
**7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross – led by BLD Prayer Group**  
**7:30 p.m.: Healing Mass**

**Saturday, March 7 – 9:00 a.m.**

**5:00 p.m.: +Ludwig Ceh – Theresa Ceh & Family**

**Sunday, March 8 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Stewardship Report February 2, 2020**

Envelopes.....	\$1,912.00
Loose.....	218.75
Building and Maintenance.....	643.45
Seminary Education.....	100.00
Baptism -Buehl.....	25.00
Initial Offering.....	5.00

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**  
Monday, March 2 – Rev. Robert Dunn  
Tuesday, March 3 – Rev. Ron Cote  
Wednesday, March 4– Deceased Priests ...  
Thursday, March 5 – Rev. Ralph Diodati  
Friday, March 6 – Rev. Msgr. Paul Boucher  
Saturday, March 7 – Rev. Michael McHugh  
Sunday, March 8 – Second Sunday of Lent


**Mass Intentions** – On Mother’s Day, **May 10th** and Father’s Day, **June 21st**, we will accept multiple mass intentions. Call the office if you would like to make a request at 519-743-4525.

**Coffee Sunday** - after 10:00 a.m. Mass this **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 15th**. Enjoy the company of fellow parishioners and refreshments. A small donation is appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass - June 14, 2020**  
Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2020. See poster in the church for information on how to register or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**Pancake Breakfast Thank You !**  
I would like to thank the Parish Council for taking the initiative in organizing the Pancake Breakfast and all volunteers who dedicated their time and talents. Thank you

to all who made our pancake breakfast another successful event. We are grateful for the donations of pancakes, syrup and juice that helped to make it an affordable event. A special thank you to those who helped with setup, cooking, serving and cleanup. We couldn’t hold these events without you! We raised \$401.32.

 **WCDSB Job Posting.** We are currently accepting applications for the following opportunities: Occasional Teachers and Registered Early Childhood Educators - Permanent Contracts and Supply. Please visit our website for job details and application criteria: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca)

**2020 World Day of Prayer Services** will be held in Kitchener, at the following Churches at the times stated on **Friday, March 6th**. Father Tom Vermiglio will be the guest speaker. The program material this year was prepared by the Churches of Zimbabwe, with the theme, “Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk”. Refreshments follow the services.  
**St Anne’s Catholic Church**, 268 East Avenue, at **11 a.m.**  
**St Teresa’s Catholic Church**, 44 Leonard Street, at **2 p.m.**

**Catholic Women's League Elections**  
Tuesday, March 10th in the Parish Centre after the 7:00 Mass and meeting. A list of eligible members for 2020 is posted on the CWL Bulletin Board at the main entrance. Nomination forms are also available. Please take one and return it by March 8th. An outline of what is expected from a position on the executive is available from a member of the nominating committee. Names are posted. You will find it very worthwhile to participate and build community in the parish. Don't be afraid to nominate yourself!!!! We'd love to have you!

**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, 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. To attend or for more information call 519 570-4375 before March 2nd.

**Diocesan Choir**  
The Diocesan Choir provides music for the Chrism Mass and Ordinations of Priests and Deacons. For further information, and to register, contact the Liturgy Office at 905-528-7988 or <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/diocesanchoir.php>

**Penance / Reconciliation Services** schedule for the Waterloo Deanery is posted on the bulletin board.

**REMINDER - TIME CHANGE ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH**