

Third Sunday of Lent

The Gospel is from St. John 4:5-42. Jesus tired and thirsty sat down at a well and there encountered a Samaritan woman who had come to draw water. Asking her for a drink, “He said to her, ‘If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, Give me a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’” (John 4:10; 13-14)

When Jesus spoke of ‘living water’ the woman would have understood this to be fresh water as a regularly available commodity that would save her from making so many trips to the well. Although more than 70% of the earth is covered with water about 96.5% of this is found in the oceans and only about 1% of all the water on earth is fresh water that we can actually use. Fresh water was precious and Jesus had definitely caught her interest and attention.

Saint Teresa of Avila likewise catches our attention when she refers to the stages of prayer as ‘waters of prayer’. Why this term? Water has movement; it flows. In contemplative prayer we speak of the inflow of grace into the soul, a movement of the Holy Spirit. What do we bring to the well? An empty vessel? Our weariness? A hungry heart? Good news to share with a neighbor? Respect? A rupture worse than a broken sandal strap? Fierce longing, hope and desire?

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style.

St. Teresa of Avila

Vocations – 3rd Sunday of Lent – March 15, 2020

“But the one who drinks of the water that I will give will never be thirsty.” Do you thirst to know where God is leading you? Could you be thirsty for an understanding of your purpose? If God is calling you to serve Him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton: 905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Parish Events

**Lenten 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 Stations of the Cross each Friday at 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.

**March 14/15** St. Teresa of Avila Parish: We welcome Father David B. Perrin, Professor, St. Jerome’s University, long-time retreat director and author of six books on Christian spirituality, who will preach at all masses this weekend. The Homily will focus on the “Spirituality of Retreat” – taking time away from the usual routines to focus on our relationship with God, self, others and creation during Lent. To be able to deepen your personal meditation and prayer during Lent (and after) copies of his new book “The 20-Minute Retreat”: 18 Sessions With the Saints to Nourish Your Faith will be available for purchase (\$20 – cash or cheque to Fr. Perrin) before and after all the Masses. The book lets you know how you can make a retreat at home, on your own schedule. Father Perrin will continue to be with us on **Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** and **Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** and will be available for Confession and Spiritual Direction before and after Mass.

**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 Fridays at 7 p.m. Please contact the parish office to let us know which Friday your group would like to lead.

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

**Offertory Procession:** First Communion candidates will bring the offertory gifts on the following Sundays:  
**Sunday, March 22, 2020** – 10:00 a.m. – Nolan Zister and family.

**Meeting with Confirmation Students**  
**March 26, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. Meeting with Confirmation Students and their Parents. Catechetical Session 4: “Confirmed in the Spirit”.

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

**St. Teresa Parish Pasta Dinner.** Join us Sunday, March 29th at 4:30 or 6:30 for our Pasta Dinner fundraiser catered by Ennio's. All proceeds will be going towards the parish. Tickets will be available at all Masses this weekend, March 14/15 and next weekend March 21/22. Tickets are \$20 each for adults, \$10 for children 7–14, children 6 and under free. We will also be having a silent auction. If you would like to make any contributions towards this event, please email [bmdaly@me.com](mailto:bmdaly@me.com)

March 16-22, 2020

**Tuesday, March 17– 7:00 p.m.**  
**+James Cameron** – Sue Weber Bell

**Wednesday, March 18 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**+Joe Zister** – M.A. & B. Zister

**Thursday, March 19 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**+Ed Forwell** – Betty J. Forwell

**Friday, March 20 – 8:30 a.m.**  
**+Franz Novak** – Helene Meier

**7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross** – *led by BLD Prayer Group*

**Saturday, March 21 – 9:00 a.m.**  
**+Mary Paquette** – Monica & Sofia

**5:00 p.m.: Intention of Jenny Burjoski** – *Rosemary & Bernie*

**Sunday, March 22– 10:00 a.m.**  
**Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

<b>Stewardship Report March 8 2020</b>	
Envelopes.....	\$2360.00
Loose.....	\$337.85
Building and Maintenance.....	\$173.00
Share Lent.....	\$20.00
Votive .....	\$89.25

**Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar**  
Monday, March 16– Rev. Ken Miskiewicz  
Tuesday, March 17 – Rev. Terence Sehl  
Wednesday, March 18 – Franciscan Fathers (O.F.M.)  
Thursday, March 19 – Rev. Jason Kuntz  
Friday, March 20 – Rev. Edward Mahony  
Saturday, March 21 – Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou  
Sunday, March 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

**Mass Intentions** – For 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

**St. Teresa’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  
Meeting on **Wednesday, March 25th** at 7:00 pm in the downstairs meeting room off the church hall entrance. All are welcome to attend the meeting and we encourage anyone who is interested in serving in this ministry to join us. If you would like more information about our group or the meeting, please email: [berniepickett@gmail.com](mailto:berniepickett@gmail.com) or [rosemarycpickett@gmail.com](mailto:rosemarycpickett@gmail.com) or call 519-745-6334.

North of 60 – Baker Lake – Tea Drive

This is a reminder that the St. Teresa’s Society of St. Vincent de Paul is collecting cash and tea donations during Lent for the North of 60 Project. If you would like to donate tea, we ask for any size Red Rose or Tetley tea only. Thus far, we have collected cash and tea donations for a total of 64 boxes! We’re almost 1/3 of the way to meeting our goal of 300. Thank you for your continued support.

Young Adult Lenten Meet-ups

Beginning **Thursday, March 5th** from 7:30 - 9 pm. St. Mary's Parish is launching a weekly meet-up for Young Adults (ages 18-35) in the parish hall, 56 Duke Street West. We will continue every Thursday during Lent. Through guest speakers and group discussions, we will explore topics such as: the origins of Lent, prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and reconciliation. Snacks will be provided! We hope to see you there!

**The Knights of Columbus Council 8192** is hosting a FISH FRY on Friday, **March 20, 2020** at **St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira.** There will be continuous seating from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take out will be at 5:00 – 5:30 p.m. Please bring your own take out containers as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until March 18th. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office, Elmira, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Tickets are on sale after Masses. Cost is Adults \$16.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$8.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take out is \$16.00. Don’t miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

**Friday Knight Fish Fry** at the Knights of Columbus, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Reservations preferred. For reservations call 519-884-2060. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Best Fish and Chip bargain in Town, so we’re told.

Celebration of Priesthood & Consecrated Life Dinner

The Serra Club of Hamilton will be gathering for the 17th Annual Celebration of Priesthood & Consecrated Life Dinner, Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at Liuna Station, Hamilton. At the dinner, all present offer thanksgiving to our Priests (Diocesan and Religious) as well as our Consecrated Brothers and Sisters who celebrate their 50th Anniversary of service with the Diocese of Hamilton. Candidates who will be ordained to the priesthood and who will profess final vows will also be in attendance. For more information: [www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner](http://www.celebrationprl.wixsite.com/dinner)