

2nd Sunday of Lent

For the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat in the desert to His Transfiguration. The Gospel is from St. Matthew 17:1-9. On a mountain in today's reading, a voice affirms that Jesus is God's Son in words reminiscent of the voice at Jesus' baptism. In addition, the appearance of Moses and Elijah on the mountain connects this story with God's relationship to the people of Israel. Moses and Elijah represent the Law and the Prophets, respectively. Together with Jesus, they represent God's complete Word.

This momentary vision of Christ, in His glory, was given in order to strengthen the three principal Apostles to face the trials to their faith, which the sufferings and crucifixion of their beloved master would bring on them. For the very same reason it is retold to us today, in the early part of Lent, to encourage us to persevere in our Lenten mortification. It reminds us that, very soon, the Easter bells will be ringing out their message of joy once more. If we are sharers with Christ in His sufferings, we shall be sharers with Him in His glory as St. Paul reminds us. This is a truth we all too easily forget, namely, that we cannot and do not get to heaven in a limousine.

Lenten Family Involvement: As a family, talk about some of your times of highs and lows. How have you been able to use the good times and experiences to sustain you in the difficult ones? Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1-9. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the good times and experiences that your family has had together. Close by praying Our Father...

Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love. St. Teresa of Avila

Vocations – 2nd Sunday of Lent – March 8, 2020 Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience...If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation

Director, at 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. 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.

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.

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

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

Coffee Sunday – March 15th, 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 the weekends of March 8, 15 and 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

Presentation of our financial statements for 2019 will take place this weekend. We would like to thank you all for your continued support of our parish.

Glory and Praise music CDs: Please note that there are FREE CDs available at the entrance of the church. Art and friends recorded the songs from the Gory and Praise hymnals used at St. Teresa's Church.
March 9-15, 2020

Tuesday, March 10 – 7:00 p.m.

Living and Deceased Members – CWL

Wednesday, March 11 – 8:30 a.m.
+Judith Ann Farwell – *Marlene & Bob Crane*

Thursday, March 12 – 8:30 a.m.
+John Duschene – *Sue's Calorie Club*

Friday, March 13 – 8:30 a.m.
Intention of Ken Skinner – Betty

7:00 p.m.: Stations of the Cross – led by SVDP

Saturday, March 14 – 9:00 a.m.
Genowefa Ziolkowski – Betty & Ken

5:00 p.m.: +Mr. & Mrs. Hoffarth & Lenny – Ann Snyder

Sunday, March 15 – 10:00 a.m.
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Stewardship Report March 1, 2020

Envelopes.....	\$2051.00
Loose.....	\$155.00
Building and Maintenance.....	\$85.00
Initial Offering.....	\$15.00
New Year's Day.....	\$5.00
Share Lent.....	\$5.00
Seminary Education.....	\$5.00
Sue's Calorie Club Hall Rental.....	\$100.00
Pancake Breakfast.....	\$481.50

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

Monday, March 9 – Rev. Francis Trzupek
Tuesday, March 10 – Rev. Edward Hampson
Wednesday, March 11 – Lay Parish Ministers
Thursday, March 12 – Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Friday, March 13 – Rev. Peter Meyer
Saturday, March 14 – Rev. Donald Sanvido
Sunday, March 15 – Third Sunday of Lent

SVDP Donations: The SVDP collection boxes will be at all doors of the church next Saturday/Sunday, March 14th and 15th. Monetary donations are always appreciated. Please help us help the less fortunate.

Euchre
Next game night is **Thursday, March 12th, 2020.**

Bingo
Matinee on **Saturday, March 14th** 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.

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!

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 Congregation of the Resurrection in Ontario Career Opportunity: The Congregation of the Resurrection in Waterloo is looking for a full-time Treasurer (35 hours per week). For more information or to apply, please email hr@resurrectioncollege.ca and visit resurrectionists.ca (no telephone calls please). We are looking to fill this position by April.

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Elmira, Ontario is seeking an organist/accompanist for Saturday afternoon Mass and one rehearsal weekly. This position includes extra possibilities for added services and professional development. The candidate should possess a basic knowledge of the Catholic Liturgy and the ability to work closely with the Pastor and Choir Director in liturgy planning. Please send resume to Parish Office at 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira N3B 1V3.

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. Purchase your tickets at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$16.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take Out is \$16.00. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

Lenten Day of Reflection for Ministers of the Word, Communion and Hospitality -
Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship & Parish Life for the Diocese of Hamilton will facilitate a Lenten day of reflection for all Ministers of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and Hospitality Ministers on Saturday, **March 14th** at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Burlington and on Saturday, **March 14th** at St. Anthony Daniel Parish in Kitchener. Please check the Liturgy Webpage under Faith and Formation Events for more information. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/liturgy/formation-reflection-events.php>