

What is the Easter Triduum?

As the Christian community enters into the final week of preparation for Easter Sunday, a week often called Holy Week, members of the Catholic community will begin to start talking about something called Triduum. Taken from a Latin root that mean “three days,” it is a period of time that traces the final days of Jesus’ life, his death, and his resurrection from the dead.

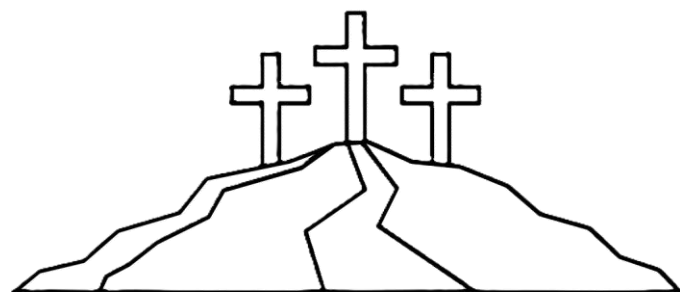
Starting on the Thursday before Easter Sunday, each day is traditionally marked with a particular liturgy. On Holy Thursday there is the Mass of the Lord’s Supper that marks the Last Supper that Jesus had with his disciples, wherein he showed them what it means to serve by washing their feet. It is also meant to mark what is seen as the establishment of the celebration of the Eucharist (or Mass).

Good Friday is marked with fasting and prayer as a way to remember Jesus’ suffering and death on the cross. The Good Friday liturgy involves the reading of Jesus’ passion and death from the Gospel of John as well as an opportunity to pray with and venerate a cross – the instrument of Jesus’ death and our salvation.

Holy Saturday is meant to be a quiet day, remembering the empty space that was present for the disciples of Jesus after his death and before his resurrection. They did not expect the resurrection and so were left in a place of grief.

After sundown on Holy Saturday, the Easter Vigil is celebrated. It one of the longest of Catholic liturgies, involving several readings from scripture tracing God’s care for humanity, the baptism and reception of new members of the Church, the celebration of the Eucharist, and a great many joy-filled songs. It was that night when Jesus rose from the dead. It is that great victory over sin and death that the community celebrates.

The community will then gather again on Easter Sunday to celebrate Mass and continue to the joyous songs of celebration. Jesus Christ has risen to die no more! Humanity has been invited into that same trajectory through death to life.



**Mass Intentions
March 25, 2024 – March 31, 2024**

Tuesday, March 26, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**
+ **Delmar Ferreira – Citelia Ferreira**

Thursday, March 28, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Holy Thursday

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**
Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**
Easter Sunday, Resurrection of the Lord
Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

Vocations

Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 24, 2024

Blessed are those who come in the Name of the Lord!
Blessed are they who live their lives in the Name of the Lord!
If you feel God is giving you the blessing of a call to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call:

Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations
905-528-7988; vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

- March 25 – Most Rev. Matthew Ustrizycki
Chrism Mass
- March 26 – Rev. Gerald Mulhall
- March 27 – Sisters of St. Joseph in Canada (C.S.J.)
- March 28 – **Holy Thursday**
- March 29 – **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
- March 30 – **Holy Saturday**
- March 31 – **Resurrection of the Lord**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

For those who wish to plan First Communion for public school students, please contact the parish office to schedule the First Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr. Stefano Lee.

Confirmation – May 15th, 2024

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Teresa of Avila Parish on May 15th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Very Reverend Monsignor Murry Kreotsch, Vicar General of the Diocese of Hamilton will preside at the celebration. For any questions, please contact the parish office.

Confessions at St. Michael Parish – March 27th

St. Michael Parish in Waterloo will be having all-day confessions on Wednesday March 27th from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Stations of the Cross
Friday during Lent**

March 29th (Good Friday) at 2:00 p.m.
– led by Parish Adult Youth Group



Holy Week Schedule

March 24th, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mass on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday at 10 a.m.

March 27th, Wednesday of Holy Week
Evening Prayer and Soup Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

March 28th, Holy Thursday
Mass at 7:00 p.m.

March 29th, Good Friday
Stations of the Cross at 2:00 p.m., liturgy at 3:00 p.m.
(Collection for the Holy Land)

March 30th, Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)
No Saturday morning Mass,
Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00 p.m.

March 31st, Easter Sunday
Mass at 10:00 a.m.



Adoration Chapel Hours

During Holy Week, the Adoration Chapel will be closed on Thursday March 28th after 5p.m. until it reopens on Tuesday, April 2nd.

**Lenten Prayers and Simple Soup Supper
Wednesday March 27th 6:00 PM**

Join us as we begin our final journey to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Prayers will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by soup and fellowship in the parish hall. If you would like to make a soup for the evening, help with setup or cleanup, please contact Barbara Daly at bmdaly@me.com or 519-635-2604.

Liturgical Flower Arrangement Team

We are looking for volunteers who would love to worship God with liturgical flower decoration. If you are interested in liturgical flower decoration in the church, please contact the parish office or Fr. Stefano Lee.

We are now accepting flower donations for Easter!

Easter envelopes are available!

We are most appreciative of your ongoing prayerful and financial support.

Donations to the parish can be made through the use of Sunday Offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, CanadaHelps and Interac e-Transfer.

Pre-Authorized Giving – A digital copy of the form can be found on our parish website or call the parish office. Simply print the form, complete it and return it to the Parish Office.

E-Transfer – To donate through E-Transfer, please use the following email account:
stteresakitchener@hamiltondiocese.com

CanadaHelps – To support our parish via **credit card** or **PayPal** please visit canadahelps.org You can access our parish directly by following this link:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/119110450RR0053-st-teresas-parish/>

Please note that donations made through the CanadaHelps website, will receive a tax receipt directly from CanadaHelps, via email.

If you require any further information, please contact the parish office.

Stewardship Report – March 17th, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$1,819.95
Votives.....	\$ 31.00
Flowers.....	\$ 135.00
Building Fund.....	\$ 40.00
Stella Dombroski Memorial.....	\$ 75.00
Share Lent Offering.....	\$ 520.00

Wisdom of the Saints

“Divide your returns with your God. Share your gains with Christ. Make Christ a partner in your earthly possessions so that he will also make you co-heir of his heavenly kingdom.”

-- St. Cyprian of Carthage

“Cleanse your vessel, so that you may receive grace more abundantly.”

-- St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention
March 2024**

Please join Pope Francis in praying for the new martyrs during the month of March.