

Third Sunday of Lent

Today’s Gospel speaks to the catechumens who are preparing for baptism. Jesus, reaching out to a woman rejected by society, offers her “a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” St. Francis de Sales speaks often of how Jesus calls us out of slavery to sin into a life of holiness that leads to eternal happiness:

There are many who aspire to holiness, but few attain it because they do not walk as they ought—ardently, yet tranquilly; carefully, but confidently. That is to say, we must rely more on the Divine Goodness and Providence than on ourselves and our good works. We must be very faithful, but without anxiety or eagerness.

Yet God wants us to do all that lies in our power. That is, God wants us to use the ordinary means to attain holiness. We must use the means that are given to us according to our vocation, and then remain in peace concerning all the rest. If these should fail, God will never fail to assist us as long as we are open to the divine will. God, under whose guidance we have embarked, will always be attentive to provide us with whatever is necessary. Therefore, when human aid fails us, God’s special providence takes over and takes care of us. God would sooner work miracles than leave without assistance, either spiritual or temporal, those who trust entirely in Divine Providence.

We say that we do not know whether the will to please God that we now have will remain with us during our whole life. Alas! It is true, for there is nothing so weak and changeable as we are. But nevertheless, let us not be troubled. Let us rather frequently lay this good will before Our Lord. Let us place it in His hands and He will renew it as often as is necessary so that we may have enough for our whole mortal life. After this mortal life there will be no cause for fear, for we shall be in a safe place.

(L. Fiorelli, ed., Lenten Sermons of St. Francis de Sales.)

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

- March 4 – Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
- March 5 – Rev. Edward Hinsperger
- March 6 – Disabled Persons
- March 7 – Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
- March 8 – Rev. Chris Buda, C.R.
- March 9 – Rev. James Link, C.R.
- March 10 – **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Vocations

Third Sunday of Lent - March 3, 2024

Jesus cleaned out the temple of money-changers. He was angry; He was zealous; He spoke with authority. He was doing what He had to do even though it involved risk, danger, insult and wonder. Such is a religious vocation in the Church.

If you think God might be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call:

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

**Mass Intentions
March 4, 2024 – March 10, 2024**

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 – **7:00 p.m.**

Group Intentions

+ **Annie Vanlierop** – *Ann Onn*

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Ed Forwell** – *Betty Jane Forwell & Family*

Thursday, March 7, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Carol Reitzel** – *Mary Schnarr*

Friday, March 8, 2024 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Josua Osoria, Seminarian – *Ken & Betty*

Saturday, March 9, 2024 –

9:00 a.m. – Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

5:00 p.m. – + Leona & Sheldon Grobe – *Peter Grobe*

Sunday, March 10, 2024 – **10:00 a.m.**

Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Reconciliation – March 15th

7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

with Fr. Stefano Lee and Fr. Stanley Nwokeji

Psalm & Lenten Spirituality Talk

Sister Eileen will be giving a talk on Jesus’ Prayer (Psalm) and Lenten Spirituality on March 15th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All are welcome to join.

School Sacrament of Reconciliation

March 20

Group A: 10:45 a.m.

Group B: 1:15 p.m.

Parishioners are welcome to join.

**First Sacrament of Reconciliation
for First Communion Students**

March 6

10:00 a.m.

Coffee Sunday

Join our fellow parishioners and friends for refreshments, treats, and conversation after the 10 a.m. Mass next **Sunday, March 10th**. Donations are welcome to help cover the cost of refreshments.

Catholic Women’s League

There will be a **Catholic Women's League Meeting** on Wednesday, March 6 at 7:00 in the Parish Hall. *What are We and Where are We Going* in St. Teresa Parish. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

CWL Regional Meeting - Saturday, March 9th in St. Agatha beginning with Mass at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will finish on or before 2:00 p.m. Contact Mary Alice at 519 578-2019 or ma_zister@hotmail.com to arrange transportation.

Counters Needed

Our parish is in need of volunteer counters after Mass to help with the Sunday collection. If you would like to volunteer, please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church, or contact the parish office.

Bible Study – Start Date Change

St. Teresa of Avila Parish’s bible study start date has been moved to March **11th at 7:40 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining, please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. The parish will provide the study materials.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday at 7:00 PM during Lent

March 8th – led by the CWL

March 15th – led by PPC Members

March 29th – led by Parish Adult Youth Group

Any individuals or groups who wish to lead stations of the cross, please contact the parish office.

Holy Tridium 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.

March 30th, Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) – Mass at 7:00 p.m.

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

Flower Donations

Flower donation envelopes are at the back of the church. Any donation towards the cost of the flowers in the sanctuary would be greatly appreciated, especially as we prepare for a beautiful Easter season.

Lenten Retreat & Charismatic Prayer Meeting

Join retreat director Fr. Don Sanvido for a retreat focused on the Way of the Cross on March 12, 2024. For more information, please contact Sr. James at (647) 808-3989, or see the poster at the back of the church.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Hamilton Diocese Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at 1:30 PM. Please see the Hamilton Diocese website for details and to register. You will also be able to register at the parish.

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 - February 25th, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$1,726.00
Votives	\$ 27.00
Building Maintenance	\$ 930.00
Pancake Sunday Donations.....	\$ 310.00

WISDOM OF THE SAINTS

“The power of faith is enormous. It is so great that it not only saves the believer. Thanks to one person’s faith, others are saved also.”

– *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.