

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate
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Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 3, 2022

St. Teresa of Ávila

“To have courage for
whatever comes in
life - everything lies
in that.”



Parish Staff & Organizations

Pastor: Fr. Marian Gil, OMI
Parish Secretary: Mary Steffler
Business Administrator: David Agnew
Facilities Manager: Jack Pigeau

Volunteer Gardeners: Jim Weber,
Stella Lemieux, Fatima Pacheco,
Betty Skinner

Baptism Preparation Team:

CWL President: Mary Alice Zister

Lector Co-ordinator: Mary Steffler

Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinator:

Kim Voelzing

Adoration Chapel Co-ordinators:

Herb Altman – 519-893-4793 or
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Magie Navaleza - 519-588-8668

Finance Council Chair:

Don Pickett, Jr.

Pastoral Council Chair:

Barbara Daly

St. Vincent de Paul:

Bernie & Rosemary Pickett
519-749-1501

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Office Closed

Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m. (except in August)
5:00 p.m.

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for
weekly schedule

Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

Confession: 30 min. before Mass; Sat., 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Healing Mass: First Friday of each month
(September – June) – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: Temporarily suspended

St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear
Secretary: Mary Lavigne
519-743-2131

Fifth Sunday of Lent

The Scripture of today's Mass speaks of how God is always compassionate to His people. In today's Gospel (John 8.1-11), when we see Jesus with the sinful woman, we are also seeing God. Jesus can be called the Sacrament of God among us. We might say there are two kinds of sinners in today's Gospel passage. First, there is the woman who was caught in the act of adultery, a very serious matter. But in this story, the Scribes and Pharisees are also sinners. Not in their own eyes, of course, but in the eyes of Jesus and His Gospel, they are totally lacking in the compassion that God displays and which He expects His followers to have: "Be merciful as your Father in heaven is merciful."

The woman in this story is not just an isolated sinner. She represents all of us. She represents every person who has sinned. She represents you and me. And the Scribes and Pharisees, who were sinners too. We sin in both ways: when we hurt others by indulging our desires at their expense and when we hurt others by setting ourselves up as superior and better than they.

Now let us look at Jesus in this scene. He does not deny the woman's sin. The woman has been dragged before Jesus as a pawn in a game. The game is one of entrapment. **"Moses ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?"** Jesus at first ignores their question, which reveals how far they are from understanding what He has been teaching and doing. He bends down and writes with His finger on the sandy ground. There has been much speculation about what He might have been writing but it seems to be a way of refusing to walk into their all too obvious trap. When they persist, He says: **"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."** (J 8: 7) To their credit, not one of them took up the challenge. One by one, beginning from the most senior, they slipped quietly out of His sight. This is the first teaching of today's Gospel: only one without sin can sit in judgement on another person. To put it more colloquially: people in glass houses cannot throw stones. Yet, do we not do this all the time.

Lenten Spiritual Exercises

We invite you to pray during this holy season for a special grace that would help you to improve your life. **You may write your intention and place it into the basket that is in front of the painting of the crucified Jesus.** This image reminds us of the enormous Love that God wants to bestow upon each of us. We will pray for all these intentions, with our entire community, every Sunday.

"Be gentle to all and stern with yourself."

St. Teresa of Ávila

Diocese of Hamilton Prayer Calendar

April 4 – Rev. Franjo Sprajc
 April 5 – Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
 April 6 – Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)
 April 7 – Rev. Tom Moisan
 April 8 – Rev. David Weise
 April 9 – Rev. Pablito Labado
 April 10 – **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Vocations

Fifth Sunday of Lent April 3, 2022

What am I racing after in my life? Fame? Fortune? A life in Jesus? What is the prize I seek at the finish-line? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton, (905-528-7988)

vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

Serra Prayer for the Perseverance of Vocations

O God, You have constituted Your only-begotten Son supreme and eternal Priest for the glory of Your majesty and the salvation of mankind. Grant that those whom He has chosen ministers and dispensers of His mysteries may be found faithful in fulfilling the ministry they have received. Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

God, the source of creation and love, You invite each of us to serve You through the life which is Your gift. May Your grace encourage men and women to heights of holiness through service to the Church as priests, sisters, brothers and lay ministers. Make me an instrument to encourage others to give themselves and challenge me to do the same. Amen.

The Divine Mercy Chapel – Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament has resumed in the Divine Mercy Chapel, **Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.** We look forward to our Adorers continuing with their hours. Please see the Chapel Guidelines as you enter the chapel. If you would like to sign up for an hour, please call the parish office at 519-743-4525.

Mass Intentions for 2022 – The offering of Mass for the deceased, the sick, a personal intention, in thanksgiving, a special intention such as an anniversary, birthday, etc. is an act of deep faith and a most excellent way of remembering a loved one. Please call the parish office if you would like to request a Mass.

Stations of the Cross – We would like to invite all parishioners to join us during Lent for the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 7:00 p.m., except First Friday.

Children's Choir – Our parish is organizing a Children's Choir. Those who would like to join this group and develop their talents, are asked to please contact our parish office. The deadline for registration is June 30, 2022.

Lectors/Ushers – We are currently in need of more volunteers to Lector and/or Usher at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. If you would be willing to serve in either capacity, please call the parish office. Thank you.

Confirmation – **Important Date!**

A reminder to candidates of your upcoming Retreat and Rehearsal for Confirmation on April 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **The rehearsal will take place on April 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Obligatory for candidates and their sponsors.**



CWL Membership: It's not too late to pay your membership or to become a member for 2022. Please place your \$25 in an envelope labelled with your name and CWL Membership and place in the collection basket.

Easter Flowers – Envelopes are available at the back of the church for those wishing to make a contribution to assist with the cost of flowers. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass Intentions April 4, 2022 – April 10, 2022

Tuesday, April 5, 2022 – **7:00 p.m.**

Group Mass Intentions
+ **Wilbert Phillippi** – *Bob & Irene Schmidt*

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Frank & Rose Lehmann** – *Lehmann Family*

Thursday, April 7, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

Intentions of Helen Bastian – *Zister Family*

Friday, April 8, 2022 – **8:30 a.m.**

+ **Mila Navaleza** – *Marilyn, Clara & Bernadette*

7:00 p.m. – *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, April 9, 2022 –

9:00 a.m. – **Intentions of Ken & Betty** – *Ann Snyder & Family*

5:00 p.m. – + **Laurette Bauer** – *Angela Straus & Family*

Sunday, April 10, 2022 – **10:00 a.m.** –

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord –
Year C – **Parishioners of St. Teresa Parish**

Live-streaming on Zoom

The **10 a.m. Sunday Mass** will be live-streamed.

To join Father, click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>

Password: 274733

Daily Readings:

Lectors may find daily readings at this link:

<https://readings.livingwithchrist.ca>

First Friday – April 1, 2022

Adoration, Mass, Stations of the Cross

Adoration begins at 6 p.m.

Confession will be available

Mass at 7 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:35 p.m.

Coffee Sunday – This Sunday, April 3, 2022, following the 10:00 a.m. Mass, please join us in the Parish Hall for coffee, treats and fellowship!

Stewardship Report

It is a wonderful blessing to be able to gather, as a parish community, in the church. We would ask you to continue to keep our parish in your prayers and prayerfully consider continuing your donations.

We have several ways to support our parish –

Pre-Authorized Giving

A digital copy of the form may be found on our parish website. Simply print the form and complete it. For those unable to print the digital copy, please contact the Parish Office. Completed forms can be returned to the Parish Office via the slot in the Parish Office door or can be mailed to: St Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8

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](https://www.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 are attending Mass, donations may be placed in the collection basket as you leave Mass; or during the Offertory, when it is taken up, at the usual time.

Gifts may also be sent directly to our parish through the mail: **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 44 Leonard St., Kitchener, ON N2H 6C8** or you may drop off **cash** or **cheque**, securely, at the Parish Office, through the mail slot in the wooden door, behind the white storm door. Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number or use your donation envelope.

Continuing support of our parish is an act of generosity and faith. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time.

Stewardship Report March 27, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 1165.00
Loose	\$ 105.00
Building Fund	\$ 195.00
Share Lent	\$ 20.00

SPECIAL COLLECTION – This weekend, April 2/3, 2022, there will be a second collection for Share Lent, which will take place after Holy Communion.



DIocese of HAMILTON

Wedding Anniversary Mass 2022 Registration –

The Wedding Anniversary Mass, which would normally have been scheduled for June of 2022, will not occur this year due to the continued concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> and we will be happy to send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass. The Wedding Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page under Upcoming Events.

Join the Reel Justice Film Festival, April 28, 2022

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM for the screening of Seed: The Untold Story. As biotech companies control the majority of our seeds, farmers, scientists, lawyers, and indigenous seed keepers fight to defend the future of our food. In a harrowing and heartening story, these reluctant heroes rekindle a lost connection to our most treasured resource and revive a culture connected to seeds. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/> to view our 2022 schedule or to secure your spot at any of our virtual screenings!

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? Are you wondering if your feelings are normal? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering an online grief program at the end of April. Find out more at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/grief-support>, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

The Real Me: Drawing Teens Out of the Shadows is the fourth talk for the **Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series**. Our speaker, Roy Petitfils, has spent his life helping teens not to feel invisible. During his presentation he will provide insights into how parents/teachers/parish staff/others can help ensure no child ever feels unseen. Join us Tuesday, April 26th from 7-8:30 p.m. Roy will provide practical and experiential antidotes on how to assist teens to feel empowered, supported and strong enough to come out of the shadows and thrive in their lives. Roy Petitfils is an internationally recognized expert in understanding and raising teenagers. He is a therapist with a Masters in Mental Health and School Counseling and is an internationally sought-after speaker who uses humour, passion, clinical and life experience to help adults connect with teens and teens to know, understand and love themselves. He has authored, *What Teens Want You to Know (But Won't Tell You)*, *What I Wish Someone Had Told Me About the First Five Years of Marriage* and *God Wears Running Shoes: Spiritual Reflections for Those Ministering to Young People*. For more information and to register visit: <https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/>, or contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis - Parishioners wishing to make a donation to the Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis can do so online through Development & Peace at: https://www.devp.org/en/wp_press_release/solidarity-prayers-and-support-for-ukraine-development-and-peace-joins-relief-efforts/ or by calling 1-888-664-3387

A reminder to please be careful of texts or e-mails seeking donations to support Ukraine. If anyone wishes to make a donation it is better to do so through a reputable agency. **Do not click** on any links from unsolicited emails or texts. Make sure you are on the organization's secure website before sharing your financial information!



Heartache to Healing - Grief Support Group
 St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo.
 Wednesday evenings – April 20 – May 25, 7-8:30 p.m.
 (doors open at 6:30 p.m.). **Register by April 13** by contacting St. Michael Parish office - 519-884-9311 or email parish@stmichaelw.ca
 This program is designed to assist people after the death of a loved one, or a significant loss and follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. Everyone is welcome. There is no fee, but you must register by April 13th. Visit our website for more information at www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support.

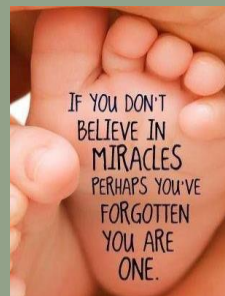


Canadian Food for Children (CFFC) - Request for help.
 The Catholic parishes in our area have always been so generous with donations to CFFC, donations particularly of clothes, housewares, school supplies, bedding and hygiene goods.

With the onset of covid two years ago, our donations drastically diminished. If your parish has not already heard of our present needs, we are appealing to you to help us.

Our warehouse is located at 843 Guelph Street in Kitchener and we are open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. to accept your donations. If desired, our expanded “Wish List” can be accessed by emailing pinn@golden.net.

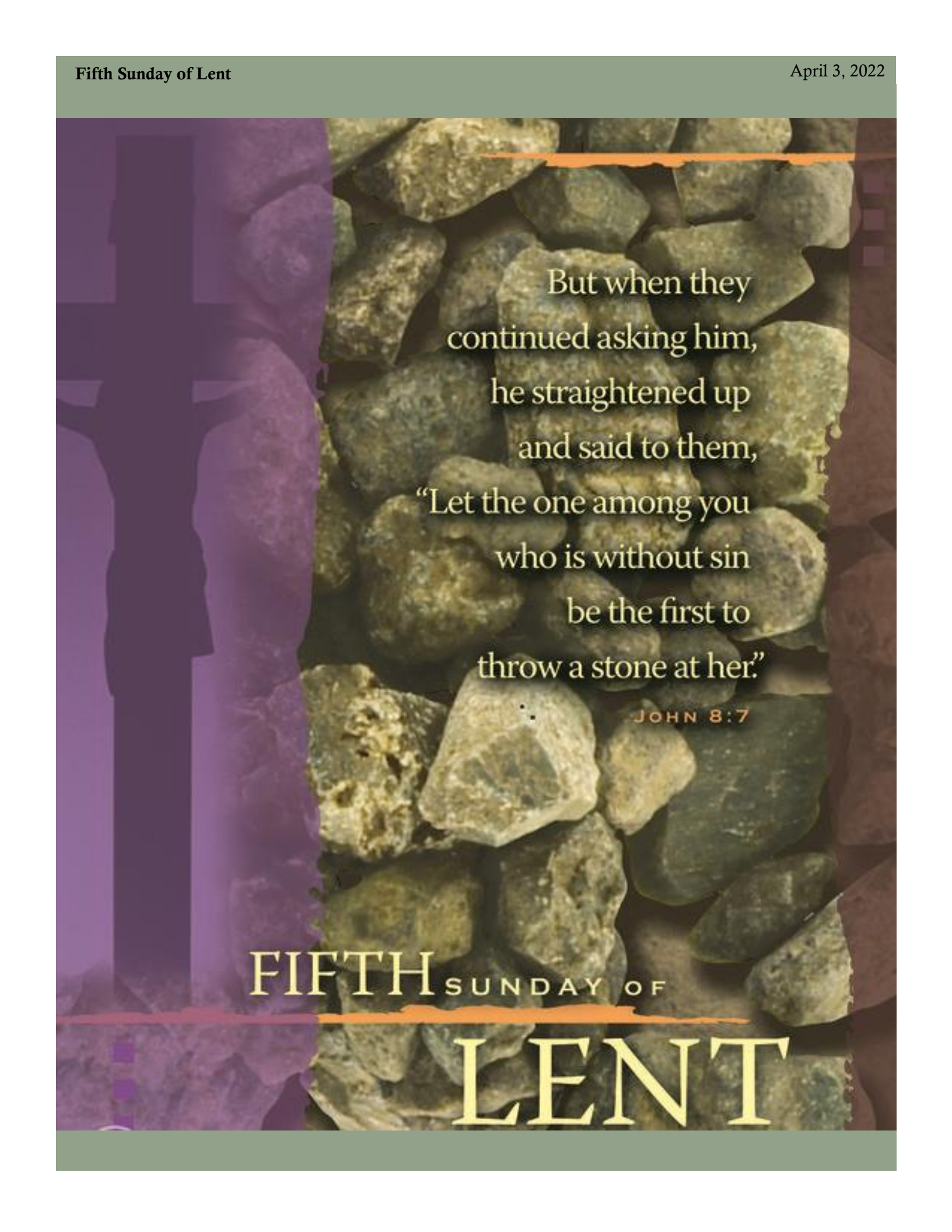
We thank you in advance for helping us clothe and provide for the poor in so many Third World Countries.



Prayer Vigil – Thursday, April 7, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
(Note time!) In front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King St. E., Kitchener, for babies being aborted.

All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking - across the road, Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at:

kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com



But when they
continued asking him,
he straightened up
and said to them,
“Let the one among you
who is without sin
be the first to
throw a stone at her.”

JOHN 8:7

FIFTH SUNDAY OF
LENT

Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2022

Tuesday - April 12: 7:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday - April 13: 8:30 a.m. Mass

Holy Thursday – April 14:

7:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord’s Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until midnight

Good Friday – April 15:

2:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Novena

3:00 p.m. – Good Friday Liturgy

7:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday – April 16:

11:00 a.m. – Blessing of Easter Food

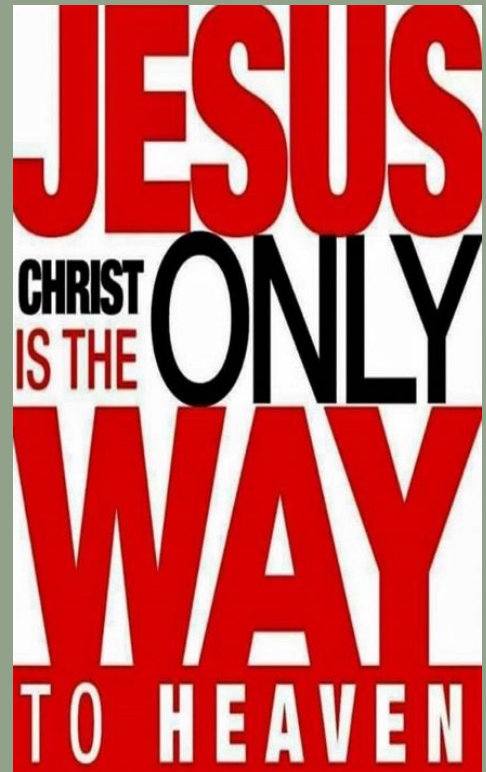
6:30 p.m. – Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday – April 17:

9:45 a.m. – Divine Mercy Novena

10:00 a.m. – Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes prior to each Mass

There will be no Confession during the Holy Triduum

Live-streaming on Zoom

The Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday at 7 p.m., the Good Friday Liturgy at 3 p.m. and the Easter Sunday Mass, at 10 a.m. will be **live-streamed** on Zoom. If you are not attending these liturgies, and you wish to join me online, please click on the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/5887658626>

The Password is: 274733

Please visit our website regularly, for more details: www.stteresakit.ca

He is Risen

LENT & EASTER

LENT BEGINS

ASH WEDNESDAY

Emphasizes our mortality and our need for ongoing repentance.

Easter is an **8 day celebration** leading to Easter Season, which ends on Pentecost.

PALM SUNDAY

Commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into the city of Jerusalem.

ASH WEDNESDAY | GOOD FRIDAY DAYS OF FASTING

One full meal and two smaller meals.

HOLY THURSDAY

Celebrates the Last Supper with the disciples and Passover.

ASH WEDNESDAY | GOOD FRIDAY + EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

Abstain from consumption of meat.

GOOD FRIDAY

We remember the Passion and Jesus' sacrifice for us on the cross.

40 DAYS

The 40 days of Lent are based on two accounts: the 40 years of wandering by the Israelites and our Lord's 40 days in the wilderness at which point He was tempted by Satan.

HE HAS RISEN! EASTER SUNDAY

Alleluia! The principal feast of the ecclesiastical year. Jesus has risen!

PILLARS OF LENT

PRAYER | FASTING
ALMSGIVING

The key to understanding the meaning of Lent is simple: **Baptism**.