

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
or by request.

Sacrament of Baptism (3rd Sunday of the month outside of Lent)

Parents, please pick up Baptism
package from the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact office six months
prior to desired date.
Marriage Prep offered.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of
loved ones who are housebound
or in the hospital so they may
receive the comfort of the Church's
sacraments and prayer.

Outreach Ministry (A Ministry of Visitation)

Please contact the Parish Office if
you or someone you know would
like a visit by the Outreach Ministry.

Parish Contacts

Parish Pastoral Council

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi

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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or

www.resurrectionist.net

New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!

Please register at the office or pick up a
registration package at the church entrance.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

St. Teresa of Avila School

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St. David Catholic Secondary School

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Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth,
but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which
he moves compassion on
this world.

Yours are the feet with which
he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands with which
he blesses all the world.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Avila



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12TH

Tuesday, February 13, 7:05 pm +Mary Donnelly; Marcella & Judy Furlong +Teresa Day; Pat Karl & Family <i>When you begin a good work, earnestly pray to God to bring it to perfection. – St. Benedict</i>
Wednesday, February 14, Ash Wednesday 9:00 am School Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7:00 pm +Betty Furlong; Marie Snelling +Elaine Forler; Jane & Allan Graff
Thursday, February 15, 12:05 pm +Catherine & Vincent Walter; Bill Walter +Joanne Moser; Jim & Marilyn Moser & Family <i>If, from being created by God in his own image, you do not comprehend the value of your soul, learn it from Jesus Christ who has redeemed you with his own blood – St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>
Friday, February 16, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>If we are the heirs of Christ, let us abide in the peace of Christ. – St. Cyprian of Carthage</i>
Saturday, February 17, 5:00 pm +Walter Kieffer; Sharon Both & Family +Vincent Snelling; Marie & Family
Sunday, February 18, First Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR February 10/11

First Reading: Gn 9:8-15
Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:18-22
Gospel Reading: Mk 1:12-15

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., February 12	Rev. Michael McHugh
Tues., February 13	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
Wed., February 14	Ash Wednesday
Thurs., February 15	Rev. William Trusz
Fri., February 16	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Sat., February 17	Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	7:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting - Library
THU	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Session – Library
SAT – TUE	7:00 p.m. Mission

MINISTRIES for February 17/18

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Dianne McGuire, Ron Stemmler, Carol Kieswetter

Hospitality

5pm	Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt
9am	Pat & Linus Ditner, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector

5pm	Connie Kaster
9am	Tom O'Marra

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
Linda Bruder

Children's Liturgy

Feb 18 Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Feb 12 Linda Bruder

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the terminally ill – We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Juice, Canned Pasta, and Baking Supplies (cake mixes)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is the World Day of the Sick. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11 (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

This week begins the Season of Lent. Join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday, February 14th at 7 p.m.

Fr. Peter

This Lent, let's work toward Reaping our Rights. This year, **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** - Caritas Canada's **CREATE HOPE**: Reaping our Rights campaign calls you to stand with small-scale farmers and peasant communities who feed the world while caring for the Earth.

YOUTH CHOIR – The Youth Choir is beginning at St. Teresa Church. Please join Ken Gallipeau for a Youth Choir Member and Parent Meeting on **Wednesday, February 28th** at 6:30 p.m. Practices will be on Wednesday evenings (two per month) at 6:00 p.m. with the choir singing on the 4th Sunday of the month. If you have any questions email the church at stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.

Mark your calendar for our **PARISH MISSION** on **February 17, 18, 19 and 20** led by Fr. David Reilander. The topic is Reconciliation and Forgiveness. Father Reilander will be speaking at the Saturday night Mass, February 17th at St. Teresa, Sunday morning Mass, February 18th at St. Teresa at 9 a.m. and at St. Boniface at 11 a.m., Sunday night, February 18th at 7 p.m. at St. Boniface, Monday night, February 19th at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa and Tuesday night, February 20th at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa. All are welcome!

SOUPS ON! Everyone is welcome to join us following the 5 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, February 24th**, the Coldest Night of the Year, for a light supper of soup, bread and dessert ... in recognition of those who live out in the cold and need our support. There will be a freewill offering box to accept donations to this cause in our area. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex so we have an idea of numbers. There will be enough soup for all.

VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS – It's Valentine's Day and Lisa is planning something special! Virtual Cooking with Lisa is on **February 13th & 27th** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register, call 519-669-5139 or email Lisa at lisam.wcs@gmail.com. This is a fun afternoon on Zoom!

Guelph & Area Right to Life presents **40 DAYS FOR LIFE CANDLE LIGHT PRAYER** on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024** from 7 – 7:30 p.m. at the city sidewalk in front of the Guelph Cenotaph (across from Guelph CHC), Woolwich and Eramosa Road, Guelph. You are invited to join local pastors and church community members for a Candle Light Prayer gathering to recognize the start of the vigil in Guelph. The 40 Days for Life runs from February 14 – March 28, 2024.

The Guelph & Area Right to Life has their **40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL** from **February 14 – March 28, 2024** from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily at the city sidewalk in front of the Guelph Cenotaph, Woolwich St. and Eramosa Road, Guelph. 40 Days for Life is a 40 day prayer vigil, organized locally by Guelph & Area Right to Life to pray for the ending of abortion. Prayer volunteers are currently needed! For more information visit guelphforlife.com/40-days-for-life or call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Join the Reel Justice Film Festival on **February 24th** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for the screening of **LA LUCHA SIGUE (THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES)** with special guest speaker Honduran human rights investigator Elvin Hernandez. In Honduras, the most dangerous place in the world to be a land defender, the Lenca and Garifuna people are fighting to uphold their spirituality and Indigenous ways of life in the face of state backed mega-projects that threaten to destroy their lands and erase their existence. The screening and discussion will be online via Zoom. Register and view the full schedule of events at: <https://reeljustice.hamiltondiocese.com/>. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR KICK-OFF! CNOY 2024 is February 24, 2024! Gather your team and register at <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>. This is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for Woolwich Community Services! WALK with us and join our community dinner following the event, sponsored by local businesses! Our goal is to raise \$75,000 by February 24, 2024. To accomplish this goal, Woolwich Community Services is looking for 20 team captains (of all shapes, sizes and ages) who will recruit friends and family to their team and who will set a fundraising goal. Each member on your team can set a goal of finding 5 people to donate to their campaign. Every walker who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 (for adults) gets the famous Coldest Night toque as thanks for being amazing fundraisers.

Gale welcomes the community to attend a free presentation on **FRAUDS AND SCAMS**, on **Wednesday, February 28th**, presented by the Waterloo Regional Police Services at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira. We will gather for coffee at 9:30 a.m. followed by the presentation with questions and answers to follow. This is to keep us updated on the criminal activity which is primarily targeting seniors in our region and community. We welcome all who are interested.

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE at St. Jerome's University presents Dr. Jonathan Malesic, author of "The End of Burnout: Why Work Drains Us and How to Build Better Lives". He proposes that we should ground our working lives in human dignity, compassion for workers, and a greater emphasis on leisure as a site of meaningful activity. The book was selected as best book of 2022 by Amazon and is being translated into nine languages! He will show how these ideals are manifested in the communities of Benedictine monks and religious sisters on **Thursday, February 29th** at 7:30 p.m. at the Notre Dame Chapel. Save the date.

RESSURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – The man from today's Gospel was conscious of the risk of rejection he faced. Fully aware that his actions were crossing established lines, the man afflicted with leprosy nevertheless chose to confront this risk. His intense longing for connection and healing overcame his fears. It is fascinating that, despite his intense longing and hope for healing, the man didn't force Jesus to heal him. By saying, "If you choose, you can make me clean," he left the decision to Jesus, entrusting his healing to Jesus' will. He completely surrendered himself into Jesus' hands. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – Today's Gospel says that "Jesus was moved with pity when He saw a leper". Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcasts of today's society? Today, Jesus continues to call forward men and women to minister as he did. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 26, 2024** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration is now available online at hamiltondiocese.com.



Are you a man 18 years of age or older who is a practicing Catholic and interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and growing in our faith? Then why not join our Knights of Columbus council. Become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world, supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values and a shared desire to be the man God has called us to be. Please email us at: gk8192@ontariokofc.ca and help put faith in action.

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