

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 14, 2016
First Sunday of Lent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,
1851.

Pastor: Fr. David Lewis
Parish Secretary: Donna Vollmer
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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

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

Sacrament of Baptism (4th 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 required.

Sacrament of the Sick

Please notify the parish office of
any 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

Al Vodicka
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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
registration package in the church foyer.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

St. Teresa of Avila 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. ✠

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15TH

Tuesday, February 16, 7:05 pm
Intentions of Sharon & Jack Soeder; Vince & Linda Spilek

Wednesday, February 17, No Mass

Thursday, February 18, 12:05 pm
+Rita Schill; Geraldine & Cliff Schill

Friday, February 19,
8:30 am +Marie Reimer; Hilda Cassel
9 am – 1 pm Adoration
6:45 pm Stations of the Cross (Choir)

Saturday, February 20, 5:00 pm
Intentions of Armand & Lucy Bertin; Vince & Linda Spilek
+Eleanor Reist; Art Moser Family

Sunday, February 21, Second Sunday of Lent
9:00 am Our Parish Community
During 9 am Mass First Communion Class
11:00 am Our Parish Community

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)
Feb 21 Jane Goll

Sign Ministry
Feb 15 Ray Denomme

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister
Feb 17 Cheryl Dunn

FOODBANK NEEDS
Condiments & Canned Juice

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That we may take good care of creation—a gift freely given—cultivating and protecting it for future generations and that opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

The Catholic Women's League of St. Teresa of Avila Parish **THANK ALL THOSE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE LETTER WRITING CAMPAIGN** this past weekend. We collected 109 completed letters and we are sure this number will be higher with letters being returned to the office during the week. We will forward them to The Honourable Dr. Eric Hoskins, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care as well as sending a copy to Mr. Michael Harris, MPP. This is a very important issue for all of us and not only addresses end of life care but also palliative and hospice care. We would appreciate hearing from anyone who receives a response to your letter. Thank you.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE SOLIDARITY CALENDAR: This week read the suggestions for February 14th to 20th. The Share Lent **MINI MAGAZINE** is an insert in the bulletin today. This is our weekly pilgrimage guide. In week 1 of Lent, meet Adonis Medjine from Haiti. A survivor of the 2010 earthquake, she is benefiting from a social enterprise project to raise chickens, supported by our donations. "Thanks to the job and the wages I receive, I can take care of my family and send my children to school. Thank you!"

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 are hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 4th** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, Elmira. There will be two sittings – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Take out will be at 6:00 p.m. Cost is Adults \$15.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take Out is \$15.00. Advanced tickets are available until March 2nd. Purchase your tickets after the Masses or at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call (519) 669-3387. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on March 3rd and 4th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

We will be offering **SESSIONS COVERING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH** for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. These sessions

READINGS FOR February 20/21

First Reading: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18
Second Reading: Phil 3:17-4:1
Gospel Reading: Lk 9:28b-36

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON Office Closed
TUE Office Closed
1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Gathering** – Library
WED Office Closed
THU Office Closed
7:00pm **9 a.m. Choir Practice** – Church

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., February 15 Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Tues., February 16 Rev. Heinner Paucar, O.M.I.
Wed., February 17 Lay Parish Ministers
Thurs., February 18 Rev. Young Hoon Kim
Fri., February 19 Rev. Msgr. William O'Brien
Sat., February 20 Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

MINISTRIES for February 20/21

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Peggy Kelly, Phil Milan
9am Joyce & Ron Stemmler, Matthew Griffin
11am Ray Denomme, Sharon Both

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly, Debbie Yutzi, Jane Goll
9am Robert & Mary Jane Yaeger, Bill & Anne Hanley
11am Paul & Diane Shuttsa, Marilyn Hurlburt, Marianne Kieswetter

Altar Servers

5pm Felicia Groechel, Joseph Ditner
9am Connor Kroetsch, Cody Kroetsch, Katelyn Grosz
11am Lisa Denomme, Isabella Maher

Lectors

5pm Jim Goll
9am Tom Fahey
Jack Soeder
11am Sheila Bauman

Commentator

Patsy Pond
Larry Glofcheskie
Colleen Weber

would be especially helpful to those who often attend Mass with their families and would like to receive Communion with them. No commitment is called for to begin. The sessions are offered as an opportunity to explore. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of our new Catechism. If you are interested please speak to Father Dave or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

The Catholic Women's League will also be leading the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Wednesday of Lent at Chartwell at 3:15 p.m. in the Retirement Home Chapel. Please join us. We will also have a Garage Sale in April, so please save items to donate.

PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING – You are welcome to make a **Year of Mercy pilgrimage** to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, February 21st, 2016**. You may enter through the **Door of Mercy** (located near the elevator entrance). At 2:00 p.m. we will begin with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be offered at 3:00 p.m. followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Pilgrims are most welcome to stay for our regular 4:00 p.m. Mass that day. All are welcome to come and share in the Father's mercy and peace.

160TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON – His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for the 160th Anniversary of the Diocese of Hamilton on **Sunday, February 28th at 11 a.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Apostolic Nuncio, Archbishop Luigi Bonazzi, will preach the homily for the Anniversary Mass. All are welcome.

Woolwich Counseling Centre is offering two upcoming adult programs from 7 to 8:30 p.m.:
PARENTING YOUR ANXIOUS CHILD - February 15, 2016
UNDERSTANDING MY TEEN – March 7, 2016
For more information and registration call 519-669-8651 or visit www.woolwichcounseling.org.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT WEEKEND – February 19-21, 2016 at Queen of Apostles, Mississauga. The retreat begins at 8:00 p.m. Friday and concludes with Mass on Sunday at noon, followed by lunch. Preached by the Centre Team. Please call 905-278-5229 for further information or to register.

RESONATE – A NEW TAKE ON CONCERT - Becky Reesor fuses her love of music and the arts in an interactive concert on **Saturday, February 20th** at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur Street North, Elmira. This concert features classical and folk-jazz music with piano, guitar, voice and visual art. Whether you're game to join her on stage, or just to sit and listen, *Resonate* is an adventure for any music lover. Dessert buffet to follow. Tickets: \$10-\$25 suggested donation.

2016 FEBRUARY POTATO BLITZ in support of the House of Friendship. The **COMMUNITY POTATO LUNCH** is on **Friday, February 26, 2016** at 12 noon St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. Join us for this annual treat of delicious potato dishes and our 6th Annual Soup Idol; free-will offerings accepted.

PERSONAL TAX SEMINAR: BENEFITS FOR SENIORS will take place on **Friday, February 26th** at 1:30 p.m. at the Woolwich Memorial Centre in the Senior's Room. The speaker is Jeremy Bertrand, Ministry of Finance. For questions please call Karole at 519-669-5044.

WEEKEND DISCERNMENT RETREATS at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto on **February 26-28, 2016** and St. Peter's Seminary in London on **March 4-6, 2016**. In prayer and silence we hear the voice of God. Register online at www.HamiltonVocations.com.

MEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: Saturday, February 27, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre, Mississauga. Deacon Doctor Greg DeMarchi will preach on the theme: "God's mercy as an entrance to prayer and spiritual life". Coffee cart with muffin on arrival and a full hot meal at lunch is included. To register please call 905-278-5229.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry at each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about, or to register for the program beginning with a **weekend on March 11, 2016** please call 905-664-5212 or email hamiltonretrouvaille1@cogeco.ca or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org.

Attention all former Celtics! **St. David C.S.S.** is celebrating its **50th Anniversary** and is looking for any **SCHOOL MEMORABILIA** to display at their alumni weekend May 6th and 7th. If you have items of school history or interest please contact amanda.phillips@wcdsb.ca or call the school at 519-885-1340. Information about alumni weekend events can be found at <http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca>.

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."	
Offertory collection for January 30/31:	\$2,728.10
Average per envelope:	\$21.00
Electronic funds for the week: (based on 4 Sundays per month)	\$1,028.75
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00

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