# St. Teresa of Avila

# Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. Peter Meyer

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer
Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

**Office Hours:** 

Monday to Thursday 9:00am - 1:00pm

#### Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 9:30am

#### **Weekday Masses**

see inside

#### Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm, 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

Annamae Elliott Deana Pfanner Groves Debbie Yutzi Fr. Peter Meyer Ken Gallipeau Leona Weishar

#### **Building & Finance Committee**

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
Jason Adams Maria Diemert
Rick Weishar
Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

#### **Catholic Women's League**

Barb Vodicka

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Adrian Miltenburg

#### 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.

February 14 2021
Sixth Sunday of
Ordinary Time



#### 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



#### MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15TH

#### Tuesday, February 16, 7:05 pm

+Greg Kelly; The Kelly Family

A quarrel between friends, when made up, adds a new tie to friendship. – St. Francis de Sales

#### Wednesday, February 17, 7:00 pm Ash Wednesday

+Lucy Bertin; Armand Bertin

#### Thursday, February 18, 12>05 pm

+Florence Pilon; Danielle Pilon

Your deeds may be the only sermon some people hear today. – St. Francis of Assisi

#### Friday, February 19, NO MASS

You do not need to wallow in quilt. Wallow in the mercy of God. – St. John Mary Vianney

#### Saturday, February 20, 5:00 pm

+Jacqueline Lachapelle: Roch Lachapelle

+Mary Kelly; The Kelly Family

The closer one approaches to God, the simpler one becomes. - St. Teresa of Avila

#### Sunday, February 21, 9:30 am

**Our Parish Community** 

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

**For Your Intentions** 

#### **READINGS FOR February 20/21**

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 15 Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.

Tues., February 16 Rev. Stephen Murrin

Wed., February 17 Ash Wednesday

Thurs., February 18 Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.

Fri., February 19 Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. Sat., February 20 Rev. Jungheon (Francisco)

Kwak

At this time the Parish Office is open only on Wednesdays until further notice. Please check for updates at stteresaelmira.ca and on the Hamilton Diocesan website. Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies and serious pastoral concerns.

#### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

Violence against women - We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

#### **FOODBANK NEEDS**

Shampoo, Conditioner and Deodorant

#### MINISTRIES for February 20/21

#### Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt 9:30am Adrian Miltenburg, Bill & Anne Hanley

#### Lectors

5pm Peggy Kelly-Kulaga 9:30am Leona Weishar

#### Sign Ministry

Feb 15 Sandi Hutchinson

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I would like to give you an update concerning our One Heart, One Soul Campaign. First and foremost I am so thankful for your generous support of the campaign. You are making the campaign a great success. We have reached our goal of \$240,000 for our Parish Campaign Projects. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The goals and projects for our parish will be supported by the campaign and other resources. Projects like Roof Replacement, HVAC units, Music Ministry and for future projects will come through the campaign. These physical and enhancing projects will so benefit our community.

The Finance Committee and I monthly are discussing aspects of the campaign. We are also looking at future projects like the repairing of the parking lot, front entrance enhancement and retrofitting LED lights in the church. So again Thank You for your on-going support.

Lastly, going forward you will hear more details about the Campaign's success in the coming months. The plan of giving is for a three year period. If you are not able to fulfill your commitment we fully understand and there are no obligations. If over the next months, or year you can still give to the campaign please support it if you can.

May God bless you in your on-going generosity to the parish. If you have any questions please approach myself or a member of the Finance Committee.

> Yours in Christ. Father Peter Meyer

During this pandemic time of uncertainty, if you wish to donate through the **ELECTRONIC FUND** TRANSFERS you will find an electronic fund transfer form on the parish website which is to be filed out with a void cheque and either emailed or mailed to the parish. About one-third of the parish give this way. It is not complicated to do. You can do this by emailing the parish.

If you would like to join our LIVING ROSARY GROUP please email bmarkides@rogers.com and Deacon

Basil will connect with you. He will need your email address so the zoom link can be sent to you. Deacon Basil can help you through the Zoom process.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre, 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira is offering programs that you can participate in.

- Protecting the Girl in Me Ages 10 -12, a Self-Awareness Group for Girls on February 17, 2021 from 5:00 6:00 p.m.
- Glad to Be Me Ages 4-7, a Self-Esteem
   Program on February 23, March 31, April 28, and May 26, 2021 from 4 5 p.m.
- CBT for Insomnia on February 16, 23, March 2 & 9, 2021 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- No Need to Fret Ages 8-11, a Childhood
   Anxiety Group on March 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2021 from 5 6 p.m.
- Conquering Teen Anxiety Ages 12-14, a Teen Anxiety Group on March 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27, 2021 from 7 – 8 p.m.

Visit www.woolwichcounselling.org for more program details. Call 519-669-8651 or email info@woo lwichcounselling.org to register.

The Woolwich Community Health Centre is sponsoring an EDUCATIONAL SESSION ON INTERNET PRIVACY AND SAFETY on Tuesday, February 19, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. This event is virtual and free. Registration is required. To register email Gebre at gberihun@wchc.on.ca. Due to the pandemic, we are spending more time online than before. In this session you will learn about:

- How to protect yourself from common internet fraud and scams;
- Cyber fraud & identity theft;
- How to use the internet safely and cyber safe tips;
- What to do if you are a victim of cyber fraud.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE – SIGN UP TO PRAY!** As the **February 17**<sup>th</sup> start date approaches, sign up to pray with us at the 40 Days for Life vigil in Guelph across the street from the Guelph Community Health Centre on Wyndham Street. It's here that the SHORE Centre (formerly called Planned Parenthood Waterloo) has an abortion pill clinic. Sign up online by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/guelph or by calling 519-836-6311. The 40 Days for Life is from **February 17**<sup>th</sup> **to March 28**<sup>th</sup>, **2021** from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Please consider committing to a specific hour or hours each week to join us at the vigil. We plan to have at least

two people present at the prayer vigil at all times. We will keep aware of guidelines about public gatherings. The COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR is a fantastically fun, family friendly walk-a-thon that raises money for people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. This year, Woolwich Community Services is hosting a Covid-safe in-person event with virtual options, with fantastic sponsorship opportunities on Saturday, February 20th. It is being offered in a virtual only format. This means we won't be able to gather in person but you can walk anytime in February. There are several maps on the CNOY Elmira page that can give ideas of where to walk! You can register a team of 8-10 people to walk and raise money for Woolwich Community Services. You can register your church or individuals/families can also register their own teams. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of \$150 per adult and \$75 per youth. There is no registration fee for walkers. Every walker who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 (for adults) gets our famous Coldest Night toque. Our goal in the Walk is to raise \$50,000. For questions contact Leigh-Anne Quinn at 519-669-5139 or email leighanne\_wcs@yahoo.ca.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT - Looking for a wonderful opportunity to spend time together as a couple, in the safety of your own home? Join the Virtual/Online Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience from March 5-7. During these stressful times, give your marriage a booster shot! Restore your loving communication with your spouse and rekindle the romance. The Marriage Encounter experience is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. No group discussion. Based on Catholic values but open to couples of all faiths. Rediscover the love in your relationship! Contact: Marge & Gerard McCauley at (905) 792-1925 or gerard.marge@rogers.com or visit www.me.org.

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, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or call 905-528-7988.



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