

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 18, 2024
First Sunday of Lent

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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.

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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 19TH

<p>Monday, February 19, 7:00 pm Mission with Fr. David Rielander <i>We must flee like deer running to the fountains of water, for the fountain is God. – St. Ambrose</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, February 20, 7:05 pm Mass with Mission & Reception to follow +Julia Tillich; Margaret Ferenczy +Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate <i>If everyone took only what was needed and gave the rest to those in need, there would be no such thing as rich and poor. – St. Basil</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, February 21, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>The heart is the first organ in the human body to be formed. The heart symbolizes humility, for it is in the heart that this virtue has its principal seat: "Learn from me," says the Lord, "for I am gentle and humble of heart." – St. Anthony of Padua</i></p>
<p>Thursday, February 22, 12:05 pm Intentions of Trixie Walter; Marianne Kieswetter +George Brenner; Debbie Yutzi <i>Devote your first and principal care to cleansing your own conscience. Let cleansing the consciences of others come later. For how can one be of use to others who takes no care of their own self? – St. Francis Xavier</i></p>
<p>Friday, February 23, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>The Lord did not come to make a display. He came to heal and to teach suffering humanity. For one who wanted to make a display, the thing would have been just to appear and dazzle the beholders. But for him who came to heal and to teach, the way was not merely to dwell here, but to put himself at the disposal of those who needed him. – St. Athanasius</i></p>
<p>Saturday, February 24, 5:00 pm +Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis Special Intentions of Gerald Goetz; Marcella & Judy Furlong +Lucy Bertin; Armand Bertin</p>
<p>Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR February 24/25

First Reading: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
 Second Reading: Rom 8:31b-34
 Gospel Reading: Mk 9:2-10

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., February 19	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Tues., February 20	Rev. Ron Cote
Wed., February 21	Discalced Carmelite Sisters, O.C.D.
Thurs., February 22	Rev. William Foote
Fri., February 23	Rev. Michael Isabelle
Sat., February 24	Consecrated Virgin Candidates

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUN-TUE	7:00 p.m. Parish Mission – Church
TUE	1:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting – Library
	6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fellowship - Hall
	7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus General Meeting
THU	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. Session – Library
SAT	3:00 p.m. Music Meeting – Library
SAT	After Mass Soups On – Hall

FOODBANK NEEDS

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

MINISTRIES for February 24/25

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Steve & Patsy Pond
9am	Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson, Ken Gallipeau

Hospitality

5pm	Kieran & Geoff Kelly
9am	Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Anne Hanley

Lector

5pm	Tom O'Marra
9am	Wally Malcolm

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
Mike Noel

Children's Liturgy

Feb 25 Sandi Hutchinson, Nikki Totten

Sign Ministry

Feb 20 Pat Ditner

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Join us for our Lenten Retreat on Reconciliation and Forgiveness which began yesterday. Father David Reilander will be our retreat master. It will be each evening at 7 p.m. Tonight (Sunday) is at St. Boniface, Maryhill and Monday and Tuesday evenings are at 7 p.m. here at St. Teresa's.

Lent is a period of unity with Jesus and His time in the desert. Just as Jesus prepared for His upcoming ministry and eventual crucifixion, so also do we prepare for Easter, one of the most important feasts in the Church. The three pillars of Lent are: fasting, prayer and almsgiving.

Please continue to pray for our R.C.I.A. candidates as they determine if they wish to join the Catholic faith at our Easter Vigil.

Fr. Peter

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA: A MOVEMENT OF SOLIDARITY

was established in 1967 and is the official international solidarity organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. They address the root causes of poverty, oppression, and inequality by working with partners in the Global South and by mobilizing Canadians in the common struggle for justice and dignity. They champion women and social movements as key agents of lasting change. Their transformative work is possible thanks to the generosity and support of its members and Canadians who stand by them.

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**,

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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.

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/>.

Join the Guelph & Area Right to Life for **DIALOGUE TRAINING ON ABORTION** on **Monday, February 26th, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m. at the Guelph & Area Right to Life office at 26 Norfolk Street, Guelph. This is open to all adults and teens in grade 9 and up. Become equipped to engage in meaningful and compassionate dialogue about abortion. It is free to attend. You must register no later than Monday, February 26th at noon. This session is an introduction to abortion dialogue and will be offered in a small group setting with opportunity to ask questions and engage in practice conversations. Gain skills and confidence to navigate your way through tough conversations so that when under pressure and opposition you can defend life without compromise.

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.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE...But maybe that's the point. Maybe Lent is not a time where we prove something to God, but where we risk doing something that we will actually need help with – and to actually receive the gift of God's help. And perhaps this is true of the vocation that God is calling us to as well. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be 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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Children love Valentine's Day because of the exchange of cards and little parties at school. It is a great time to talk to them about what real love is: giving, receiving, caring, thinking of the other before self and putting others needs above your own. Your children will develop deeper and healthier relationships with this understanding. They will especially know what to look for when they grow up and find someone to love in their future. Do not forget to remind them that God loves them completely and unconditionally, so they can and should pray and talk to him about their life anytime. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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