

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 19, 2017
Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,
1851.

Pastor: Rev. David Lewis
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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 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 (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 offered.

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

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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. ✠

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19TH

Tuesday, February 21, No Mass

Let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth. Let words of thanks break from your lips. – St. Peter Damian

Wednesday, February 22, No Mass

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

Thursday, February 23, No Mass

Follow the example of the Lord, being firm and unchangeable in the faith. – St. Polycarp

Friday, February 24,

9:00 am +Florence Pilon; Danielle Pilon

9:30 am – Noon Adoration

If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find him in the chalice. – St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, February 25, 5:00 pm

+Theresa Hahn-Siemon; Leroy Siemon

+Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis

Sunday, February 26, 9:30 am

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR February 25/26

First Reading: Is 49:14-15

Second Reading: 1 Cor 4:1-5

Gospel Reading: Mt 6:24-34

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON Office Closed

TUE Office Closed

WED 7:00 pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church

7:00 pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar

SAT 10:30 am **R.C.I.A.** - Rectory

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., February 20	Rev. Donald Sanvido
Tues., February 21	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Wed., February 22	Salesians of Don Bosco, S.D.B.
Thurs., February 23	Rev. Tom Moisan
Fri., February 24	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
Sat., February 25	Rev. Ronald Voisin

MINISTRIES for February 25/26

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly, Kevin Dupuis

9:30am Cheryl Dunn, Dianne McGuire, Carol Kieswetter

Hospitality

5pm Jodi Sereres, Marianne Kieswetter, Greg & Brent Goetz

9:30am Ron & Joyce Stemmler, Adrian Miltenburg, Peter Antonello

Altar Servers

5pm Phil Milan

9:30am Katelyn Grosz, Isabella Maher, Alexis Zettler

Lectors

5pm Pat Kehn

9:30am Leona Weishar

Jack Soeder

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis

Barry Glofcheskie

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Feb 26 Trudy & Ray Denomme

Sign Ministry

Feb 20 Marty Merlihan

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Mar 1 Cheryl Dunn

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit and Ketchup

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

There will be an important **MEETING OF THE SYRIAN SPONSORSHIP MINISTRY** on **Sunday, February 19th** at 7 p.m. in the Church library. All Lead Team, committee members and support members are encouraged to attend this meeting. As the family that we were assigned has elected to remain in Turkey, we need to make some major decisions regarding an alternate selection and next steps.

We will be hosting a **SEMINAR OF HOPE** during Lent. This seminar will teach you how to pray for your sons, daughters and loved ones. This is a Free Live Seminar by Vernon Robertson as seen on EWTN. This seminar is being held at St. Teresa of Church, Elmira in the library on **Thursday, March 2nd, 9th, 30th and April 6th** from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. As parents do you suffer because of the spiritual condition of your children? Have your loved ones stopped practising the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you. A free participant manual will be given at the Seminar. For more information or to register please either email StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 during office hours. A freewill offering will be taken up to help offset the costs.

The Catholic Women's League will 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.

The Catholic Women's League is hosting the **KITCHENER REGIONAL MEETING** on **Saturday, March 18th**. There are **signup sheets in the Narthex**. Please sign if you can help with any of the following: at Mass (choir, Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality Minister, Lector, Commentator). We are also serving coffee, tea, juice and muffins/breads after Mass before the meeting begins. Bakers and servers are needed.

The next **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH TAIZE SONGS** is on **Sunday, February 26th** at 7:30 p.m. at Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, 57 Stirling Avenue North, Kitchener. All are invited.

WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP SENIORS LUNCH CLUB - Join us for a hot light lunch and fellowship with old and new friends at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue, Elmira on **Monday, February 27, 2017**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch.

Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Friday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. The cost is \$6. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

LOCAL VOCALS – Season 3 and Woolwich Healthy Communities invites you. Local Vocals is a short-term choir singing opportunity that welcomes all youth, men and women with all levels of musicality: from the singing learner (even if it means stepping out of your comfort zone - give it a try!) to the more experienced singer who wants to share with others the joy of singing. Rehearsal Location: The Meadows (Community Room), 10 Water Street, St. Jacobs. Rehearsal Dates and Time: (most) Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:45 p.m.: March 7, 14, 21; April 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2 (dress rehearsal), May 9 (tentative). Performance Date: Friday, May 12 (evening) at Elmira's Trinity United Church's sanctuary following the "Community Can Dine" event (more details to follow). Choir Director, Lisa Shuh and Piano Accompanist, Nancy Stayzer, both retired elementary school teachers, make this a fun learning experience with a real sense of musical accomplishment, and singing is a healthy thing to do, too! Cost is \$10. **Pre-registration by February 27th** so enough music folders can be arranged. Contact Nancy Stayzer at 519-241-4926 or at nancystayzer@gmail.com to pre-register.

A special program on **THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE "INSECTS IN THE BIBLE: AN INTERTEXTUAL APPROACH"** will take place at the Royal Botanical Gardens Rock Garden on **Saturday, March 11th**, from 2-4 p.m. Fr. Michael Patella, OSB and Sabrina Hall will consider some of the insects featured in The Saint John's Bible. Cost is \$30. Please **pre-register by March 1st** at www.rbg.ca or 1-800-694-4769.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, March 2, 2017** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, please contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

On **Thursday, March 2, 2017** the C.Y.O. will be celebrating its **32ND ANNUAL CHILDREN'S FUNDRAISER** at the Hamilton Convention Centre, 1 Summers Lane, Hamilton. Proceeds from this annual event enable children with special needs and those in financial need the opportunity to attend the C.Y.O. Camp Marydale and Camp Brebeuf camping programs. It is an evening of good food, great friends and fun entertainment - all for a great cause. The evening's presentations include His Excellency, the Most Reverend Bishop Douglas Crosby, Diocese of Hamilton, the 2017 Honourary Camper Family, the 2016 Hamilton Sports Hall of Fame inductees presentation and the 2016 Golden Horseshoe Athlete of the Year Award presentation. For more information please contact Mel Leggat at 905-528-0011, ext. 3608 or mel.leggat@cyo.on.ca. Thank you on behalf of all the children this fundraiser supports.

On **Friday, March 3, 2017** at 7:30 p.m., the **ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be held. The evening of

worship and fellowship will be hosted by Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur Street, Elmira. This year's service was written by women of the Philippines using the theme "Am I Being Unfair To You."

Be inspired, encouraged and healed: Come celebrate the **25TH ANNUAL LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY** on **Saturday, March 4th, 2017** from 9:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W., Toronto. Inspired talks by Sr. Ann Shields, Peter Herbeck and keynote guest speaker Bishop Scott McCaig. Powerful witnesses of personal and family healing from David Patterson and Gemma MacDonald. The adult Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins, and Bishop Scott McCaig will celebrate with the youth. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for the youth and can be purchased on the website at info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca or 416-251-4255 or 905-833-0360. You can also write to Catholic Renewal Ministries, PO Box #177, King City, Ontario, L7B 1A5. Check out www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive Elmira on **Saturday, March 4th** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds support the Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada. To arrange drop off/pick up of items you would like to donate please email BTWalkKW@braintumour.ca or call 519-498-4632. Due to space limitations, please no books or clothing. There will be a 31 Independent Consultant and Holly's Homemade Cinnamon Buns on site as well!

ST. DAVID FISH FRY DINNER AND BAKE SALE will be held on **Sunday, March 5, 2017** at Columbus Conference Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. with meal service at 5 p.m. Eat In or Take Out is available. Cost is 1 Pc Dinner \$12 or 2 Pc Dinner \$14. Beverages are available for purchase. There will be a Bake Sale, Draws and Entertainment. All proceeds go to the Anniversary Statue Project. Tickets are available from Deacon Ed MacIntosh or by calling 519-589-8252.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the **NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH, March 11th to March 19th, 2017**. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Saint Joseph. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. # 1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

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 February 11/12:	\$2,517.00
Average per envelope:	\$23.13
Electronic funds for the week:	\$1,166.25
(based on 4 Sundays per month)	
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00
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