

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

February 21 2021

First Sunday of Lent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer

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**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer

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**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  
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#### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

#### Knights of Columbus

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#### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://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

75 First St. W., Elmira  
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### St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo  
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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 22<sup>ND</sup>

**Tuesday, February 23, 7:05 pm**

**+Jim Kieswetter;** Cheryl & Gord Dunn

*Always keep lifting your foot to climb the ladder of holiness and do not imagine that you can mount even the first step. All God asks of you is good will. – St. Therese of Lisieux*

**Wednesday, February 24, 9:00 am**

**+Jean Frane;** Maurice Downey

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. – St. Teresa of Calcutta

**Thursday, February 25, 12:05 pm**

**+Lucy Bertin;** Armand Bertin

*We must trust in the mighty power of God's mercy. We are all sinners, but his grace transforms us and makes us new. – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI*

**Friday, February 26, 9:00 am**

**+Sharon Soeder;** Carl & Charlotte Mueller

*God acts mercifully, not indeed by going against his justice, but by doing something more than justice. – St. Thomas Aquinas*

**Saturday, February 27, 5:00 pm**

**Intentions of Marcella Furlong;** Furlong Family

**+Doug Furlong;** The Family

**Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent  
Our Parish Community**

### READINGS FOR February 27/28

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 22 Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.  
Tues., February 23 Rev. Brendan McGrath  
Wed., February 24 Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, S.J.C.  
Thurs., February 25 Rev. Jason Kuntz  
Fri., February 26 Rev. Romelito Guillen  
Sat., February 27 Rev. Grayson Hope

### 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.

**At this time the parish office is only open on Wednesdays, limited hours. Please check for updates at [stteresaelmira.ca](http://stteresaelmira.ca) and on the Hamilton Diocesan website.**

**Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies and serious pastoral concerns.**

## FOODBANK NEEDS

Shampoo, Conditioner and Deodorant

### MINISTRIES for February 27/28

#### Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Debbie Yutzi  
9:30am Rick & Leona Weishar, Ray Denomme

#### Lectors

5pm Colleen Weber  
9:30am Tom O'Marra

#### Sign Ministry

Feb 22 Kieran Kelly

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are allowed to open our churches again. May God watch over us and keep us safe. As like last year, no parishioner is forced to come to Mass during the pandemic. All safety protocols will be in place in the church and all are welcome to come.

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](mailto: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.

- **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 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](http://www.woolwichcounselling.org) for more program details. Call 519-669-8651 or email [info@woolwichcounselling.org](mailto:info@woolwichcounselling.org) to register.

The next Reel Justice Film Festival is called **THE TRUE COST** being shown on **Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. To join the online screening R.S.V.P. in advance at <https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/contact-us/>. This film examines the true cost of the fast fashion industry. It is filmed in countries all over the world, from the brightest runways to the darkest slums and features interviews with the world's leading influencers including Stella McCartney, Livia Firth and Vandana Shiva.

### **COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE**

**VIRTUALLY!** Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See our website at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) for more information on these upcoming retreats and programs:

- Knowing the Heart of Jesus – February 26-28 – A weekend of guided prayer with Bill Clarke, S.J.
- Finding Your Way Retreat – February 26-28 – A weekend of discernment with Paul Panaretos, S.J. & Joe Waters.
- Turn, Turn, Turn Weekend – March 5-7 – with Greg Kennedy, S.J.

Elmira Mennonite Church invites you to **THEATRE OF THE BEAT'S ZOOM-PLAY, UNMUTE**, on **Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. which creates an important dialogue around the concept of domestic and gender-based violence, and the impact of the pandemic. There are only 100 spots, and registration is required at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZwoceyrTwtHtDwTxiipvXhOoxyn9mdCXui>. Check out the promotional video, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DMUWIDLXga4&feature=youtu.be>. UNMUTE deals with abuse, and assault. Not recommended for audiences under the age of 13.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, and 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. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**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 [gerard.marge@rogers.com](mailto:gerard.marge@rogers.com) or (905) 792-1925 or visit the website at: [www.me.org](http://www.me.org).

**RE: START – STARTING OVER AFTER SEPARATION OR DIVORCE WITH SUPPORT, CARE AND TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY** – We invite you to visit the Family Ministry Office on the Diocesan website <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> to see the programs offered and to register. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

### **ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021 REGISTRATION**

The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years of marriage on the Diocesan website at [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com). The Anniversary Mass is listed on the home page - click on the icon and you can register your anniversary. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** - Two kinds of love are on display in the month of February this year – one on Valentine's Day celebrating romantic love and one on February 17th, Ash Wednesday, celebrating the infinite love of a merciful God. When we recognize the depth of God's love, so powerful that nothing can separate us from it, we feel secure that God is always with us. Both these loves are important and this is a great month to help children understand that God is responsible for both. Talk to them about how He created us to want to be in relationships, care about others and love important people in our lives. Help them to understand that the six weeks of Lent ends with the celebration Easter. Easter, the day we rejoice over Christ's resurrection and through his love, our ability to spend eternity in Heaven.

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