

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of
Lent

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Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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.

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



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26TH

Tuesday, February 27,

6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (led by the Knights)

7:05 pm

+Joseph & Annamae Eckert; Estate

+William & Betty Walter; Estate

You cannot better appreciate your worth than by looking into the mirror of the Cross of Christ; there you will learn how you are to deflate your pride, how you must mortify the desires of the flesh, how you are to pray to your Father for those who persecute you, and to commend your spirit into God's hands. – St. Anthony of Padua

Wednesday, February 28, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Without humility of heart, all the other virtues by which one runs toward God seem – and are – absolutely worthless. – Bl. Angela of Foligno

Thursday, February 29, 12:05 pm

+Ronald & Jean Litt; Estate

+Maurice Downey; Bert & Helen Moore

Take care, above all things, not to insult God's boundless loving kindness. – St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Friday, March 1, 9:00 am – Maryhill

7:00 pm World Day of Prayer – Elmira Mennonite

Without God, we cannot. Without us, God will not. – St. Augustine

Saturday, March 2, 5:00 pm

+Theresa Cassel; Nancy Kamberidis

+Buster Ertel; Betty Ertel & Family

Sunday, March 3, Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR March 2/3

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Reading: Jn 4:5-42

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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| Mon., February 26 | Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski |
| Tues., February 27 | Rev. Timothy Higgins |
| Wed., February 28 | Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, R.S.C.J. |
| Thurs., February 29 | Rev. Michael King |
| Fri., March 1 | Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot |
| Sat., March 2 | Rev. Ronald Voisin |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 6:30 p.m. **Youth Choir & Parent Meeting** - Church

THU 7:00 p.m. **R.C.I.A. Session** – Library

MINISTRIES for March 2/3

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Phil Milan & Kathy Ziegler

9am Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme, Pat Ditner

Hospitality

5pm Sharon Both, Marianne Kieswetter

9am Ron Stemmler, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis

9am James Ready

Commentator

Judy Furlong

John Bruder

Children's Liturgy

Mar 3 Linda Bruder, Emily Beynon

Sign Ministry

Feb 26 Jim McInnis

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.

FOODBANK NEEDS

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to Father David Reilander for his Parish Mission. His theme of Reconciliation and Forgiveness was well received by those who attended from here and St. Boniface.

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. As we reflect on Jesus' transfiguration in today's Gospel, we see a glimpse of our own conversion. We are invited to an inner change that can transform our lives completely. The first step is to walk with the Lord.

Fr. Peter

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA: A

MOVEMENT OF SOLIDARITY – In Bolivia, Fundacion NUNA contributes to the economic, political, social and cultural development of each individual, building fair and equitable relationships to preserve life and nature.

FIRST COMMUNION – Just a reminder that there will be a **Parent First Communion Meeting on Tuesday, March 19th** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Teresa's Church. This meeting will address final plans for First Communion.

CONFIRMATION – Parents/guardians of Confirmation students (Grade 7) are invited to join us for a **Parent/Student Confirmation Information Meeting on Wednesday, March 20th** at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa's Church, Elmira. Come and learn about the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you know of anyone attending a public school who wishes to be confirmed please let them know of this meeting.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING – Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2024 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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, 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.

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.

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.

Do you ever wonder how God is at work in your life? Sometimes we struggle to see it, to hear his voice – or to find the "right words" to confidently share the truths of our faith with love, especially in challenging situations. Attend the "St. Agnes Education Cafe" talk: **"SPEAKING OUR TRUTH AS CATHOLICS: THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"**. Special guests Bishop Wayne Lobsinger & Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, on **Sunday, March 3rd**, at 1:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, March 7th** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour to praying? Please pray for an end to abortion and pray for the conversion of hearts. Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

KW RIGHT TO LIFE DINNER is on **Friday, March 8th, 2024** at the Knights of Columbus Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. Purchase your Fish Dinner at the door. The bar opens at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. The speaker, Josie Luetke, Director of Education & Advocacy Campaign Life Coalition, is at 7 p.m. Call 519-746-5433 to reserve your seat(s) early as there is limited seating. There will be prolife items for sale plus Archangels Sacramentals.

Mark your calendars for the **GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, March 19, 2024** at 7 p.m. at the Guelph & Area Right to Life Office, 26 Norfolk Street, Guelph. Doors open at 6:40 p.m. Light refreshments provided. This year's Annual General Meeting will be held in person and online via video conference. **R.S.V.P. by Friday, March 15th**. If you are joining online, a meeting link will be sent out closer to the date.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – We do not know why Jesus chose only those three apostles instead of taking all of them. Perhaps, in the shadow of Christ's impending Passion, this was precisely what they needed most. Maybe Jesus wanted to provide them with a moment they would remember when witnessing His crucifixion. They witnessed a deeply intimate moment, hearing the Father affirm, "You are my beloved Son." Can you also hear God speaking to you: "You are my beloved Son, you are my



beloved Daughter"? Are you willing to let Jesus lead you to those places where such profound truth can be felt most deeply? Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca, and catch the second episode of InfluenCR!

VOCATION SEEDS – If you need examples of persons responding to God's call, look at Abraham and Sarah - called in old age to leave their country and have a child. Then Abraham was asked to sacrifice that child. What faith! Answering God's call to be a priest, brother, sister or deacon is also taking a great risk. If you are willing, and think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MARRIAGE TIP – The month of February, known as the month of love, can sometimes create unrealistic expectations for couples. "Real" love supports their spouse when they have had a bad day, creates ways to spend time together, offers help without asking and is self-giving, not self-receiving. This month, take the time to look for ways to support the one you love and you will experience a deeper, more connected relationship. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Are you a man 18 years of age or older who is a practicing Catholic and interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and growing in our faith? Then why not join our Knights of Columbus council. Become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world, supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values and a shared desire to be the man God has called us to be. Please email us at: gk8192@ontariokofc.ca and help put faith in action.



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