

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

February 26, 2017  
Eighth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,  
1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. David Lewis  
**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer  
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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

Andrea Visneskie  
Barb Vodicka  
Dan Ziegler  
Fr. David Lewis  
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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  
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. ✠

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Tuesday, February 28, 7:05 pm</b> +Mary Martin; Rita Lorbetski <i>You aspire to great things? Begin with little ones. – St. Augustine</i>
<b>Wednesday, March 1, Ash Wednesday</b> 10:00 am Intentions of Fr. David Lewis; Parishioner 7:00 pm +Dennis Day; Cheryl & Gord Dunn
<b>Thursday, March 2, 12:05 pm</b> +Ron Weber; Colleen Weber +Mary Rongits; Bob Rongits <i>Acquire the Holy Spirit and thousands around you will acquire salvation. – St. Seraphim Sarov</i>
<b>Friday, March 3,</b> 9:00 am +Elgin Cassel; Linda & Vince Spilek 9:30 am – Noon Adoration 6:45 pm – Stations of the Cross <i>Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. – Pope Francis</i>
<b>Saturday, March 4, 5:00 pm</b> Intentions of Michael Bertin; Armand & Lucy Bertin +Aloysius Downey; David, Sharon & Jacob Bouzane
<b>Sunday, March 5, First Sunday of Lent</b> 9:30 am Our Parish Community <b>During 9:30 am Mass</b> First Communion Class

#### READINGS FOR March 4/5

First Reading: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7  
 Second Reading: Rom 5: 12-19  
 Gospel Reading: Mt 4:1-11

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>WED</b>	7:00 pm	5 p.m. Choir Practice – Church
	7:00 pm	9:30 a.m. Choir Practice – Seminar
<b>THU</b>	10:45 am	Quest Scripture Study – Library
	7:00 pm	Seminar of Hope - Library
<b>SAT</b>	10:30 am	R.C.I.A. - Rectory

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., February 27	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Tues., February 28	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Wed., March 1	Ash Wednesday
Thurs., March 2	Rev. Peter Meyer
Fri., March 3	Rev. James Petrie
Sat., March 4	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam

#### MINISTRIES for March 4/5

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Peggy Kelly, Phil Milan  
 9:30am Charlotte Mueller, Joyce & Ron Stemmler

##### Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly, Doris & Mike Snelling  
 9:30am Bill & Anne Hanley, Linus & Pat Ditner

##### Altar Servers

5pm Patsy Pond  
 9:30am Ailah Kauk, Lana Kauk, Ryan Diemert

##### Lectors

5pm Kevin Dupuis  
 9:30am Tom O'Marra  
 Matthew Griffin

##### Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter  
 Larry Glofcheskie

#### Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Mar 5 Marianne Kieswetter

#### Sign Ministry

Feb 27 Ray Denomme

#### 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.

Last Sunday evening, there was a meeting of our **SYRIAN SPONSORSHIP MINISTRY** to discuss the next steps for us. Our Syrian family will not be coming to Elmira. In this meeting of the whole, we decided to continue our ministry of sponsorship. We feel that we still need to limit family size to 2, 3 or 4 family members but we are now open to welcoming a family of any of the 12 nationalities that are part of the BVOR program. We have changed our name to read: **ST. TERESA OF AVILA MINISTRY FOR NEW CANADIANS.**

#### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Our Share Lent

**SOLIDARITY CALENDAR** is an insert in the bulletin today. Please find daily suggestions to do for your own Lenten journey, starting next week,. Our Share Lent collection will take place on **Sunday, April 2, SOLIDARITY SUNDAY.** Donations received that day will provide vital support to the poorest populations of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. Today, Development and Peace supports 173 partners and 194 projects in 46 countries around the world. This is our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of service to the world.

The Catholic Women's League is spearheading a **SPECIAL LENTEN PROJECT.** We will be collecting donations for Monica Place for Pregnant and Parenting Youth. Monica Place empowers young women who are pregnant, parenting or choosing adoption to make informed and healthy choices for themselves and their children. Instead of "giving something up" for Lent, here is a way of "giving" for Lent. Please see the flyer in the bulletin for donation suggestions.

#### WILLS & POWER OF ATTORNEY INFORMATION

**NIGHT:** The Catholic Women's League is hosting an information night on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in the library. All parishioners are welcome.

**REMINDER:** Please sign up to **help with the KITCHENER REGIONAL MEETING** being hosted at St. Teresa's on **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.** Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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.

**GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS** – For this year's Garden Party to be held on Friday, June 9, 2017 we are in need of prizes with a value of at least \$100 or more. Prize donations may be dropped off at the church office by calling the church office at 519-669-3387 or emailing [teresagardenparty2013@gmail.com](mailto:teresagardenparty2013@gmail.com) to **commit to supplying a prize**. The **deadline** to record all prizes is **Wednesday, March 15, 2017**. Thank you for your support.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 24, 2017** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall, Elmira. There will be two sittings – 5:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Take out will be at 6:00 p.m. Cost is Adults \$15.00; Children (12 & under) \$8.00; and Take Out is \$15.00. Advanced tickets are available until March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Purchase your tickets after the Masses beginning February 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> or at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Office between 9:00 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call (519) 669-3387. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex beginning March 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

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.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** for a part time Administrative Assistant to provide support to an energetic, enthusiastic ministry team at Floradale Mennonite Church. Hours are Tuesday through Friday morning. Please see [www.floramc.org](http://www.floramc.org) for further details. **Application deadline is February 27<sup>th</sup>**.

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](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

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."

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE** at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive Elmira on **Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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 JOY OF LOVE LENTEN SERIES** - Pope Francis wrote a beautiful and rich Exhortation called **Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love**. This document evolved from the Synods on the Family of the past few years, and offers a clear description of the challenges for families today, as well as a wealth of suggestions for how we can find and enjoy the love in our own families. Join us for a four part Lenten Series led by Fr. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. on **Thursday afternoons: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup>**. We begin with Mass at 1 p.m., series talk at 1:30 p.m. There will be a break with refreshments, group discussion and Q and A. You do not have to read the exhortation before coming to the series, but if you wish to you can access it online at: [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

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.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – "No one can serve two masters." If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) or at 905-528-7988 or check out [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.com).

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