

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

February 26, 2023

First Sunday  
of Lent

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**Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm



### Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am

### 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

Debbie Yutzi

Fr. Peter Meyer

Ken Gallipeau

Dan Lauzon

#### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith

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Barb Vodicka

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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

519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

### St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo

519-885-1340 Website: [stdavid.wcdsb.ca](http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca)

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 27th

**Tuesday, February 28, 7:05 pm**

**+Gertrude Scherrer;** Knights of Columbus Council  
8192

**+Edna McCormick;** Bill & Anne Hanley

*The ordinary acts we practise every day at home are of more importance to the soul than their simplicity might suggest. – St. Thomas More*

**Wednesday, March 1, 9:00 am – Maryhill**

*An attachment can empty you of both holy solitude and the spirit and joy of God. – St. John of God*

**Thursday, March 2, 12:05 pm**

**+Larry & Dolorosa Bouzane;** Kay Bouzane & Family

**+Clare Downey;** Agnes Downey & Barry Norris

*Lent comes providentially to reawaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. – Pope Francis*

**Friday, March 3, 9:00 am - Maryhill**

*Take yourself off to the garden of olives or the foot of the cross and stay there. Our Lord will speak to you; and you listen to him. – St. Bernadette*

**Saturday, March 4, 5:00 pm**

**+Mary Rongits;** Robert Rongits

**+Joanne Dillon;** Robert Rongits

**Sunday, March 5, Second Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 am Our Parish Community**

**11:00 am Maryhill**

**Sign Ministry**

Feb 27 Jim McInnis

## FOODBANK NEEDS

Juice, Peanut Butter & Lipton Cup-A-Soup

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are now in the Season of Lent. The Stations of the Cross and Adoration are special events that are part of Lent. I encourage you to come and join us.

Beginning Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> the Parish Office will be closed on Mondays. Be assured that the telephones will be monitored on those days.

Fr. Peter

Join us for the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. (before Mass) beginning February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for **ADORATION** on the First Thursday of the month from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. (after Mass) beginning March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023** is being hosted by Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira on **Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>** at 7 p.m. This year's program was written by women from Taiwan. Refreshments to follow the service. Freewill offering to go to Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

## READINGS FOR March 4/5

First Reading: Gn 12:1-4a

Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:8b-10

Gospel Reading: Mt 17:1-9

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**MON** 7:00 pm **C.W.L. Lenten Circle** - Library

**SAT** 4:00 pm **5:00 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church

## HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., February 27 Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.  
Tues., February 28 Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.  
Wed., March 1 Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Thurs., March 2 Rev. Sutherland MacDonald, C.R.  
Fri., March 3 Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.  
Sat., March 4 Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.

## LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For parishes - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## MINISTRIES for March 4/5

### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy Pond  
9am Ken Gallipeau

### Hospitality

5pm Kieran and Geoff Kelly  
9am Ron Stemmler, Mike and Sharon Noel

### Lector

5pm Armand Bertin  
9am Tracy Kroetsch

### Commentator

Lisa Denomme  
Larry Glofcheskie

**2022 TAX RECEIPTS** - Tax receipts for the 2022 year are ready for pick up in the hallway.

**COFFEE SUNDAYS** - Please join us for fellowship after Mass on Sunday mornings. Mark your calendars for the following Coffee Sundays.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>** – Come and celebrate St. Patrick & St. Joseph Day. If you are able to host please contact the Parish Office.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - If you are able to host please contact the Parish office.

**NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY....** There are some new & interesting books in the library for your study and reading pleasure. We now have new books in the life of St. Teresa of Avila, St. Theresa of Lisieux and many more of our Great Saints. Also, with Lent upon us there are many books in the Prayer section to help guide us through this penitential season in preparation for the experience of EASTER!

**C.W.L. AROUND THE LENTEN CIRCLE** - All parishioners are invited to gather around the Lenten circle for small group discussions. For six Monday evenings we will read and reflect on the scriptures for the five Sundays of Lent and Palm Sunday, share our thoughts and experiences, and feed our body and soul as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Please join us for these small group sessions on **Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>** from 7 - 8 p.m. in the library, followed by snacks and fellowship. Hosted by the St. Teresa C.W.L. All are welcome! For more info contact Alice Soeder at [alice\\_soeder@hotmail.com](mailto:alice_soeder@hotmail.com) or 519-669-1859.

**FUNERAL CHOIR** – We are looking to enhance our Funeral Choir with new members for this important Sacrament. If you have time to share your gift of music with this choir and would like more information contact the church by email at [stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com) or call 519-669-3387.

**CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING** – Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2023 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

**THE LEGACY OF FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE A TEN YEARS FROM HIS ELECTION - March 9, 2023 | 7:30 p.m. | SJU's Notre Dame Chapel (SJ1)**

Register in advance for IN PERSON attendance only. Live Stream option available on this page on the evening of the lecture, for those unable to attend in person.

**About the Lecture**

Dr. Massimo Faggioli's lecture will try and offer an assessment of Pope Francis' pontificate at ten years from his election on March 13, 2013. Among the topics addressed by the lecture: Francis' ressourcement of Vatican II against traditionalism and fundamentalism; the relationship between the Church and the world, between internal issues and global challenges; the handling of the abuse crisis; the turn to a "synodal Church". The presentation will offer a few insights on the historical and theological meaning of Pope Francis' pontificate. Complimentary parking - accessible - refreshments served prior to the lecture. Tickets: Please go to the SJU's website and click on the link.

Solemnity St. Joseph – Join us for Mass on **Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 3.00 p.m. in the newly renovated Chapel at the Carmel of St. Joseph, St Agatha. The celebrant will be Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. Light refreshments to follow.

Join the **REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** for our fun family screening of **COCO** on **March 23, 2023** at 6:30 p.m. This delightful film follows young Miguel as he dreams of becoming an accomplished musician, despite his family's generations-old ban on music. Themes of Family and Community, Dignity of the Human Person, Forgiveness, and Cultural Diversity are explored. The screening will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at [www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/](http://www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/). A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.

**CARD PARTY** - St. Anthony Daniel Parish C.W.L. is hosting a Card Party on **Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** in the St. Anthony Daniel Parish Life Centre. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 noon. Cost is \$15 per person which includes lunch, refreshments, and prizes and

lots of fun playing your favorite game with friends. Plan to join us. For tickets contact the parish office at 519-893-6960 or Linda Howey at 519-893-2534.

**CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA** - Our annual fundraiser is scheduled for April 27, 2023 and this year we have a wonderful 1940s theme complete with a Big Band and a menu that will bring back a sense of nostalgia for some of you and a wish to be born in more simpler times by others. Most importantly, the Gala gives us an opportunity to introduce and re-introduce to you, Catholic Missions In Canada. Catholic Missions In Canada is one of the best kept secrets to our Canadian Catholic community. In 2023 we are starting an awareness campaign. People need to know that in most areas in Canada, religious services like Mass, baptism, religious instruction, confession and so on, are not readily available. **People need to know that CMIC exists to advance and sustain the Catholic faith in Canada...and they need to know that they can help.** We would really love to see you and we would really appreciate it if you could bring somebody along so that they can learn what we are all about and have a great evening as well. There will be individual ticket sales and sponsorship and donation opportunities. If you wish to know more about the Gala and the sponsorship opportunities available now visit the website @[www.cmic.info](http://www.cmic.info).

**EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY** - Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will look at *Chapter 3 – The Moral Life of the Church*. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** - Manners matter because they promote respect between your child and every person with whom they engage. Doing so will promote higher self-esteem, making your child feel more confident in all areas of their lives. Manners are both taught and caught, so continually remind them about, as well expect them to use, manners. More importantly, model manners in all you do, including your own interactions with your children. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Offertory collection for February 25/26:</b>	<b>\$4,962.12</b>
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,724.64</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$84,816.10</b>

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