

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 4, 2024
Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Office Hours:

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

Dianne Brenner Fr. Peter Meyer

Karolina Amos Ken Gallipeau

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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

75 First St. W., Elmira

519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

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. ✠

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5TH

Tuesday, February 6, No Mass

As soon as I believed there was a God, I understood I could do nothing else but live for him. My religious vocation dates from the same moment as my faith: God is so great. There is such a difference between God and everything that is not. – St. Charles de Foucauld

Wednesday, February 7, No Mass – Maryhill

If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself. – St. Augustine

Thursday, February 8, No Mass

A church that does not join the poor, in order to speak out from the side of the poor against the injustices committed against them, is not the true Church of Jesus Christ. – St. Oscar Romero

Friday, February 9, No Mass – Maryhill

Nothing is so strong as gentleness, nothing so gentle as real strength. – St. Francis de Sales

Saturday, February 10, 5:00 pm

+Mary Kelly; The Family
Intentions of Marcella Furlong; The Family

Sunday, February 11, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day of the Sick, World Marriage Day
9:00 am Our Parish Community
11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR February 10/11

First Reading: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46
Second Reading: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1
Gospel Reading: Mk 1:40-45

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., February 5	Rev. Robert Sims
Tues., February 6	Rev. Charles Galea
Wed., February 7	Missionaries
Thurs., February 8	Rev. Robert Kiffman
Fri., February 9	Rev. Pablito Labado
Sat., February 10	Rev. Edward Mahony

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON 7:00 p.m. **C.W.L. Executive Meeting** – Library
TUE 3:15 p.m. **Altar Server Training** – Church
THU 3:15 p.m. **Altar Server Training** – Church
7:00 p.m. **R.C.I.A. Session** – Library

MINISTRIES for February 10/11

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Sharon Both, Tim Baillargeon
9am Ray Denomme, Pat Ditner, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm Greg & Sue Goetz
9am John Bruder, Mike & Sharon Noel

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis
9am Leona Weishar

Commentator

Patsy Pond
Joan Couto

Children's Liturgy

Feb 11 Ken Gallipeau, Theresa Mendler

Sign Ministry

Feb 5 John Bruder

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)

YOUTH CHOIR – The Youth Choir is beginning at St. Teresa Church. Please join Ken Gallipeau for a 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 please email the church at stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.

Mark your calendar for our **PARISH MISSION** on **February 17, 18, 19 and 20** led by Fr. David Reilander. The topic is Reconciliation and Forgiveness. Father Reilander will be speaking at the Saturday night Mass, February 17th at St. Teresa, Sunday morning Mass, February 18th at St. Teresa at 9 a.m. and at St. Boniface at 11 a.m., Sunday night, February 18th at 7 p.m. at St. Boniface, Monday night, February 19th at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa and Tuesday night, February 20th at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa. All are welcome!

C.W.L. – The results are in!

We recently had our elections and a new CWL Executive was elected for 2024-2026:

Barb Vodicka - Past President
Deirdre Ward - President
Monique Conlin - Vice-President
Leona Weishar - Secretary
Cheryl Dunn - Treasurer

Colleen Jack - Standing Committee Chair
Karolina Amos - Standing Committee Chair
Iris Miltenburg - Standing Committee Chair
Congratulations! May Our Lady of Good Counsel guide you in your ministry!

We are always looking for new members! If you are 16 or older and are interested in joining, please contact the office.

The **DONATION RECEIPTS FOR 2023** are ready for pick up. They are in the hallway.

SOUPS ON! Everyone is welcome to join us following the 5 p.m. Mass on **Saturday, February 24th**, the Coldest Night of the Year, for a light supper of soup, bread and dessert ... in recognition of those who live out in the cold and need our support. There will be a freewill offering box to accept donations to this cause in our area. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the narthex so we have an idea of numbers. There will be enough soup for all.

LANCASTER PA 2024 TRIP UPDATE – Mark your calendars for **October 1- 4, 2024**. There was an insert in a previous bulletin which included the price and all that is included in the price. Please contact Lisa Zettel to book your spot. She will be collecting the cheques closer to the deadline and taking them to Stratford for you. Her email is lzettel@bell.net or home phone is 519-749-9700 if you have any questions.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.), social with food (7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), praise night and vocations testimony (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on **Friday, February 3rd** at St. Michael Catholic Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Guelph & Area Right to Life presents **40 DAYS FOR LIFE CANDLE LIGHT PRAYER** on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024** from 7 – 7:30 p.m. at the city sidewalk in front of the Guelph Cenotaph (across from Guelph CHC), Woolwich and Eramosa Road, Guelph. You are invited to join local pastors and church community members for a Candle Light Prayer gathering to recognize the start of the vigil in Guelph. The 40 Days for Life runs from February 14 – March 28, 2024.

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 Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira presents **ERICK TRAPLIN** on **Saturday, February 17, 2024** at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 per child. Adults are free when accompanied by a full-paying child. Advanced ticket sales only. Tickets will not be available at the door. Price includes entertainment by Erick Traplin, snacks and a make-your-own-sundae bar (over 20 toppings). **For tickets**, please contact Jocelyn Schaefer **BEFORE February 5, 2024** at mrsschae1@gmail.com or call or text 519-575-2668. E-transfer payment to bookkeeper@galespresbyterian.com. Proceeds will be used to fund improvements to their outdoor community space.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR KICK-OFF! CNOY 2024 is February 24, 2024! Gather your team and register at <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>. This is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for Woolwich Community Services! WALK with us and join our community dinner following the event, sponsored by local businesses! Our goal is to raise \$75,000 by February 24, 2024. To accomplish this goal, Woolwich Community Services is looking for 20 team captains (of all shapes, sizes and ages) who will recruit friends and family to their team and who will set a fundraising goal. Each member on your team can set a goal of finding 5 people to donate to their campaign. Every walker who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 (for adults) gets the famous Coldest Night toque as thanks for being amazing fundraisers.

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. Save the date.

RESSURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – This past Friday, February 2nd, the Church celebrated the World Day for Consecrated Life. In addition to the commitments a consecrated person makes, there are also charisms that they share. A charism – Pope Francis says – is not given by the Holy Spirit to be preserved like a bottle of distilled water – but to be opened and allowed to go out, to bring life, growth, renewal, and transformation. 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also, for that is what I came out to do.' This is the logic of charisms. If you're intrigued by how the Resurrectionists' charisms bring life, growth, and transformation, check out the first video of our series called "InfluenCR," featuring interviews with those touched by their apostolic mission.



VOCATION SEEDS – Jesus created much excitement in His day through His preaching, teaching, and healing. Today, the Church communicates that same wonder and grace by those active in priesthood, religious life, and lay ministries. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for January 20/21:	\$3,106.00
Offertory collection for January 27/28:	\$3,181.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$121,066.18
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