

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

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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 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 (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  
Fr. Peter Meyer  
Ken Gallipeau  
Leona Weishar  
Lisa Denomme

#### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
Jason Adams Kris Kauk  
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar  
Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

#### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

#### Knights of Columbus

Adrian Miltenburg

#### 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.

February 29 2020

Fifth Sunday of  
Ordinary Time



### 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. ✠

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Tuesday, February 11, 7:05 pm</b> <b>+Wilfred Mayville;</b> Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>The rosary helps us to be conformed ever more closely to Christ until we attain true holiness. – St. John Paul II</i>
<b>Wednesday, February 12, 12:05 pm</b> <b>+Leona Ellig;</b> Ray & Trudy Denomme <i>Walk with your feet on earth, but in your heart be in heaven. – St. John Bosco</i>
<b>Thursday, February 13, 12:05 pm</b> <b>+Adrian Vorstenbosch;</b> Knights of Columbus Council 8192 <i>Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. – St. Teresa of Calcutta</i>
<b>Friday, February 14, 9:00 am</b> <b>9:00 am +Agnes Bender;</b> Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt <b>9:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> Adoration <i>Make your people known for the unity and profession of their faith. – St. Cyril</i>
<b>Saturday, February 15, 5:00 pm</b> <b>+Walter Kieffer;</b> The Family <b>+Ardith Fiebig;</b> Judy Furlong & Jim Schmitt
<b>Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>9:30 am Our Parish Community</b>

#### Altar Servers

5pm Phil Milan  
 9:30am Katelyn Grosz, Evan Grosz, Rachel Grosz, Luke Cassidy

#### Lectors

5pm Tom O'Marra  
 9:30am Michelle Siebel-Achenbach  
 Maria Diemert

#### Commentator

Kevin Dupuis  
 Linda Bruder

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

Feb 16 Debbie Yutzi

#### Sign Ministry

Feb 10 Marty Merlihan

#### Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Feb 19 Marianne Kieswetter

The next **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** is on **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** at Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, at St. Jerome's University Academic Centre at 7:30 p.m. Michael Enright, host of CBC Radio's The Sunday Edition, will speak about "The God Beat: Writing about religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Free of charge but please register at [www.sju.ca/lce](http://www.sju.ca/lce). Free parking. Wheelchair accessible. Refreshments served prior to the lecture.

#### READINGS FOR February 15/16

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20  
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10  
 Gospel Reading: Mt 5:17-37

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE** 7:35pm **Parish Pastoral Council Mtg** – Library  
 7:30pm **Confirmation Session** - Hall  
**WED** 7:30pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Church

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

##### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., February 10 Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger  
 Tues., February 11 Rev. William Foote  
 Wed., February 12 Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 Thurs., February 13 Rev. Robert Love  
 Fri., February 14 Rev. Edward Hinsperger  
 Sat., February 15 Very Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen

#### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

#### FOODBANK NEEDS

Kleenex and Sugar

#### MINISTRIES for February 15/16

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly, Kathy Ziegler  
 9:30am Ken Gallipeau, Agnes Downey and Barb Vodicka

##### Hospitality

5pm Greg & Brent Goetz, Jane Goll, Debbie Yutzi  
 9:30am Ron Stemmler, Adrian Miltenburg, Bill & Anne Hanley

A **FAMILY FUN DAY** is being hosted on **Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup>** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Road, Floradale featuring "Hands on Exotics" live animal show at 11:00 a.m. Bouncy castles, balloon animals, games and more!

#### MENTAL WELLBEING: SUPPORT FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY – SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER (SAD)

Join us on **Tuesday, February 18, 2020** from 5:45 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Woolwich Community Health Centre, 10 Parkside Drive, St. Jacobs. Learn signs and symptoms of Depression and Seasonal Affective Disorder during the winter season, discuss strategies for coping and how to say "no" if you just aren't up for socializing. Facilitated by Laura McShane, CHMA. There is **dinner** and conversation prior to the presentation so **registration is required by February 11, 2020**. To register call 519-664-3794 or 519-656-9025 or email [gberihun@wchc.on.ca](mailto:gberihun@wchc.on.ca). Everyone is welcome. There is no charge.

#### ACT 2 (SEPARATED & DIVORCED): WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL

– Are you separated and divorced? Would you like to have a relaxed evening out? Join us **Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, in the Parish Centre. Life change is never easy, but after a separation or divorce, it's particularly isolating. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us for our opening Wine and Cheese social – you belong! Register on line on our website – <http://www.stmichaelw.ca>, email - [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca), or call 519-884-9311.

**CCYMN HOPE COMES HOME CONFERENCE** - The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted

**Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation - *Christus Vivit* to day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including priests, religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for Catholic service agencies. There are bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For info about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit [www.hopecomeshome.com](http://www.hopecomeshome.com). If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, at 905-528-7988 ext. 2245 or [nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com).

Walk With Us! The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk on **Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Woolwich Community Services is hosting the **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**, a 2 km, 5 km and 10 km winter walk hosted in 100+ cities across Canada and in support of the work here in Elmira with the hungry, homeless and hurting. With your help, the goal is to raise \$50,000. To accomplish this goal, we are looking for registrations of teams of 8-10 people to walk and raise money with us that night. Anyone can register a team. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of \$150 or pay a \$25 registration fee without having to fundraise. A chili dinner is served afterwards. Every walker who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 for adults) gets our famous Coldest Night toque. If you have questions contact Leigh-Anne Quinn at 519-669-5139 or email [leighanne\\_wcs@yahoo.ca](mailto:leighanne_wcs@yahoo.ca). Register to walk, donate or volunteer by visiting: <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>.

#### **HEALTH EDUCATION, LONELINESS – THE IMPACT ON HEALTH AND WAYS TO REACH OUT AND CONNECT**

Join us on **Tuesday, February 25, 2020** from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Woolwich Community Health Centre, 10 Parkside Drive, St. Jacobs. Research shows that reduced social contact, being alone, isolation and feeling of loneliness have all been associated with a reduced quality of life in people of all ages. Loneliness has been associated with a number of negative outcomes such as poor health, decreased quality of life and life satisfaction. John Lord will be the speaker. To register call 519-664-3794 or 519-656-9025 or email [gberihun@wchc.on.ca](mailto:gberihun@wchc.on.ca). Everyone is welcome. No charge.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – Save the date! 40 days of pro-life prayer, fasting, and peaceful vigil will be **starting around the world on February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Locally, there will be a prayer vigil in Guelph across the street from the abortion pill clinic. For information on how to become involved and save lives in Guelph, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or visit [40daysforlife.com/guelph](http://40daysforlife.com/guelph).

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Starting on **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, volunteers around the world will be praying for an end to abortion! The annual 40 Days for Life campaign has had amazing results and will be happening again this year in Guelph. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the daily prayer vigil and assist with communications with participants. Hours per week are flexible, and the volunteering can be done from home. For more information, please contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or [info@40daysforlife.com](mailto:info@40daysforlife.com)

Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2020? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** on **Sunday, June 14, 2020** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 p.m. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance. Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Join us for a **PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF QUEBEC** from **Monday, August 3, 2020 to Friday, August 7, 2020**. Join us for 5 days of Masses, Stations of the Cross, recitation of the rosary and the Divine Mercies, tours of the shrines, and much more. Watch for the flyer advertising all the details. Please consider sharing a room with a friend. For more information, contact Rose Gunn 519-744-5923 or Angie Hunt 519-766-5262.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – “You are the light of the world.” Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest? If you think God is calling you to the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by telephone at 905-528-7988 or by email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### **CONSULTATION ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING**

The Canadian Department of Justice is having a Medical Assistance in Dying consultation, since the government is considering expanding the euthanasia law to those not dying. Let the government know that as a Catholic, you believe that the current safeguards and eligibility requirements need to be increased not lessened. You will be given the opportunity to provide written comments about the safeguards, the morality of the directives, and other factors of Canada's euthanasia law. This is your chance to influence how we move forward in this country with MAID. Please make your voice heard by filling out the survey at <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>.

#### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Offertory collection for February 1/2:</b>	<b>\$2,969.15</b>
<b>Average per envelope:</b>	<b>\$32.19</b>
<b>Electronic funds for the week: (based on 4 Sundays per month)</b>	<b>\$1,288.50</b>
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,724.64</b>
<b>Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:</b>	<b>\$94,377.15</b>

**Thank you!**



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