

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God

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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
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Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

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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

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. ✠

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD & EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 1st

<p>Tuesday, January 3, 7:05 pm Intentions of Bishop Crosby; 25th Anniversary +Betty Hauk; Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>Occupy your minds with good thoughts or the enemy will fill them with bad ones. Unoccupied, they cannot be. – St. Thomas More</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, January 4, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier</i></p>
<p>Thursday, January 5, 12:05 pm +Sister Doreen Gagnon; John & Linda Bruder +Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate <i>The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world. – St. John Paul II</i></p>
<p>Friday, January 6, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about. – St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i></p>
<p>Saturday, January 7, 5:00 pm +Kyle & Greg Kelly; The Kelly Family +Hank Wilms; Bill & Anne Hanley</p>
<p>Sunday, January 8, The Epiphany of the Lord 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR January 7/8

First Reading: Is 60:1-6
 Second Reading: Eph 3.2-3a:5-6
 Gospel Reading: Mt 2.1:1-12

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON – FRI Office Closed
SAT 4:00 pm 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church

MINISTRIES for January 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers
 5pm Patsy Pond
 9am Barb Vodicka

Hospitality
 5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Marilyn Hurlburt
 9am Ray Denomme, Diane & Paul Schutsa

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Armand Bertin	Lisa Denomme
9am	Leona Weishar	John Bruder

Sign Ministry
 Jan 2 Kieran Kelly

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 2	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Tues., January 3	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Wed., January 4	Diocesan Priests
Thurs., January 5	Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
Fri., January 6	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Sat., January 7	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For Educators- We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF January 8TH

<p>Tuesday, January 10, 7:05 pm +Margaret Sheardown; Marcella & Judy Furlong +Colleen Weber; St. Teresa C.W.L. <i>Do not let your troubles disturb your trust in God. – St. Faith is like a bright ray of sunlight. It enables us to see God in all things as well as all things in God. -St. Francis de Sales</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, January 11, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>To be a servant of Christ is to be truly free. – St. Agatha</i></p>
<p>Thursday, January 12, 12:05 pm +Maurice Downey; Paula & Scott Smith +Florence Ruby; Elaine Forler <i>It seems to me that we do not pay enough attention to prayer, for unless it arises from the heart which ought to be its centre, it is no more than a fruitless dream. Prayer ought to carry over into our thoughts, our words and our actions. – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i></p>
<p>Friday, January 13, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Pride makes us forgetful of our eternal interests. It causes us to neglect totally the care of our soul. – St. John Baptist de La Salle</i></p>
<p>Saturday, January 14, 5:00 pm +Ron & Jean Litt; The Estate +Salvatore Papalia; Mario Bellissimo</p>
<p>Sunday, January 15, 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR January 14/15

First Reading: Is 49.3:5-6
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3
 Gospel Reading: Jn 1:29-34

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THURS 7:00 pm Finance Committee Mtg – Library
SAT 4:00 pm 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church

MINISTRIES for January 14/15

Eucharistic Ministers
 5pm Phil Milan
 9am Ray Denomme

Hospitality
 5pm Kieran Kelly & Geoff Kelly
 9am Sharon & Mike Noel, John Bruder

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Connie Kaster	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Wally Malcolm	Joan Couto

Sign Ministry
 Jan 9 John Bruder

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 9	Baptism of the Lord.
Tues., January 10	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto, C.S.Sp.
Wed., January 11	Sisters of St. John the Baptist (C.S.J.B.)
Thurs., January 12	Rev. Allam Varlaki
Fri., January 13	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Sat., January 14	Rev. Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Sending my sincere appreciation to you, my amazing congregation. As well as a big thank you to my dedicated staff and all our volunteers, for your continued support and readiness to help over the past year. You all make this a very vibrant and thriving community. May the Lord bless you with his glorious riches throughout 2023. Happy New Year & God Bless You All.

Fr. Peter

FOODBANK NEEDS

Juice, Peanut Butter & Baking Supplies

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2023, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

HOUSEKEEPING DUTIES: Fr. Peter is quite busy between both parishes and is finding the work/life balance a challenge by himself. He is looking for help for 10-12 hours a week with cooking, laundry, and light housekeeping. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact the office or email Father directly, @ frpetermeyer@gmail.com

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD- January 8, 2023

“On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid Him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered Him gifts of gold frankincense and myrrh.” God asks us to give our lives. What treasures have been given to you to share with others in Christ's name? If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Dioceses of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

Mastering Your Money: A Financial Wellness

Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton - Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special zoom session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Mr. Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money'. He has delivered dozens of financial literacy presentations and is a sought-after media commentator on financial literacy. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link

BREATHING& CONNECTING TOGETHER- Child and Caregiver Yoga & Mindfulness Group Ages 5-9. In person group. This 5 week group will promote connection between caregiver and child through playful yoga poses, engaging therapy activities, breathing techniques and mindfulness strategies. Please bring your yoga mats. Fee is \$100.00 Mondays Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13 2023. Learn more and register @ info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651

LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH:LEARNING SKILLS TO SUPPORT OTHERS – ADULT WORKSHOP –

Wednesday January 25, 2023. No Cost Virtual Workshop. Mental health impacts everyone. Whether you're struggling with challenges caused by the pandemic or ongoing mental health concerns, conversations on this topic are essential. Join us on Bell Let's Talk Day to learn coping strategies to manage your own mental health. Learn more and register @ info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651

COPING WITH THE WINTER BLUES-Adult Workshop – Thursday January 26, 2023. 7-8 pm. Woolwich Counselling Centre presents this no cost virtual workshop. If your mood is as gloomy as the “blahs of winter”, join us to explore ways to ease that seasonal slump and reduce the winter blues. Learn more and register @ info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP – ADULT SESSION – No Cost, in-person sessions. Caregivers provide physical and emotional support to family members, neighbours, partners and friends. We recognize caregivers may also need support. We are here for you. Please join us for refreshments, conversation, community, and peer support. Please join us for one or all sessions. Thursdays, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, Jun. 1 2023 from 1-2 pm. Learn more and register @ info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651

The next **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** is on **Monday January 26, 2023.** at Notre Dame Chapel, SJ1 Classrooms and Library Building at St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Toby Collins CR will speak on “Tiny Resurrections for Today”. However tiny it may seem, Fr. Toby believes the presence of God is in each and every one of us. To discover it one must be willing to encounter the poor, less fortunate, oppressed, marginalized, and suffering. All are welcome to attend please join if this topic calls you. Admission is free, but please register using the attached link, as seating is limited. Tickets are not required at the door.

<https://ticketfi.com/event/4886/lectures-in-catholic-experience-fr-toby-collins-cr>

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR (CNOY) – You are invited to participate in this year's CNOY. What is CNOY, you may ask? CNOY is an annual fundraising walk for those experiencing homelessness or living in poverty in our community. Each year, this walk helps fund Ray of Hope's community centre program where we provide nutritious meals, laundry and shower facilities, and life-changing resources. So, invite your family and friends, bundle up, and join us for a walk with a purpose on Saturday, February 25th! Soup and Starbucks refreshments will be provided to all, and walkers who raise \$150.00 or more will be gifted a special CNOY toque at the event day registration. You can visit <https://cnoy.org/locations/kitchener> to register. Whether you walk the 2 or 5 km route, raise \$5 or \$500, all contributions are appreciated! We hope to see you at Ray of Hope Community Centre on February 25th!

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