

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

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Baptism of the Lord

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Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 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

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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. ✠

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 11TH

Tuesday, January 12, NO MASS

It seems to me that we do not pay enough attention to prayers; for unless it arises from the heart, which ought to be its centre, it is no more than a fruitless dream. – St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

Wednesday, January 13, NO MASS

Christ teaches that only those who become again, as it were, little children, and by the simplicity of that age cut off the inordinate affections of the vice, can enter the kingdom of heaven. – St. Hilary of Poitiers

Thursday, January 14, NO MASS

Some people come in your life as blessings. Some come in your life as lessons. – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Friday, January 15, NO MASS

Love is the bond of life, the mother of the poor and the teacher of the rich. It is the nurse of orphans, the attendant of the elderly, the treasure of the indigent and the common port of all the afflicted. – St. Gregory of Nyssa

Saturday, January 16, NO MASS

The Rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the holy Virgin...the Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty. – St. Therese of Lisieux

Sunday, January 17, TELEVISED MASS ON YOUTUBE ON OUR HOME PAGE 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR January 16/17

First Reading: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel Reading: Jn 1:35-42

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 11	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Tues., January 12	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Wed., January 13	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
Thurs., January 14	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Fri., January 15	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Sat., January 16	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath

At this time the chapel, church and office are closed. Please check for updates at stteresaelmira.ca and on the Hamilton Diocesan website.

Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies and serious pastoral concerns.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Shampoo, Conditioner and Deodorant

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

My Dear Parishioners,

Sunday Masses during the shutdown will be taped and uploaded through St. Teresa's YouTube on the website or just google YouTube St. Teresa's, Elmira. Be assured of my continued support and prayer. We ask Mary, our Mother to watch over us in these difficult times. Please leave a message on the parish office telephone if you have any concerns.

*Blessings,
Fr. Peter*

If you would like to join our **LIVING ROSARY GROUP** please email bmarkides@rogers.com and Deacon Basil will connect with you. He will need your email address so the zoom link can be sent to you. Deacon Basil can help you through the Zoom process. It is totally free and can be run on a computer or your cell phone and is safe and relatively easy to use.

The following is a prayer written by Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada.

CARE IN THE TIME OF COVID-19 – A PRAYER UPON MASKING

May I see the holy moment in the wearing of this cloth -a sign to the world that I care- a tangible and visible way of living my love for my neighbours, as I love myself.

Since my lips will be covered, may I uncover my heart, that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled, may I speak clearly, not only with my words but with my actions.

As the elastic touches my ears, may I listen carefully and may I be full of care for all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner, and each breath that it holds, be filled with divine love. By all that I hold sacred, by the love that is intended, I say these things, I take this action. May it be so. May it be so.

Do you feel called to care for people in need?

RAY OF HOPE needs people to serve coffee and meals to Community Centre guests, who are struggling with poverty and homelessness. You can be part of the solution for marginalized people, by **volunteering** in any number of our programs.

- Provide guests with hot meals, food hampers, shower and laundry facilities, and access to community nursing.
- RAP Room (Resource Advocacy Program): Assist guests in crisis and direct them to helpful community resources, like Cocaine Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, and the Hepatitis Group Support.
- Assist staff in helping in our GED class, Life Skills, Cooking, Canine Companion, Substance Support and Work programs.
- Help guests discover God's love for them through worship services held in the Community Centre's chapel through 5 different services.
- Sign up today by going to the Ray of Hope website; www.rayofhope.net and under "How you can Help", follow the volunteer prompts to complete an application. The Ray of Hope Community Centre is located at 659 King St. East (rear entrance off Stirling Lane) in downtown Kitchener, Ontario.

A WALK THROUGH FRATELLI TUTTI – 'Fratelli Tutti': With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives." (FT#1) These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. Join us on **Wednesday, January 27th** for a **90 minute Zoom webinar** to walk through this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to "all people of good will". Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office. Register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre, 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira is offering the **GLAD TO BE ME PROGRAM**. This program is a Self-Esteem Program for ages 4-7. This program is a **virtual fun-filled children's program** that promotes self-esteem and self-worth. This program runs on **January 27, 2021, February 23, 2021, March 31, 2021, April 28, 2021 and May 26, 2021** from 4 – 5 p.m. Visit www.woolwichcounselling.org for more program details. Call 519-669-8651 or email info@woolwichcounselling.org to register.

The **SHINE A LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL** is being held on **Thursday, January 28th, 2021** in front of Guelph City Hall from 7 – 8 p.m. Each year, we gather on the anniversary of the 1988 Supreme Court decision that struck down Canada's abortion laws, and left no protection for preborn children at any stage. This event is an hour-long time of outreach and inter-denominational prayer. At Shine a Light, we feature an illuminated number display that can't be missed, showing the number of abortions that have happened in Canada since legalization. Our goal is to reach local people who may not realize the enormous loss that abortion legalization has resulted in. Due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions, we ask you to R.S.V.P. in advance so we can plan ahead. It may be necessary for us to host this event in two separate locations with smaller groups. To keep up with all the details, R.S.V.P. by calling 519-836-6311 or email info@guelphforlife.com.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – SIGN UP TO PRAY! As the **February 17th** start date approaches, you'll be able to sign up to pray with us at the 40 Days for Life vigil in Guelph across the street from the Guelph Community Health Centre on Wyndham Street. It's here that the SHORE Centre (formerly called Planned Parenthood Waterloo) has an abortion pill clinic. You can view the prayer calendar and sign up online by visiting www.40daysforlife.com/guelph. You can also sign up by calling our office at 519-836-6311. If it's your first time participating, we'll make sure you are partnered with an experienced prayer volunteer who can answer all of your questions. The 40 Days for Life is from February 17th to March 28th, 2021. We are asking people to commit to a specific hour or hours each week to join us at the vigil. We always plan to have at least two people present at the prayer vigil at all times, with prayer happening every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. We will be keeping aware of guidelines around public gatherings, but our hope is that we will be able to safely pray at the abortion pill clinic for the entire 40 days! We hope God will use our witness to reach the women who are considering abortion, and fill them with hope and courage.

VOCATION SEEDS – As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon, or religious. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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