

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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

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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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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. ✠

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 15TH

Tuesday, January 16, 7:05 pm

+Joanne Moser; Marlene Runstedler

+Sylvester Moser; Greg & Sue Goetz

Jesus called Matthew: "Follow me." Following meant imitating the pattern of his life and not just walking after him. – St. Bede

Wednesday, January 17, 9:00 am – Maryhill

There is no need for us to go abroad on account of the kingdom of heaven, nor to cross the sea for virtue. For the Lord has told us before, the kingdom of God is within you. – St. Anthony

Thursday, January 18, 12:05 pm

+Mary Kay Butler; John & Linda Bruder

+Judy Gambacourt; Judy Furlong

What God wants of you... is that you should live each day as it comes, like a bird in the trees, without worrying about tomorrow. Be at peace and trust in divine Providence and the Blessed Virgin, and do not seek anything else but to please God and love God. – St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

Friday, January 19, 9:00 am – Maryhill

I have given everything to my Master: he will take care of me. The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us! – St. Josephine Bakhita

Saturday, January 20, 5:00 pm

+Helen Shutsa; Geoffrey Maher & Lisa Denomme & Family

+Doreen O'Grady; Art & Cecilia Moser

Sunday, January 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Word of God Sunday, Ecumenical Sunday

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

Children's Liturgy

Jan 21 Emily Beynon, Nicole Totten

Sign Ministry

Jan 15 Ray Denomme

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the gift of diversity in the Church – We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Pasta, Shampoo and Deodorant

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We are now in Ordinary Time which means we are in the days between Christmastide and Lent, and between Eastertide and Advent. The liturgical colour for Ordinary Time is green. The last Sunday of Ordinary Time is the Solemnity of Christ the King.

As we resume the gatherings for the R.C.I.A. candidates, I ask you to pray for them as they journey towards learning more about the Catholic Church and in their decision of whether they wish to join the church.

The parish office will be open from January 18th to 26th from 9 a.m. to Noon only.

Thank you for your prayers and good wishes for my anniversary of diaconate. It is an honour and a pleasure to serve you good parishioners.

Fr. Peter

READINGS FOR January 20/21

First Reading: Jon 3:1-5, 10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:29-31

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:14-20

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 15	Rev. Phillip Cook
Tues., January 16	Rev. Luc Payette
Wed., January 17	Youth Ministers
Thurs., January 18	Rev. David Weise
Fri., January 19	Rev. Tom Moisan
Sat., January 20	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus Fellowship – Hall
	7:30 pm	Knights of Columbus General Mtg - Hall
WED	7:00 pm	9 a.m. Choir Practice – Church

MINISTRIES for January 20/21

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Pat Ditner, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm	Sue & Greg Goetz
9am	Adrian Miltenburg, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Lector

5pm	Lisa Denomme
9am	Jim Goll

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
Mike Noel

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD – The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time (**January 21, 2024**) marks the celebration of Bible Sunday in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how #TheBibleSpeaks in our hearts and within our communities of faith. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2024. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/>.

The **CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS** are available in the hallway for pick-up. If you or anyone in your family experienced one of the Sacraments in 2023, they are a souvenir for your tree at home - Baptism (silver), First Communion (blue/white), Confirmation (red), Marriage (gold), RCIA (green) or death (purple).

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW, REVIVE – Join us for learning, support and fun on a Friday evening, held on the 2nd and 3rd Fridays of each month. These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. Contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 if you plan to attend in person and for the zoom link if joining online. We look forward to seeing you!

JANUARY 14, 2024

The next set of groups/workshops presented by Woolwich Counselling Centre are below. Please see the bulletin board for more information about each group/workshop.

- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**, adult session, no cost, in-person sessions on **Thursdays, February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, 2024** from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **STAND TALL**, ages 7-9, in-person group on **Mondays, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 2024** from 5-6 p.m. Fee is \$100. Further subsidies are available if needed.
- **HELPING TEENS MANAGE ANXIETY**, no cost, virtual workshop on **Wednesday, January 17, 2024** from 7-8 p.m.
- **SLEEP HYGIENE: CBT STRATEGIES FOR A RESTFUL SLEEP**, adult workshop, no cost, virtual workshop on **Tuesday, January 23, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH: LEARNING SKILLS TO SUPPORT OTHERS**, adult workshop, no cost, virtual workshop on **Wednesday, January 24, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **COPING WITH THE WINTER BLUES**, adult workshop, no cost, virtual workshop on **Thursday, January 25, 2024** from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **BUILDING BETTER BOUNDARIES**, adult workshop, no cost, in-person group on **Thursdays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024** from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **GLAD TO BE ME**, ages 4-7, no cost, in-person workshop on **Thursday, January 25, 2024** from 4 – 5 p.m.
- **PLAYFUL PARENTING**, Parenting workshop, no cost, in-person workshop on **Tuesday, January 30, 2024** from 7 – 8 p.m.

Check out the bulletin board for more information on each workshop. Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or by emailing info@woolwichcounselling.org or drop by at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira for any of the above groups/workshops.

See the Mental Health Series (zoom) below:

MINDFULNESS DROP-IN SESSIONS: MORE PRESENCE, LESS STRESS on **Tuesdays from January 23rd – March 26th** from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. Wanting to try some mindfulness strategies for the first time? Or perhaps you are already familiar with mindfulness but want to re-energize your practice? Let's take some time to slow down and focus on our own well-being during the winter months. Each week we will do a mindfulness strategy or two, then discuss what the experience was like. We'll also share some resources and explore ways to keep practicing on our own. People with either no experience or previous experience are all welcome. Join any or all sessions. Registration is required. To register for the health and wellness sessions, email/call or visit our website at www.wchc.on.ca and click on the Register Online tab.

SHINE A LIGHT – On **Monday, January 29th** from 7-8 p.m. meet at the sidewalk in front of Guelph City Hall at 1 Carden Street. The 1988 Supreme Court decision left preborn babies with no protection in Canada. You are invited to gather with Guelph & Area Right to Life on January 29th to pray and present a pro-life display that will shine a light on the negative impact of abortion in Canada as a result of the court's 1988 ruling. For more information, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or visit guelphforlife.com.

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.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Being a Catholic Christian has the potential to fill every aspect of life – every decision, failure, triumph – with personal meaning and satisfaction, because it is a personal invitation from Jesus. It will be a gradual process, and we need the help of others along the way – like Samuel in our first reading, and Simon Peter in today's Gospel. But it begins with a question that Jesus is asking you: "what are you looking for?" Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – A good vocation prayer to say every day - from the time we are young until we are in our golden years - is found in today's first Scripture reading: "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening". Just try it with sincerity, starting today and, 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.

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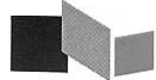
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