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



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 Debbie Yutzi Fr. Peter Meyer Ken Gallipeau Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith Maria Diemert Rick Weishar Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

Catholic Women's League

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Knights of Columbus

Frank McGuire

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.

January 16, 2022 Second Sunday of Ordinary Time



St. Teresa of Avila School

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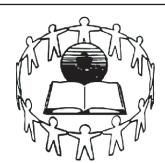
Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 17TH

Tuesday, January 18, 7:05 pm

+Lucy Bertin; Erl & Donna Anderson

God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to abandon ourselves unreservedly, so that we might be molded by God's grace, even as we cannot see where that path may lead us. – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Wednesday, January 19, 9:00 am

+Frank Walter; Ann McLeod

From humility of heart proceed serenity of mind, gentleness of conduct, interior peace and every good. – St. Paul of the Cross

Thursday, January 20, 12:05 pm

+Ron Eagle; Ed & Peggy Kulaga

It is not sinners, but the wicked who should despair; it is not the magnitude of one's crime, but contempt of God that dashes one's hopes. – St. Peter Damian

Friday, January 21,

9:00 am +Barbara Mayville; Marcella & Judy Furlong

9:30 - 11:30 am Adoration

Christ made my soul beautiful with the jewels of grace and virtue. I belong to him whom the angels serve. - St. Agnes

Saturday, January 22, 5:00 pm

+David Martin; Gord & Cheryl Dunn

+James Murdoch; Knights of Columbus Council 8192

Sunday, January 23, 9:30 a.m. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR January 22/23

First Reading: Neh 8:2-4a. 5-6, 8-10 Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30 Gospel Reading: Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 7:00 pm 9:30 am Choir Practice - Church

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 17 Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R. Tues., January 18 Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak Wed., January 19 Youth Ministers

Thurs., January 20 Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Fri., January 21 Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Sat., January 22 Rev. Timothy Higgins

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit, Cake/Muffin Mixes and Laundry Detergent

MINISTRIES for January 22/23

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kieran Kelly 9:30am Dianne McGuire Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Debbie Yutzi 9:30am Carol & Ed Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler

Lector Commentator
5pm Peggy Kelly-Kulaga Patsy Pond
9:30am Lisa Denomme Linda Bruder

My Dear Parishioners,

A special note to all parishioners at this time I want you to be assured of my prayers and support for you and your families. We are continuing to have Masses. With the heightened concern of the omicron variant I would encourage those with health concerns to not come to Mass. We want you to be safe and healthy. You are not obligated to come to Mass because of the pandemic. Continue to watch the bulletin for updates.

With these uncertain times, I really believe and know that this parish has been very supportive to one another and to me. For this we are very grateful.

Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ. The goal, toward which all of history is directed, is represented by the final Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

The Parish Office is closed. Donna will be in the office on Wednesdays. Any questions or concerns you have please call the Parish Office. The telephone is checked regularly every day.

Praying that you and your family stay safe and well!

Fr. Peter

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Giovanni Loris Centenero**, son of Loris and Nadia. We pray that God will help him to grow in holiness and wisdom.

To all **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERS**, the meeting scheduled on January 20th is cancelled.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2022, which are available in the hallway. For those who are donating electronically please also pick up your set of envelopes as they have only the envelopes for special collections. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER! Donate to our parish simply by buying and using gift cards for purchases you would be making every day! Simply email your order

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transfer funds to the same email address. For those wanting to pay by cheque please make the cheque out to Barb Vodicka. Gift cards will be mailed directly to your home. Please see the Fundraisers page on our website for the long and short order forms and all the details or contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162.

BIBLE SUNDAY - The Diocese of Hamilton celebrates Bible Sunday on January 23, 2022. Bishop Crosby has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen. We encourage you to visit our Diocesan webpage dedicated to Bible Sunday 2022. Here you will find resources for adults, youth and children to help foster a relationship with God's living Word: www.hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks.

OLD AGE SECURITY, SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND INCOME MAINTENANCE on Tuesday, January 25, **2022** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. This session focuses on: Information and Instructions to filling out Old Age Security applications in Canada; Social Assistance/Income maintenance; and discussion about the rights and responsibilities to tenants, including how to address maintenance issues in a rental unit and eviction matters. Presented by Steven Caswell and Kristen Thompson, Waterloo Region Community Legal Services. As physical distancing measures continue to be followed, Woolwich Community Health Centre is committed to offering health education using the virtual communication platform, Zoom. All sessions are free. Registration is required. To register, email Gebre at gberihuyn@wchc.on.ca, visit the website www.wchc.on.ca and click on the Register Online tab or call 519-664-3794 or 519-656-9025. Once you have registered, you will receive your invitation to participate closer to the date of the presentation. If you do not have internet access, you can attend the program using your telephone.

SHINE A LIGHT EVENT – On Friday, January 28th from 7-8 p.m., join us in gathering to pray and shine a light on the impact of abortion. On the anniversary of the 1988 Supreme Court decision that left preborn children with no protection in Canada, there will be a pro-life display showing the number of abortions that have happened in Canada, which is now about 4.5 million. This event will take place in front of Guelph City Hall at 1 Carden St. For more information, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or visit guelphforlife.com.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday**, **February** 3rd from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour praying? Two metres distancing will be observed. Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call Cathy at 519-742-9025.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE

VIRTUALLY! Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See the website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on upcoming retreats and programs.

Let us Dream Weekend Retreat (January 28-30) 8-day Directed Retreat (February 6-14). Please note that you can take a shorter retreat within these dates (i.e. 2-day, 3-day, 4-day, etc.).

Ignatius & Teilhard 5-Day Retreat (February 17-22) Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment (February 25-27). These virtual retreats may include video links and/or Zoom (or telephone) gatherings, and optional individual meetings with your spiritual director where indicated. Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for January 8/9: \$2,834.75 Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,724.64 Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$73,596.51

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