

St. Teresa of Avila

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9:00am – 1:00pm



January 17, 2021

Second Sunday of
Ordinary Time

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
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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

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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 OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 18TH

Tuesday, January 19, NO MASS

If the soul is sick, one must begin by treating the soul. Do you have faith? Do you believe that God can do something for you? Go confess yourself to the priest... then go to Communion. – St. Andre Bessette

Wednesday, January 20, NO MASS

If you do not hope, you will not find what is beyond your hopes. – St. Clement of Alexandria

Thursday, January 21, NO MASS

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

Friday, January 22, NO MASS

No one ought to be confident in his own strength when he undergoes temptation. For whenever we endure evils courageously, our long-suffering comes from Christ. – St. Vincent

Saturday, January 23, NO MASS

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever; even if your whole world seems upset. – St. Francis de Sales

Sunday, January 24, TELEVISED MASS ON YOUTUBE ON OUR HOME PAGE 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

READINGS FOR January 23/24

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 18	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski
Tues., January 19	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Wed., January 20	Youth Ministers
Thurs., January 21	Rev. David Perrin
Fri., January 22	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Sat., January 23	Rev. Timothy Higgins

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.

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.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Shampoo, Conditioner and Deodorant

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 Jesus, our Lord and God 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.

On behalf of **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – CARITAS CANADA**, I would like to take this opportunity to profoundly **thank you** for the stamps you sent to our office recently.

You can be assured that those stamps will be deeply appreciated by collectors. However, more importantly, the entirety of the proceeds from our stamp sales (as well as sales of postcards or any other philatelic pieces) will serve to fund programs we develop with our partners in the South.

The sums collected will support development and humanitarian projects in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, whether it be to combat the adverse effects of climate change or provide emergency relief during crises such as the recent Lebanon explosion.

Today, we can proudly say that since 1992, Development and Peace members have successfully raised more than \$600,000 through this project.

Once again, our organization thanks you for your gesture of solidarity.

Please accept our warm wishes for peace,
Stefany Dupont, Animator, Greater Montreal Region

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 programs that you can participate in.

- **Protecting the Girl in Me – Ages 10 -12, a Self-Awareness Group for Girls** on January 20, 27, February 3, 10 & 17, 2021 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Coping with the Winter Blues** on January 26, 2021 from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Glad to Be Me – Ages 4-7, a Self-Esteem Program** on January 27, February 23, March 31, April 28, and May 26, 2021 from 4 – 5 p.m.
- **CBT for Insomnia** on February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2 & 9, 2021 from 6:30-7:30 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 – 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. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Children love to read the same book repeatedly, eat the same lunch every day and they do best, in fact thrive, on a daily routine. The predictable makes children feel secure and competent because they know what to expect. With little children, routines for mealtimes, bed and bath times, prayer time and even playtime, can be a great comfort, making for happier children. This same wellness from routines also works for older children. The more routine in their lives, the more relaxed and happy their personality. So, start the New Year by creating a schedule for all family members, try it out and see how much peace can come to your household! From the Family Ministry Office thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.

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