

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 24, 2021

Third Sunday of
Ordinary Time

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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



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

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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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 25TH

Tuesday, January 26, NO MASS

Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints – they are your public. – St. John Mary Vianney

Wednesday, January 27, NO MASS

You will accomplish more by kind words and a courteous manner than by anger or sharp rebuke, which should never be used except in necessity. – St. Angela Merici

Thursday, January 28, NO MASS

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible. – St. Thomas Aquinas

Friday, January 29, NO MASS

Know that the greatest service that a person can offer to God is to help convert souls. – St. Rose of Lima

Saturday, January 30, NO MASS

Never will anyone who says their rosary every day be led astray. This is a statement that I would gladly sign with my blood. – St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

Sunday, January 31, TELEVISED MASS ON YOUTUBE ON OUR HOME PAGE**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

FOODBANK NEEDS

Shampoo, Conditioner and Deodorant

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Please make sure to check out the Bishop's Pastoral Letter reflecting on the challenges of the closure of our churches for worship during this second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic titled "For the Common Good". You can find it on our Parish website at stteresaelmira.ca or on the Diocesan website, www.hamiltondiocese.com.

There will be a survey on the Parish website requesting input on the Masses and Reflections that are posted on YouTube. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Sunday Masses during the shutdown are taped and uploaded through St. Teresa's YouTube on the website or just google YouTube St. Teresa's, Elmira.

The Parish Office is closed. Donations can be dropped off in the mailbox as the mail is checked each day or send via the post office. Any questions or concerns you have please call the Parish Office. The telephone is checked regularly every day.

Be assured of my continued support and prayer. We ask Jesus, our Lord and God to watch over us in these difficult times.

Blessings,
Fr. Peter

READINGS FOR January 23/31

First Reading: Dt 18:15-20
Second Reading: 1 Cor 7:32-35
Gospel Reading: Mk 1:21-28

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 25	Rev. Lawrence Parent
Tues., January 26	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Wed., January 27	Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
Thurs., January 28	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Fri., January 29	Rev. Meskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M.
Sat., January 30	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.

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.

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

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.

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 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 – The call of the disciples is so familiar to us that we tend to miss the wonder of the disciples' response, which was immediate and complete; they leave everything and follow Jesus. Can we do less if we feel that God is calling us to a Church vocation, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage unites two people together in an intimate partnership, allowing each person to feel loved and cared for by their spouse. God made us relational, so marriage meets our need for another in our lives and fulfills our deepest need to be known. Yet, sadly, too many married people feel lonely. So, why not make 2021 a year of joy? Talk to each other about your hopes for the future; tell your spouse about good things or bad that have occurred at work; share a joke, funny story or a frustrating event from your day. When we share our lives with another we connect more deeply, feel part of the other's life and loneliness disappears. This is an easy way to keep intimacy intact and loneliness away. From the Family Ministry Office, thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com.

ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021 - The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary on the Diocesan website at hamiltondiocese.com. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

RE: START – STARTING OVER AFTER SEPARATION OR DIVORCE WITH SUPPORT, CARE AND TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY – We invite you to visit the Family Ministry Office on the Diocesan website <https://hamiltondiocese.com/> to see the programs offered and to register. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

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