# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. David Lewis

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday 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 (4th 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

Andrea Visneskie Barb Vodicka Frank McGuire Fr. David Lewis Leona Weishar Lisa Denomme Marty Merlihan Peggy Kelly Phil Milan

#### **Building & Finance Committee**

Fr. David Lewis Diane Smith
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#### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Al Vodicka

#### Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or www.resurrectionist.net

#### **New Parishioners**

New parishioners, welcome! Please register at the office or pick up registration package in the church foyer.

#### **Bulletin Deadline**

Written submissions by Monday noon.

January 28, 2018 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



#### St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira 519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

#### St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo 519-885-1340 Website: stdavid.wcdsb.ca

> 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



#### MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>

#### Tuesday, January 30, 7:05 p.m.

+Parents & Brothers of Lucy Bertin; Armand & Lucy Bertin

Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal. – St. Thomas More

#### Wed., January 31, 12:05 a.m.

+Ina Kieffer; Helmunt Baur

Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary, help of Christians, and you will see what miracles are. – St. John Bosco

#### Thursday, February 1, 12:05 p.m.

Intentions of Fran Smith; Colleen Weber

God provides the wind, but you must raise the sails. – St. Augustine

#### Friday, February 2, No Mass & No Adoration

True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over. - St. Alphonsus Liguori

#### Saturday, February 3, 5 p.m.

+Betty Walter; The Family

+Ron Weber; Colleen Weber

Sunday, February 4, 9:30 a.m. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Parish Community

#### **READINGS FOR February 3/4**

First Reading: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7

Second Reading: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:29-39

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 7:35 pm Parish Council Meeting - LibraryWED 7:00 pm 5 p.m. Choir Practice - Church

7:00 pm 9:30 a.m. Choir Practice - Seminar

FRI Office Closed

## HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 29 Rev. Kevin D'Souza Tues., January 30 Rev. Peter Meyer

Wed., January 31 Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus

Christ, (p.j.c.)

Thurs., February 1 Rev. James Petrie
Fri., February 2 Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Sat., February 3 Rev. Stephen Gilbert

#### MINISTRIES for February 3/4

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5pm Stewart Logan, Tim Baillargeon, Judy Furlong 9:30am Joyce & Ron Stemmler, Rick Weishar

#### Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Jane Goll, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss 9:30am Adrian Miltenburg, Bill & Anne Hanley, Peter Antonello

#### **Altar Servers**

5pm Patsy Pond

9:30am Heike Elliott, Amber Elliott, Jordyn Kelly, Daniel Kelly

Lectors
5pm Connie Kaster
9:30am Sheila Bauman

Dianne McGuire

Commentator
Marianne Kieswetter
Lisa Denomme

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Feb 4 Trudy & Ray Denomme

**Sign Ministry** 

Jan 29 Pat Ditner

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Feb 7 Colleen Weber

#### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

#### **FOODBANK NEEDS**

Family-Sized Juices and Crackers

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting **COFFEE**, **JUICE AND SNACKS** in the hall after the 9:30 a.m. Mass on the **last Sunday of the month**. This month it is on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship.

Beginning in the New Year we will be offering SESSIONS COVERING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. These sessions would be especially helpful to those who often attend Mass with their families and would like to receive Communion with them. No commitment is called for to begin. The sessions are offered as an opportunity to explore. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of our new Catechism. If you are interested please speak to Father David or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

Join us for GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE LIGHT CHAIN on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 7 p.m. in front of Guelph City Hall or the KW RIGHT TO LIFE CANDLE-LIGHT PRAYER VIGIL at 6 p.m. in front of Kitchener City Hall (skating rink). All are invited to gather for prayer and witness marking the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that struck down Canada's abortion law. With a striking display of numbers, this event will raise awareness of the nearly four million lives that have been lost through abortion in Canada. Please take an hour to remember and help our community realize the value of each and every human life! For information, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311/info@guelphforlife.com or contact KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433/kwrtl@golden.net.

You are invited to an **OPEN HOUSE IN CELEBRATION OF FRANK BIESINGER'S 60**<sup>TH</sup> **BIRTHDAY on Sunday, January 28th** from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at the ALC Group Home, 118 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira.

Guelph & Area Right to Life invites you to its **ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER** on **Thursday**, **February 8**<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at The Mandarin Restaurant in Guelph. It will be a wonderful evening featuring updates about its work, a complimentary dinner, and opportunities to donate. Don't miss it! **RSVP by January 31**<sup>st</sup> by contacting the Right to Life office: info@guelphforlife.com, 519-836-6311.

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ADORATION FOR LIFE – Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist – Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. Come join us on **Tuesday**, **January 30**<sup>th</sup>, **2018** from 7:00 – 8:15 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener and **Saturday**, **February 3**<sup>rd</sup>, **2018** from 11 a.m. – 12 noon at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener (side entrance). Call KW Right to life for more information at 519-746-5433 or how you can start an Adoration for Life at your church. Prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil. Mt 4:1-11

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday**, **February 1**, **2018** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

SEEING THE WORD SESSION - On February 1, 2018 at the Chancery Office, the Liturgy Office will be hosting a Seeing the Word session for those who may be interested in delving a little deeper into God's Word through the illuminations of the Saint John's Bible. We will focus on a particular illumination from one of the volumes of the Saint John's Bible, giving participants an opportunity to experience the illumination through Visio Divina. We will be having one session a month until June, with a new illumination and theme every month. The sessions will be in the afternoon from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. We ask that those interested please contact Anthony De Feo at the Liturgy Office at adefeo@hamiltondiocese.com to register. All are welcome.

LOVE, HENRI - Letters on the Spiritual Life Presentation will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Rosary Parish, 175 Emma St, Guelph. Join us for this rendition of Henri Nouwen's letters and an introduction to the celebrated author and pastor by archivist Gabrielle Earnshaw. This is a presentation with musical accompaniment and is sponsored by The Henri Nouwen Society, Loyola House, and Holy Rosary Parish (Guelph). Freewill offering.

COME, RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE – Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See the website at loyolahouse.com for information on upcoming retreats and programs. HENRI NOUWEN RETREAT: A LIFE IN LETTERS & JOURNALS from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup>. Register online at registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

**SENIOR'SSTUDY SESSION** - Amoris Laetitia - This 5 week study session will give you an opportunity to study carefully Pope Francis' encyclical. The course consists of a series of well-made videos and discussions facilitate by Mr. David Dayler, Director of the Office for Discipleship and Parish Life. Pope Francis invites us to study this document carefully when he says, "...I do not recommend a rushed

reading of the text. The greatest benefit...will come if each part is read patiently and carefully..." Join us we explore this important text for Adult Faith Formation. The course will be held at the Chancery Office, Mondays 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. on **February 5, 12, 26, March 5 and 12**. Cost is \$35.00. To register contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2238.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors is on **Thursday, February 8, 2018** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Lynn Weimer will talk about "Advanced Care Planning – a Conversation Worth Having". For information contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@netflash.net.

KW Right to Life **CHARITY DINNER GALA** - Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren on **February 8, 2018** at the Polish Legion Hall, 601 Wellington St. N., Kitchener. Dinner is at 6 p.m. with speakers at 7 p.m. Cash bar and silent auction. Tickets are \$40. For tickets contact kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love or KW Right to Life Office at 519-746-5433.

Steve Bell will be in Toronto on **Saturday**, **February 10**<sup>th</sup> hosting his **FOR THE JOURNEY DAY-RETREAT** at Knox Presbyterian Church, 630 Spadina Avenue, Toronto. The cost is \$129. Visit www.stevebell.com/events for info.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider the priesthood, religious life or deaconate? If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext 2246 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

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#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."

Offertory collection for January 20/21: \$2,21

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Electronic funds for the week: \$1,143.75

(based on 4 Sundays per month)

Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00

Total to Date Building Maintenance Project: \$24,430.00

Thank you!



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