

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday of
Ordinary Time

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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



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

Deana Pfanner Groves

Debbie Yutzi

Fr. Peter Meyer

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Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith

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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

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



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 31ST

<p>Tuesday, February 1, 7:05 pm +Jim Fritz; Pam & Chris Cassidy <i>Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God asks you to pray, but he forbids you to worry. – St. Francis de Sales</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, February 2, 9:00 am +Bryan Foerster; Tom & Noreen McMahon <i>True charity consists in doing good to those who do us evil, and in thus winning them over. – St. Alphonsus Liguori</i></p>
<p>Thursday, February 3, 12:05 pm +Clifford Schill; Geraldine Schill & Family <i>Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness. – St. John Chrysostom</i></p>
<p>Friday, February 4, 9:00 am +Lawrence Goetz; Marcella & Judy Furlong 9:30 – 11:30 am Adoration <i>You pay God a compliment by asking great things of him. – St. Teresa of Avila</i></p>
<p>Saturday, February 5, 5:00 pm +Doug Furlong; The Family Intentions of Sylvester & Tena Moser; Jim & Marilyn Moser & Family</p>
<p>Sunday, February 6, 9:30 am Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Parish Community</p>

READINGS FOR February 5/6

First Reading: Is 6 1-2a, 3-8
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11
 Gospel Reading: Lk 5:1-11

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 31	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Tues., February 1	Rev. John Van Hees
Wed., February 2	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H.
Thurs., February 3	Rev. Hayden Starczala
Fri., February 4	Very Rev. James Petrie, E.V.
Sat., February 5	Rev. Gerald Mulhall

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit, Cake/Muffin Mixes and Laundry Detergent

MINISTRIES for February 5/6

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve Pond
 9:30am Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi & Marilyn Hurlburt
 9:30am Ray Denomme, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector	Commentator
5pm Lisa Denomme	Patsy Pond
9:30am Tom O'Marra	Joan Coutu

My Dear Parishioners,

This Thursday, February 3rd is the Feast of St. Blaise. After Mass we will have a blessing of the throat. See a short history of St. Blaise below.

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

The **WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE** is on **February 2nd**. The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervour which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord" (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

SAINT BLAISE, BISHOP AND MARTYR – Saint Blaise devoted the earlier years of his life to the study of philosophy, and afterwards became a physician. In the practice of his profession he saw so much of the miseries of life and the hollowness of worldly pleasures, that he resolved to spend the rest of his days in the service of God, and from being a healer of bodily ailments to become a physician of souls. The Bishop of Sebaste, in Armenia, having died, our Saint, much to the gratification of the inhabitants of that city, was appointed to succeed him.

St. Blaise at once began to instruct his people as much by his example as by his words, and the great virtues and sanctity of this servant of God were attested by many miracles. From all parts the people came flocking to him for the cure of bodily and spiritual ills.

Agricolaus, Governor of Cappadocia and the Lesser Armenia, having begun a persecution by order of the Emperor Licinius, our Saint was seized and hurried off to prison. While on his way there, a distracted mother, whose only child was dying of a throat disease, threw herself at the feet of St. Blaise and implored his intercession.

Touched at her grief, the Saint offered up his prayers, and the child was cured; and since that time

his aid has often been effectually solicited in cases of a similar disease. Refusing to worship the false gods of the heathens, St. Blase was first scourged; his body was then torn with hooks, and finally he was beheaded in the year 316.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING – Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2022 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for 2022. For those who are donating electronically please also pick up your set of envelopes as they have only the envelopes for special collections.

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 519-742-9025.

In lieu of their Annual Fundraising Dinner, Guelph and Area Right to Life invites you to their **“BANANA BONANZA” DESSERT FUNDRAISER** which will take place virtually on **Friday, February 11th** at 7 p.m. Receive a complimentary banana split dessert package, and tune into the virtual event to hear updates about the impact of their pro-life projects and have an opportunity to donate. Please call 519-836-6311 to **reserve your spot by February 7th**.

The **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR** is a fantastically fun, family friendly walk-a-thon that raises money for people experiencing homelessness, hurt, and hunger. This year will certainly look different again with the Covid-19 pandemic. However, we are committed to offering two options in the most responsible manner, following all COVID protocols. There will be an in-person fully outside option on **Saturday, February 26th** and also an option to walk virtually. You can register a team of 8-10 people to walk and raise money for Woolwich Community Services. You can register your church or individuals/families can also register their own teams. Each walker is encouraged to raise a minimum of \$150 per adult and \$75 per youth. There is no registration fee for walkers this year. Every walker

who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 (for adults) gets our famous Coldest Night toque. If you choose to walk virtually we will notify you of where to pick up your toque closer to the event date. Our goal in the Walk is to raise \$75,000 with the support of 20+ teams and 200+ walkers. If you have questions contact Leigh-Anne Quinn at 519-669-5139 or email leighanne_wcs@yahoo.ca.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Some people drift into their relationships over a number of years, but it can also be said that people drift out of their relationships as well. We can become complacent and take for granted all the nice things our spouse does for us and/or sometimes we stop doing nice things for them. Over time we compliment less, spend less time together, stop sharing our day, feelings, or hopes and dreams and suddenly lose sight of the other. When we continue to treat our relationship as new, taking the time to discover who the other is and complimenting them for it, we stay firmly attached instead of drifting apart.

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.

RESTART – Starting over after separation or divorce with support, care and tools for your journey. We invite you to check out the Diocesan website at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php> to see the programs we offer and to find out dates of the new programs in early 2022. If you have questions, call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for January 22/23:	\$2,529.75
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$73,536.51

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