

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
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

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi
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Vocations

Contact hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/
or resurrectionists.com/vocations

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. ✠

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 17TH

Tuesday, February 18, 7:05 pm +Sharon Kroepin; Knights of Columbus Council 8192 <i>If you have anything against anyone, forgive it. You come here to receive the forgiveness of sins, and you, too, must forgive one who has sinned against you. Or how will you say to the Lord, "Forgive me my many sins," if you have not yourself forgiven your fellow servant's little sins. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>
Wednesday, February 19, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Let us have no desire to choose our own paths but walk in those which God may be pleased to present to us. – St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Thursday, February 20, 12:05 pm +Peter Robinson; John & Linda Bruder <i>Accept no falsehood in place of truth. – St. Leo the Great</i>
Friday, February 21, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>May God the Holy Spirit move within us and give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with and hands that God's work might be done. – St. Dominic</i>
Saturday, February 22, 5:00 pm +Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis +Mary Kelly; The Family First Communion Enrolment
Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community First Communion Enrolment After Mass Coffee Sunday 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR February 22/23

First Reading: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:45-49
 Gospel Reading: Lk 6:27-38

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Feb 17	Rev. Paul Edmondstone
Tues., Feb 18	Rev. Fernand Pierre
Wed., Feb 19	Disalced Carmelite Sisters, O.C.D.
Thu., Feb 20	Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek
Fri., Feb 21	Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan
Sat., Feb 22	Very Rev. David Wynen

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Library
	6:15 p.m.	First Communion Session – Hall
WED	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation Retreat – Hall
THU	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus General Mtg – Hall
SAT	After 5 p.m.	Mass Soups On - Hall

MINISTRIES for February 22/23

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Kathy Ziegler, Tim Baillargeon
9am	Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka, Pat Ditner

Hospitality

5pm	Geoff & Kieran Kelly
9am	Rick & Leona Weishar, Ron Stemmler

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Connie Kaster	Kevin Dupuis
9am	John Bruder	Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am Ella, Andrew, Hannah

Children's Liturgy

Feb 23 Sandi Hutchinson, Linda Bruder

Sign Ministry

Feb 18 Sandi Hutchinson

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life – Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter, Canned Turkey, Canned Chicken
& Canned Fruit

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we celebrate Family Day tomorrow we ask God to bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures instill forgiveness and peace.

Next weekend, February 22nd is our next Soups On event. Come and enjoy a warm bowl of soup and fellowship with the community. Don't forget to sign up on the sheets in the narthex.

I am looking for a part-time bookkeeper and custodian at St. Boniface, Maryhill. If interested, please contact me at 519-669-3387.

Father Peter

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR SOUPS ON is Saturday, **February 22, 2025**. The C.W.L. invites everyone to join in the hall for fellowship, warmth and a variety of homemade delicious soups following 5 p.m. Mass. Freewill donations will go to Woolwich Community Services. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 7, 2025** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Friday) or call 519-669-3387 or call Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on March 6th and 7th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

PHOTO DIRECTORY – Those who have said they would submit pictures of themselves for the Photo Directory, please send a jpeg file to the Parish Office. Additionally, if anyone has pictures of parish events please submit them to the Parish Office as a jpeg file as well.

As graduating high school students prepare their applications for universities and colleges, many of them will also be seeking financial aid to support their further education. The Ontario State Board of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to offer **FIVE BURSARIES**, each valued at \$1,000.00, to **students of our members who are entering a full-time course at an accredited Ontario university or college**. The deadline for applications is June 1st. For more information, students can contact Deputy Grand Knight, Mike Noël, at sharon.mikeis@rogers.com.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre presents several workshops:

- **OPTIMIZING OUR MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLNESS AS WE AGE**, no cost, in-person sessions on **Mondays, February 24 – March 24, 2025** from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **CALM AND CONTENT: STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING YOUR EMOTIONAL STATE**, a no cost, in-person adult workshop on **Monday, February 24th** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **OVERCOMING PERFECTIONISM – HOW TO GAIN A MORE BALANCED MINDSET**, a no cost in-person workshop on **Wednesday, February 26, 2025** from 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- **UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTING EATING DISORDERS**, a no cost, adult virtual workshop, on **Wednesday, February 26th** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Learn more and register by calling 519-669, 8651 or emailing woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events. Check out info@woolwichcounselling.org. The Woolwich Counselling Centre is at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira.

In ancient times, leprosy was a frightening disease that kept people distanced from their community: outcast, untouchable and unclean. In our modern times, we can ask: who are the marginalized of our day? From sprawling homeless encampments, rising mental health cases, or bullying of those ‘different than us’, we know that many today feel outcast, invisible and unloved. We are always called to love the sick, the poor and the suffering. Maybe it’s uncomfortable, or it’s easier to look the other way, but when we show love, we are Christ’s merciful hand reaching out to heal. And what about me – has something in me become ‘leprous’ and in need of Christ’s healing? Join us for the next **ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ: “THE MARGINALIZED OF OUR DAY: REACHING OUT WITH HEALING LOVE”** with Fr. Toby Collins, Pastor at St. Mary’s Parish, Founder “Tiny Home Takeout” on **Sunday, March 2nd** from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, 75 Bluevale Street North, Waterloo. It is a 45-minute talk with Questions and Answers and refreshments.

16TH ANNUAL DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH

CONFERENCE – This conference will bring together Catholic women to share in hearing informative presentations, enjoy delicious food and fellowship with all those present. The event will be held on **Saturday, March 22, 2025** from 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Old Mill (includes light lunch) in Toronto. For more info see Recharge Your Spirit at the Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025. To register go to Dynamic Women of Faith Conference 2025 Tickets, Sat. 22 Mar 2025 at 9:00 AM | Eventbrite.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Family love is one of the most complex loves to navigate. Siblings often love each other but also know clearly all the buttons to push to make other members react negatively. Children challenge parents as they age, generally trying to define and discover whom they are as an individual, and sometimes personalities just clash. These are hard moments, so work to stay connected with good moments that bring you together. Nature walks, movie nights, game nights, and brunch following Mass on the weekend – any actions that will remind everyone that family is our greatest support. Putting in the effort to plan fun moments will have lifetime benefits to all members of the family! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary between January and December 2025? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance.) Register online at hamiltondiocese.com. Presented by the Family Ministry Office.

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – ...one saying gave me hope during that early period of my discernment: “God wants what’s best for us, and so God will only call you to where God knows you will be happiest.” God calls all of us to beatitude, to blessedness, to happiness – that’s not tied to any one particular thing or things we think will make us happy, because happiness, blessedness, and beatitude can be found even in the most unexpected places. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – Happy are those who know they need God. Happy, too, those who live faithfully the vocation of the life-commitment God calls them to, be it married, single, religious or priesthood. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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