

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 2, 2025
**The Presentation of
the Lord**

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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 hamiltodiocese.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. ✠

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3RD

<p>Tuesday, February 4, 7:05 pm +Doris Runstedler; Carol & Ed Kieswetter <i>God is so close, in fact, that he even hears the desires of our hearts. – St. Vincent Ferrer</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, February 5, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature – trees, flowers, grass – grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls. – St. Teresa of Calcutta</i></p>
<p>Thursday, February 6, 12:05 pm +Peter Robinson; John & Linda Bruder <i>Charity is friendship between God and a human being based on sharing eternal happiness: something we share not by nature but by the free gift of God. So, charity is not born in us by nature, nor acquired by our natural powers, but is a created share in the Holy Spirit, the love of Father and Son, instilled into us by him. – St. Thomas Aquinas</i></p>
<p>Friday, February 7, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>Live in such a way that you bear outwardly as well as inwardly the image of Christ crucified, the model of all gentleness and mercy. – St. Paul of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Saturday, February 8, 5:00 pm +Elaine Forler; The Family +Tobler Hans; Klara Looser & Theresa Wuersch</p>
<p>Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time World Marriage Day 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR February 8/9

First Reading: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:1-11

Gospel Reading: Lk 5:22-40

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Feb 3	Rev. James Petrie
Tues., Feb 4	Rev. Charles Galea
Wed., Feb 5	Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H.
Thurs, Feb 6	Parents & Guardians
Fri., Feb 7	Rev. Pablito Labado
Sat., Feb 8	Rev. William Meehan

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 7:00 p.m. **Confirmation Session** – Church

MINISTRIES for February 8/9

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Pat Ditner, Carol Kieswetter, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm	Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt
9am	Ron Stemmler, Adrian Miltenburg, John Bruder

Lector

5pm	Tom O'Marra
9am	Tracy Kroetsch

Commentator

5pm	Patsy Pond
9am	Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am	Scarlett, Libby, Allyson
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Children's Liturgy

Feb 9 Emily Beynon, Nikki Totten

Sign Ministry

Feb 4 Jim McInnis

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

Cheez Whiz, Ketchup, Canned Turkey & Canned Chicken

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to all those who made the soups and donated other food items for the Soups On. Thank you also to those who helped and to those who attended this enjoyable community event, where fellowship and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

Today is Candlemas, also known as the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ, the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Feast of the Holy Encounter. It is a Christian feast day commemorating the presentation of Jesus at the Temple by Joseph and Mary.

Today is also World Day for Consecrated Life. The purpose of the day is "to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelization counsels" as well as "to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offer of themselves to the Lord (Saint John Paul II, 1997).

Father Peter

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, February 11th** at 6 p.m. in the church.

The CWL sends its **SINCERE THANKS** to everyone who generously supported the Soup's On last Saturday, January 25, 2025. Thanks to those who donated cookies, buns, and butter, to our generous helpers who helped set up and take down and to all who attended and warmed a cold winter evening in the Hall. **THANK YOU** for supporting Marillac Place. Your donations topped \$1,000.00!

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING – Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in April 2025 and supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

The Parish needs **VOLUNTEERS**, men/women, to assist us with **TABLE SET UP AND TAKE DOWN FOR FUNERAL LUNCHEONS** in our Church Hall. If we have enough volunteers, we plan on having a schedule of a two-month period with 2 men/women per month. Hours are flexible

depending on the day of the funeral for set up but take down will be on the day of the funeral. If you are looking for high school or confirmation volunteer hours this would be an opportunity to achieve the hours needed. Contact the Parish Office by telephone at 519-669-3387 or by email at stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK takes place from **Sunday, February 2 to Saturday, February 8, 2025**. The special week celebrates Catholic health institutions and organizations across Canada united in a **400-year healing mission** inspired by a Spirit-led calling to care for all with compassion and humanity in body, mind and spirit. This year's theme, "**CARING FOR OUR COMMON HOME**", celebrates the interconnectedness of all creation and inspires us to work toward environmental sustainability, human health, and well-being in our homes, workplaces, and communities. In Canada, Catholic healthcare serves over 5 million Canadians each year and employs over 88,000 people – something to celebrate! Learn more by registering for a free webinar (in English) on February 6th, 1:00-2:30 ET.

The St. Michael Africa Project Committee is hosting another **HARAMBEE PUB NIGHT** on **Thursday, February 6th** in the Jazz Room at the Huether Hotel (Uptown Waterloo, 59 King St. N.). This is a fundraiser for the construction of the **Blessed Theresa Gerhardinger Educational Centre – Phase II** in Nyalieng'a Kenya. There will be live music with Michael Kelly Cavan from 7 till 9:30 p.m. Lots of fun games and door prizes! Doors open at 6 p.m. You can also enjoy a meal while there. Tickets (\$20) are available at the St. Michael's parish office or by calling Isabelle at 519-746-7202.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, February 6th** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite 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 cmlamers@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

Woolwich Community Health Centre's next Health and Wellness Program is **DYING IS NORMAL – THE BEST KEPT SECRET**. "The problem with not talking about death is that we often don't know what to say, do, or how to act when it inevitably touches our lives", says Katie Duncan, Nurse Practitioner. This session helps participants understand that dying is a normal part of life. It explains the dying process in gentle terms, dispels myths about symptom management, and offers strategies for providing comfort and support to those who are dying and their caregivers. Trigger warning: This session discusses the dying process and may not be suitable for the recently bereaved. It is facilitated by Hospice Waterloo and will be held on **Thursday, February 6th, 2025** from 10 – 11 a.m. This is in person at 10 Parkside Drive, St. Jacobs or on Zoom. Registration is required. Contact for registration is Tariq Abdulhadi at tabdulhadi@wchc.on.ca or 519-664-3794 ext. 222.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE! Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats:

- Film & Spirituality Day Retreat - February 12
- Introduction to Discernment - March 3
- Pope Francis and the Way of the Heart Weekend Retreat - March 6-9
- Seeds of Rest & Renewal - A Retreat for Spiritual Directors - March 11-13
- Journey to Emmaus: To be a Pilgrim - March 14
- Knowing the Heart of Jesus - March 14-16
- Journeying through Grief Retreat - March 18-20
- Another story Must Begin - A Les Miserables-themed Retreat - March 21-23
- Humans & other Animals Weekend Retreat - March 21-23

Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

Woolwich Community Health Centre's next Health and Wellness Program is **PROMYSE HOME CARE: NURSING FOOTCARE WORKSHOP**. A session focused on maintaining healthy feet, a foundation for overall well-being. A certified footcare nurse will share practical tips and techniques to ensure optimal foot health. It is facilitated by Promyse Home Care, Food Care Specialist and will be held on **Thursday, February 13th, 2025** from 1 – 2 p.m., in person at 10 Parkside Drive, St. Jacobs. Registration is required. Contact for registration is Tariq Abdulhadi at tabdulhadi@wchc.on.ca or 519-664-3794 ext. 222.

Mark your calendars for the **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!** CNOY is an amazing event in our community that raises funds for Woolwich Community Services for those who are hurting, hungry or homeless. Start thinking about gathering your team! For more information contact Melissa at 519-669-5139. Get ready for CNOY on **February 22nd**.

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 pm. (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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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