

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 23, 2025
Seventh 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

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. ✠

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 24TH

Tuesday, February 25, 7:05 pm +Gerald Butler; Judy Furlong <i>God's love for us is not greater in heaven than it is now. – St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
Wednesday, February 26, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>You know that it is not the noise we make in our lives, or the things we see, that count, but the love with which we do the will of God. – St. John XXIII</i>
Thursday, February 27, 12:05 pm +Gerald Bezaire; John & Linda Bruder <i>God loves you, but even more – God longs for you. God misses you when you don't come close. God thirsts for you. God loves you always, even when you don't feel worthy. – St. Teresa of Calcutta</i>
Friday, February 28, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>Be joyful through hope and trust in God's promises. – St. Paulinus of Nola</i>
Saturday, March 1, 5:00 pm +Jim Hanley; Bill & Anne Hanley +Jack Soeder; Sue & Greg Goetz
Sunday, March 2, Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

Sign Ministry

Feb 25 Kieran Kelly

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

This week is the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings teach us to love your enemies and is a lesson plan on conversion of heart. It helps us understand why God asks this of us. Jesus teaches that loving our enemies, forgiving those who hurt us, and avoiding judgment can change our hearts and the world. It is difficult but necessary. By forgiving, we free ourselves from anger and become more like Christ. Remembering that God loves and forgives all, including those who have wronged us, is key.

Father Peter

READINGS FOR March 1/2

First Reading: Sr 27:4-7
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58
 Gospel Reading: Lk 6:39-45

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Feb 24	Rev. Lourdasamy Subramani, S.M.A.
Tues., Feb 25	Rev. Mark Morley
Wed., Feb 26	Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
Thu., Feb 27	Very Rev. Adrian Lee
Fri., Feb 28	Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk
Sat., Mar 1	Rev. Marko Stefanec

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	4:30 p.m.	Scotland & England Trip Meeting - Hall
	6:15 p.m.	First Communion Session – Hall
WED	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Session – Hall

MINISTRIES for March 1/2

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Patsy Pond, Kieran Kelly
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Carol Kieswetter, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm	Marianne Kieswetter, Debbie Yutzi
9am	Mike & Sharon Noel, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector

5pm	Tom O'Marra
9am	Will Jakeman

Commentator

Judy Furlong
John Bruder

Altar Servers

9am	Daniel, Libby, Allyson
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Children's Liturgy

Mar 2	Emily Beynon, Theresa Grosz
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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.

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.

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.

The **REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** offers another crucial dialogue with *Resilient Genius* on **February 25, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** The film gives voice to children and youth affected by war, conflict, and political unrest. Thirteen children and youth immerse us in memories of Syria, Ethiopia, Ukraine, Rwanda, Afghanistan and Iraq, reflecting on their lives before, during, and after experiences of violence. Their raw recollections, expressions of wisdom, and transformative acts provide a powerful call to action. Film Director Joanne Hodges and Rita Balla, Director, Diocesan Office for Refugees will provide further discussion following the film. The event will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre presents several workshops:

- **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.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Please join us at this year’s World Day of Prayer service prepared by the women of Cook Islands using the theme, “I Made you Wonderful” — Psalm 139: 1-18. We will be gathering at St. James Lutheran Church, 60 Arthur St. S. on **Friday, March 7th** at 2 p.m. Please use the Wyatt St. entrance to the church. Free will offerings to the Women’s Inter-Church Council of Canada are welcome. Refreshments to follow.

OPENING THE HOLY DOOR: SPRING BOOK CLUB – The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis invites you to join us for a four-week virtual book club, exploring the new book by Joan Watson, *“Opening the Holy Door.”* Tuesdays, **March 18 – April 8, 2025** from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Together we will reflect on the beautiful images of mercy and hope found on the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, open to pilgrims and visitors throughout the Jubilee Year. Join us for this time of prayer and conversation, drawing into deeper fellowship during this Jubilee of Hope. Registration can be made at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/>.

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.

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 – Jesus teaches that the way we treat others reflects the measure of our own hearts. In today’s Gospel, he urges us to be merciful, to forgive, and to give without expecting anything in return. This standard isn’t easy, yet it lays the foundation for any true vocation: a life rooted in self-giving love. What fears or hesitations hold you back from embracing a life of radical self-giving?
Fr. Pawel Szymanowski,
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – The Lord Calls us to do God’s Will. Pray that you may know God’s Will in your life; especially, if you have the inclination that you are being called to the ordained or consecrated life. 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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