

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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Office Hours:

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

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St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo

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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. ✠

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10TH

Tuesday, February 11, 7:05 pm
+John Basler; Marcella & Judy Furlong
From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things. – St. John Paul II

Wednesday, February 12, 9:00 am – Maryhill
How contrary to human nature are the divine teachings! Without the help of grace, it would be impossible not only to follow them but even to understand them. – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Thursday, February 13, 12:05 pm
Intentions of Marcella Furlong; Furlong Family
All that should be sought for in the exercise of prayer is conformity of our will and the divine will, in which consists the highest perfection. – St. Teresa of Avila

Friday, February 14, 9:00 am - Maryhill
God gives no harvest unless what is planted is the faith of Peter. – St. Thomas Becket

Saturday, February 15, 5:00 pm
Intentions of Josie O'Reilly; Michael O'Reilly
+Doug Furlong; The Family

Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Our Parish Community
11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR February 15/16

First Reading: Jer 17:5-8
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
 Gospel Reading: Lk 6:20-26

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Feb 10	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Tues., Feb 11	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
Wed., Feb 12	Missionaries
Thu., Feb 13	Rev. William Trusz
Fri., Feb 14	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Sat., Feb 15	Rev. Guillermo Diaz

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 6:00 p.m. **First Communion Parent Mtg – Church**

MINISTRIES for February 15/16

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond
 9am Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm Greg & Sue Goetz
 9am Carol & Ed Kieswetter, Paul Shutsa

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9am Mike Noel

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Joan Couto

Altar Servers

9am Breea, Isabelle, Evan

Children's Liturgy

Feb 16 No Children's Liturgy

Sign Ministry

Feb 11 Ray Denomme

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

The World Day of the Sick is on February 11th. The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. February 11th (Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes) highlights the healing ministry of the Church. It reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

Valentine's Day will be celebrated this Friday, February 14th. History tells us Emperor Claudius II executed St. Valentine, but it wasn't before he was reported to have performed a miracle. According to the church, Valentine restored the sight of a blind girl, who was the daughter of his jailer. Valentine sent a letter to his jailer's daughter and signed it "from your Valentine." Legend or not, St. Valentine is remembered for promoting unconditional love among others, and his feast day encourages telling our loved ones how much they mean to us.

Father Peter

We extend our **HEARTFELT GRATITUDE** to all members of the Knights of Columbus who joined us for last Sunday's Memorial Mass. Your presence and support brought great comfort and unity to our community during this special Mass of Remembrance. We also want to extend a **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to everyone who assisted with the reception afterwards. Your efforts ensured the event ran smoothly and allowed us to come together in fellowship.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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, Foot 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**.

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 information 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.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – February is known as the month of love, but love needs to be part of our thinking 24/7! Love is an action word, so take some time to reflect on your contribution to your married relationship. Do you use kind words, compliment, apologize, when necessary, show love through action in what you do for your spouse, pray for your spouse daily and make the time to be together and share your day? These will all build love and keep it strong.

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.

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – When Simon Peter witnesses the miraculous catch, he falls to his knees and cries, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" Yet Jesus does not leave - instead, He calls Peter to follow Him. In discernment, we often feel unworthy or fearful of what God may ask. Are you letting fear hold you back? What if, instead of fear, you responded with trust? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R., resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. 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.

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