

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 12, 2025

The Baptism of
the Lord

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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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Contact hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/
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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

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. ✠

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 13TH

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 pm +Jeff Meyer; Jim Goll <i>You must change your life so that God, out of mercy, will pardon you. Be converted with a sincere heart. Then the peace of God will be with you always. – St. Francis of Paola</i>
Wednesday, January 15, 11:00 am – Maryhill <i>Do not readily or lightly put your trust in appearances, but weigh things well, and after testing everything carefully cling to what is good and reject evil. – St. Gregory of Sinai</i>
Thursday, January 16, 12:05 pm +Joanne Moser; Wayne & Donna Vollmer <i>The power of God is capable of finding hope where hope no longer exists, and a way where the way is impossible. – St. Gregory of Nyssa</i>
Friday, January 17, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>Christ looks for nothing else from you, in fact, except loving him with all your heart and carrying out his commands. – St. John Chrysostom</i>
Saturday, January 18, 5:00 pm Intentions of Abigale O'Reilly; Grandad +Rita Klein; Barb Kelly
Sunday, January 19, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill 1:00 pm Baptism

READINGS FOR January 18/19

First Reading: Is 62:1-5
Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11
Gospel Reading: Jn 2:1-11

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Jan 13	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Tues., Jan 14	Rev. Rajesh Dsouza, O.C.D.
Wed., Jan 15	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
Thurs, Jan 16	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Fri., Jan 17	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Sat., Jan 18	Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	7:35 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting – Library
WED	7:00 p.m.	Parent Confirmation Meeting – Church
THU	3:05 p.m.	Altar Server Training – Church
	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus General Mtg

MINISTRIES for January 18/19

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Ray Denomme, Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

5pm	Marilyn Hurlburt, Marianne Kieswetter
9am	Mike & Sharon Noel, John Bruder

Lector

5pm	Tom O'Marra	Commentator	Patsy Pond
9am	Ellen Siebel-Achenbach		Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am	Libby, Nathan, Divine
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Children's Liturgy

Jan 19 Nikki Totten, Leona Weishar

Sign Ministry

Jan 14 John Bruder

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the right to an education – Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Turkey, Canned Chicken & Juice

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is the Baptism of the Lord, also known as Theophany. This is a Christian feast day that commemorates Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

"May God's grace be with you as you step into the new year. Wishing you a blessed and prosperous 2025 filled with His love and light." "As the new year dawns, may you find strength in God's promises and courage to follow His path. Happy New Year 2025!"

Father Peter

CONFIRMATION – There will be a parent/candidate meeting on **Wednesday, January 15th** at 7 p.m. in the church. A time for any questions or concerns that you may have regarding this Sacrament. The program and schedule will be discussed.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING – Our final session will be on **Thursday, January 16th** at 3:05 p.m. We will review the role and responsibilities so that they may join the schedule beginning in February.

Our C.W.L. is holding the next **'SOUP'S ON'** following Mass on **Saturday, January 25, 2025**. Please indicate on the sign up sheets if you are able to come. A freewill donation basket will be available to support Marillac Place which is a home in Kitchener that houses young women without strong or healthy community supports to care for their baby. Looking forward to serving you SOUP!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2025, which are available in the hallway. For those who are donating electronically please also pick up your set of envelopes as they have only the envelopes for special collections.

The **CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS** are available in the hallway for pick-up. If you or anyone in your family experienced one of the Sacraments in 2024, they are a souvenir for your tree at home - Baptism (silver), First Communion (blue/white), Confirmation (red), Marriage (gold), RCIA (green) or Death (purple).

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes include women's empowerment,

refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on **January 23, 2025** with **She Rises Up**, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are fighting to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>. We hope you can join us!

Families today can be faced with many challenges: mental health, addiction, division, financial stress & beyond. Even the strongest of families can suffer under the pressure. How can we draw on our faith to persevere with unshakeable **hope** despite the struggles? Join us for the next **ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ: "OUR FAMILIES: SIGNS OF HOPE AMID THE CHALLENGES"** with Teresa Hartnett, Director, Family Ministry, Diocese of Hamilton on **Sunday, January 26th** from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

Join us on **January 28th, 2025** at 7:00 p.m. in front of Guelph City Hall for our **ANNUAL "SHINE A LIGHT" EVENT**. This illuminated display honors the over 4,000,000 lives lost to abortion in Canada. Large, illuminated cutouts displaying the number of abortions will be accompanied by signs providing pro-life and pregnancy support information. This meaningful evening is an opportunity to raise awareness about the impact of abortion in our community. Please dress warmly. All are welcome to attend!

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations on **Saturday, February 1st**. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.), social with food (7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on **Saturday, February 1st** at St. Michael's Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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.

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 22, 2025!**

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Family time matters, as much when our children age as when they are young. It helps to ensure this happens by building traditions that everyone partakes in regularly. Traditions that everyone looks forward to and enjoys - pizza and movie nights, a special breakfast after attending Mass, games night – anything that brings you together for fun will do. The emotional health of children with these kinds of connections is stronger throughout their lifetime. As a family, plan your together time weekly and remember to share meals together daily, whichever meal of the day that has to be. With a solid family foundation, your connectedness can and will stay intact as your children grow older. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – In today's Gospel, the heavens open, and the Father proclaims Jesus as His beloved Son. The Father's words also form the foundation of our vocation. If you're discerning religious life or priesthood, remember that your identity is rooted in the Father's unconditional love. Recognizing that you are also His beloved gives you the strength to trust the steps ahead. How might this understanding help you say 'yes' to God's plan for your life?

Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.,
resurrectionvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus a voice from heaven said, "You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased." Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time as a priest, deacon or religious. If God is calling you contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offeritory collection for December 14/15:	\$ 7,780.45
Offeritory collection for December 21/22:	\$25,147.40
Offeritory collection for December 24/25:	\$13,658.75
Offeritory collection for December 28/29:	\$ 3,364.80
Offeritory collection for Dec 31/Jan 1:	\$ 1,070.00
Offeritory collection for January 4/5:	\$ 3,214.50
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$125,474.18

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