

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 19, 2025
Second 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/
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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

75 First St. W., Elmira
519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

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. ✠

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 20TH

<p>Tuesday, January 21, 7:05 pm +Rita Strauss; The Swainstons <i>The objective of our life is the kingdom of God, but we should carefully ask what we should aim for. If we do not look very carefully into this we will wear ourselves out in useless strivings. For those who travel without a marked road there is the toil of the journey and no arrival at a destination. – St. John Cassian</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, January 22, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>You are all fellow-travellers, God-bearers and temple-bearers, Christ-bearers. – St. Ignatius of Antioch</i></p>
<p>Thursday, January 23, 12:05 pm Intentions & Thanksgiving for the Church Staff; John & Linda Bruder <i>The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. – St. John Eudes</i></p>
<p>Friday, January 24, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>Always give good heed to the Word of God, whether you hear or read it in private, or hearken to it when publicly preached. Listen with attention and reverence, seek to profit by it, and do not let the precious words fall unheeded but receive them in your heart. – St. Francis de Sales</i></p>
<p>Saturday, January 25, 5:00 pm +Laverne Logel; Doug Logel +Bob McLeod; Ellen McLeod</p>
<p>Sunday, January 26, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

Children's Liturgy

Jan 26 Sandi Hutchinson, Emily Beynon

Sign Ministry

Jan 21 Linda 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

This week, January 18th to 25th is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

Join us this coming Saturday for Soups On. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Volunteer to be a part of our Chair and Table Ministry.

Father Peter

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!

READINGS FOR January 25/26

First Reading: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:12-30

Gospel Reading: Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Jan 20	Rev. James Curtin
Tues., Jan 21	Rev. Edward Hampson
Wed., Jan 22	Youth Ministers
Thurs, Jan 23	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Fri., Jan 24	Rev. Michael Bennett
Sat., Jan 25	Rev. Ron Cote

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Session – Church
SAT	After Mass	Soups On - Hall

MINISTRIES for January 25/26

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Patsy & Steve Pond
9am	Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm	Greg & Sue Goetz
9am	Pat & Linus Ditner, Paul Shutsa

Lector

5pm	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Joan Coutu

Commentator

5pm	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Iris Miltenburg

Altar Servers

9am	Matilda, Isabelle, Hannah
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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.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD: "I hope in your Word" (Psalm 119:74) – The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, **January 25/26** marks the celebration of **BIBLE SUNDAY** in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how **#TheBibleSpeaks** in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This year, within the context of the Jubilee, we celebrate the Sacred Scriptures as a great source of hope for all the faithful. The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for youth and adults in celebration of Bible Sunday 2025. Visit our website for more information at: hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/.

JANUARY 19, 2025

LIBRARY - Please make sure to use our **LIBRARY** here at St. Teresa's. We have great reading material.

Woolwich Community Services says **THANK YOU** to everyone in our community for their generous donations and support with Christmas Goodwill! This holiday season, we provided Christmas to over 220 households.

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), R.C.I.A. (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 who 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** at 7:00 p.m. in front of Guelph City Hall for our **ANNUAL "SHINE A LIGHT" EVENT**. This illuminated display honours 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!

FREE VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS WITH LISA – Join us for a ZOOM cooking class to explore ways to prepare healthy, delicious recipes on **Wednesday, January 29th** from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. To register, call 519-669-5139. If registered with our food programs, you are eligible for a meal kit with all the needed items. For more information email lisam@wcs@gmail.com.

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!**

VOCATION SEEDS – Pray to know how God wants to use your talents and abilities. Could it be He is calling you to consider priesthood, diaconate, or religious life? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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