

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 26, 2025
Third 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
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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 27TH

Table with 2 columns: Day/Time and Details. Rows include Tuesday, January 28 (7:05 pm), Wednesday, January 29 (9:00 am), Thursday, January 30 (12:05 pm), Friday, January 31 (9:00 am), Saturday, February 1 (5:00 pm), and Sunday, February 2 (9:00 am and 11:00 am).

READINGS FOR February 1/2
First Reading: Mal 3:1-4
Second Reading: Heb 2:14-18
Gospel Reading: Lk 2:22-40

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR
PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Table with 2 columns: Day and Priest Name. Rows include Mon., Jan 27 (Rev. Ralph Diodati), Tues., Jan 28 (Rev. David Lewis), Wed., Jan 29 (Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.), Thurs., Jan 30 (Rev. Robert Sims), Fri., Jan 31 (St. John Bosco, Priest), Sat., Feb 1 (Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico).

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

MINISTRIES for February 1/2

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Tim Baillargeon
9am Knights of Columbus

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly
9am Knights of Columbus

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
9am Knights of Columbus

Commentator

Judy Furlong
Knights of Columbus

Altar Servers

9am Wesley, Evan, Divine

Children's Liturgy

Feb 2 Theresa Grosz, Tessa Heffernan

Sign Ministry

Jan 28 Pat Ditner

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 Bible Sunday. It is a day of thanksgiving to God for the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. As a Christian, take a minute to thank God for the existence of his Word in the form of the bible to teach, nourish and guide humanity. Father Peter

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: Levi Manuel Almeida, son of Steve and Brittany and Violet Michelle Dunn, daughter of Michael and Jenna. We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.

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

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/.

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.

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:

- Praying with Hope Weekend Retreat - January 31-February 2
- Contemplative Activism Retreat - January 31-February 2
- Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future One-Day Retreat - February 7
- Directed Prayer Weekend - February 7-9
- Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment - February 7-9
- 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

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

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, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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 Nyaleng'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.

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 22nd**.

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 time together 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 – Luke highlights that Jesus returns to Galilee filled with the Holy Spirit, ready to begin His ministry. Similarly, we are invited to let the Spirit shape our hearts, drawing us into holiness and service. Discerning your vocation means asking: Where is the Holy Spirit leading me to share Christ's good news? Will you answer that invitation with trust and courage? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R. resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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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