

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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
Dianne Brenner Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
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Rick Weishar
gk8192@ontariokofc.ca

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.

March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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. ✠

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 3RD

Tuesday, March 4, 7:05 pm +Gary Martin; Lisa & Grant Swainston <i>Beware of angling for compliments, lest you lose God's favour in exchange for people's praise. – St. Jerome</i>
Wednesday, March 5, 9:00 am – Ashes Liturgy for School 7:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Mass
Thursday, March 6, 12:05 pm +Betty Furlong; Wayne & Donna Vollmer <i>Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words. – St. Ignatius Loyola</i>
Friday, March 7, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>The heart is free that is held by no love other than the love of God. – St. Bonaventure</i>
Saturday, March 8, 5:00 pm +Arthur Moser; Charlie & Irene Zettel +Allen Hanley; Carol & Ed Kieswetter
Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community After Mass Coffee Sunday 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR March 8/9

First Reading: Dt 26:4-10
 Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13
 Gospel Reading: Lk 4:1-13

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Mar 3	Rev. Joseph Akanbi
Tues., Mar 4	Rev. Charles Jordan
Wed., Mar 5	Ash Wednesday
Thu., Mar 6	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
Fri., Mar 7	Parish Staff
	World Day of Prayer
Sat., Mar 8	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	4:30 p.m.	Scotland & England Trip Mtg - Library
	6:15 p.m.	First Communion Session – Hall
	7:35 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting – Library
WED	10:00 a.m.	Set-up for Fish Fry – Hall
FRI	5:00 – 7:30 p.m.	Fish Fry - Hall

MINISTRIES for March 8/9

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Steve Pond, Judy Furlong
9am	Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm	Sue & Greg Goetz
9am	Pat & Linus Ditner, John Bruder

Lector

5pm	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Maria Diemert

Commentator

5pm	Patsy Pond
9am	Mike Noel

Altar Servers

9am	Nathan, Isabelle, Divine
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Children's Liturgy

Mar 9	Anna Jakeman, Ken Gallipeau
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Sign Ministry

Mar 4 John Bruder

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For Families in Crisis – Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Ketchup, Cheez Whiz & Salad Dressing (any type)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to those who made the Soups On last weekend a huge success. The many soups were enjoyed by all and it was a great social time. Thanks to those who organized, made soups or helped in any way. Donations went to Coldest Night of the Year (Woolwich Community Services).

In the bulletin you will find a mini-magazine from Development and Peace. There is a solidarity calendar within the magazine and we invite you to join our Lenten Pilgrimage of Hope. This Jubilee year, Pope Francis calls us to be "Pilgrims of Hope." Join us as we journey together for the next 40 days! Get ready! Decorate a recycled container in which to collect donations throughout Lent. For example, on March 6th it says sow a mustard seed and watch it grow. Small acts of generosity can make a big impact. Each day of lent there is an activity. Bring the money you collect to the church on the weekend of April 5th/6th.

Join us this Friday for the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. Come out and enjoy a great meal and enjoy fellowship with the community. Pick up or call to reserve your tickets.

Father Peter

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 7th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

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.

MARCH 2, 2025

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.

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.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, March 6th** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at cmlamers@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

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.

ReSTART: MOVING FORWARD – Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will be offered from **March 24 - June 9** (no sessions April 21 & May 19) and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our Zoom classroom if you are from outside the Hamilton area. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. To register go

to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

STRUGGLING IN YOUR MARRIAGE? FIND HOPE WITH RETROUVAILLE – Retrouvaille is a marriage program that helps couples who are struggling to restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. Retrouvaille helps to improve communication, build stronger marriages and aids couples to reconnect. For more information visit www.retrouvaille.org or email 1013r@helpourmarriage.org.

ENHANCING SELF-ESTEEM - This program provides the opportunity to increase your self-awareness and to learn specific skills for building a positive self-esteem, which will assist you to feel stronger in all areas of your life. Issues covered during the course include taking responsibility for your own thoughts and feelings, positive ways to behave assertively and setting realistic goals for your future. The program will be offered from **March 24 - June 9** (no sessions April 21 & May 19) and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton. Cost is \$35 for materials. To register go to hamiltondiocese.com and look for the date under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 – We cannot come to know our vocation without entering into our heart – perhaps for the first time in a very long time – which can seem like a daunting task. But if we are willing to go there, we will find another heart, the heart of Jesus, who out of the abundance of His Heart, is waiting to speak to us. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – "In the Lord your labour is not in vain." Is the Lord calling you to work in His vineyard? Pray to hear God's call. 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

Offertory collection for February 22/23: \$ 3,913.50
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$98,846.47

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