

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

February 18, 2018  
First Sunday of Lent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,  
1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. David Lewis  
**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer  
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**Office Hours:**  
Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm



### Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:30am

### Weekday Masses

see inside

### Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,  
or by request.

### Sacrament of Baptism (4th 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

Andrea Visneskie  
Barb Vodicka  
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Fr. David Lewis  
Leona Weishar  
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### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://www.resurrectionist.net)

### New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!  
Please register at the office or pick up  
registration package in the church foyer.

### 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

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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. ✠

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday, February 20,**  
**6:30 p.m.** Stations of the Cross (Youth)  
**7:10 p.m.** +Inez Haid; Celina Kocher

*Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could. – St. Gregory Nazianzen*

**Wednesday, February 21, No Mass**  
*Prayer joined to sacrifice constitutes the most powerful force in human history. – St. John Paul II*

**Thursday, February 22, 12:05 p.m.**  
**+Bill Lehmann;** Knights of Columbus Council 8192  
*We set forth our petitions before God, not in order to make known to him our needs and desires, but rather so that we ourselves may realize that in these things it is necessary to turn to God for help. – St Thomas Aquinas*

**Friday, February 23,**  
**9:00 a.m. Ron Weber;** Donna & Wayne Vollmer  
**9:30 – 12:30 a.m. Adoration**  
*Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ. – St. Benedict*

**Saturday, February 24, 5 p.m.**  
**+Pat Wintermeyer;** Paul Wintermeyer  
**+Marie Kraemer;** Vincent Kraemer Family

**Sunday, February 25, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**Our Parish Community**

#### READINGS FOR February 24/25

First Reading: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18  
 Second Reading: Rom 8:31b-34  
 Gospel Reading: Mk 9:2-10

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE** 1:00 pm **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Library  
**WED** 7:00 pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar  
**THU** 10:45 am-11 :45 am **Scripture Study** - Rectory  
 7:00 pm **Medieval Art & Architecture** – Church  
**SUN** After Mass **Coffee Sunday**

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

##### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., February 19 Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.  
 Tues., February 20 Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.  
 Wed., February 21 Salesians fo Don Bosco, S.D.B.  
 Thurs., February 22 Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.  
 Fri., February 23 Rev. David Avila  
 Sat., February 24 Rev. Tim Hingston

#### MINISTRIES for February 24/25

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond, Stewart Logan  
 9:30am Agnes Downey, Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme

##### Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Jane Goll, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss  
 9:30am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Ron & Joyce Stemmler

##### Altar Servers

5pm Need Servers  
 9:30am Isabella Maher, Ailah Kauk, Lana Kauk, Casey Dronick

##### Lectors

5pm Colleen Weber  
 9:30am Barry Glofcheskie  
 Morgan Glofcheskie

##### Commentator

Judy Furlong  
 Alex Glofcheskie

##### Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Feb 25 Jane Goll

##### Sign Ministry

Feb 19 Lucier Family

##### Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Feb 21 Stewart Logan

#### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

#### FOODBANK NEEDS

Juice Boxes and Canned Fruit (not pineapple)

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** There is another insert in our bulletin today. It is the Share Lent **MINI MAGAZINE** called: "Together for peace". During this 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent, read about a partner of Development and Peace that fosters cultural and religious tolerance. It offers a wide variety of programs, including conferences, training sessions and workshops focusing on peace, reconciliation and coexistence. Please check out the Lenten suggestions for February 25<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup> in your **SOLIDARITY CALENDAR** from last week.

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – We will meet on **Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. in the library. Any new knitters or crocheters are welcome. If you need a ride please contact Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606. If you are in the process of making a shawl, bring it along. We can talk and work at the same time!

**PRAYER SHAWLS** – If you or anyone close to you is seriously ill or experiencing difficult times, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls and blankets which have been blessed and could provide comfort to any who could use supportive prayer. If you wish to have a shawl for this reason, please call Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606 or the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

**SPECIAL LENTEN PROJECT** – St. Teresa Parish, Elmira will be offering a series of talks on Medieval Art and Architecture during the season of Lent. The remaining Thursday evenings are **February 22<sup>nd</sup>, March 1<sup>st</sup> and March 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the church. The talks with power point visual display will be given by Dr. Joan Coutu, Professor of Art History at the University of Waterloo. Please join us.

The Catholic Women's League will be leading the **STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Wednesday of Lent at Chartwell at 3:15 p.m. in the Activity Room. Please join us.

**Beginning in the New Year** we will be offering **SESSIONS COVERING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CATHOLIC**

**FAITH** for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. These sessions would be especially helpful to those who often attend Mass with their families and would like to receive Communion with them. No commitment is called for to begin. The sessions are offered as an opportunity to explore. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of our new Catechism. If you are interested please speak to Father David or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

Join the "**CALL FOR CONSCIENCE**" in the Hamilton Diocese - The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing health care workers to participate in ending the lives of their patients. The Diocese of Hamilton wants to protect the rights of all healthcare workers. Visit [www.CanadiansforConscience.ca](http://www.CanadiansforConscience.ca) to learn more, write a letter to your Provincial Member of Parliament and consider adding your e-mail address to the Conscience Coalitions network to receive future information. We all need to join the "Call for Conscience" taking place between February 6th and March 31st.

The Elmira and District Ministerial Association **WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE IN LENT** for Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. is at the Elmira Mennonite Church with speaker Susan Campbell.

**2018 FEBRUARY POTATO BLITZ** in support of the House of Friendship - the **COMMUNITY POTATO LUNCH** is on **Friday, February 23, 2018** at 12 noon at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener. Join us for this annual treat of delicious potato dishes and our 8th Annual Soup Idol; donations accepted.

The next **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH TAIZE SONGS** is on **Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's Memorial Anglican Church, 275 Mill Street, Kitchener.

**WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP SENIORS LUNCH CLUB** – Join us for a hot light lunch and fellowship with old and new friends at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue, Elmira on **Monday, February 26, 2018**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Thursday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. The cost is \$6. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, March 1, 2018** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of 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 [kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

The next **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** is on **Friday, March 2, 2018** at Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic

Centre, St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Douglas Cardinal, O.C., PhD (h.c.), Architect will speak about "Organic Architecture And The Indigenous Worldview".

**LENTEN RETREAT, A TIME FOR RENEWING OUR FAITH** – Where is my faith? What am I most grateful for when it comes to faith? How can I dispose myself more to this precious gift? St. Anne's Parish, 268 East Avenue, is hosting a Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Facilitated by Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.

Be inspired, encouraged and healed: Come celebrate the **2018 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY** on **Saturday, March 3, 2018** from 9:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W., Toronto. Inspired talks by Ralph Martin, Sr. Ann Shields and keynote guest speaker Patti Mansfield. The adult Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by Cardinal Thomas Collins and Bishop Scott McCaig will celebrate with the youth. There will be a separate youth event (13-18 years) with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$15 for the youth and can be purchased on the website at [info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](mailto:info@lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca) or 416-251-4255 or 905-270.2510. Check out [www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca](http://www.lift-jesus-higher-rally.ca).

**DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** – Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60<sup>th</sup>, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2017? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Please refer to the poster on the bulletin board for information on how to register for the celebration, or go to [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Lent: the springtime of the soul...is a time to make a new covenant with God, develop new signs of our relationship with our Creator. Go into your own desert and discover what God is asking of you. If you think God could be calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."  
Offertory collection for February 3/4: \$2,695.80  
Average per envelope: \$28.18  
Electronic funds for the week: \$1,143.75  
(based on 4 Sundays per month)  
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00  
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project: \$25,840.00

Thank you!



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