

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

February 2, 2020
Presentation of
the Lord

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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 (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

Annamae Elliott
Deana Pfanner Groves
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Building & Finance Committee

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Catholic Women's League

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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or
www.resurrectionist.net

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. ✠

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3RD

Tuesday, February 4, 7:05 pm

+Leo & Caroline Hicknell; The Family

He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to him, let go of yourself.

– St. Catherine of Siena

Wednesday, February 5, 10:30 am – Heritage House

+Bernard Dietrich; Estate

If you cannot find Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find him in the chalice. – St. John Chrysostom

Thursday, February 6, 12:05 pm

+Laura Logel; Charlotte Mueller

Follow the example of the Lord, being firm and unchangeable in the faith. – St. Polycarp

Friday, February 7, 9:00 am

9:00 am +Austin Whittom; The Family

9:30 am – 12:30 pm Adoration

Look upon yourself as a tree planted beside the water, which bears its fruit in due season; the more it is shaken by the wind, the deeper it strikes its roots into the ground. – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Saturday, February 8, 5:00 pm

+Douglas Furlong; The Family

+Edgar Weppler; Marlene Weppler & Family

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Our Parish Community

During Mass First Communion Session

11:00 am Intentions of Marcella Furlong (100th Birthday)

READINGS FOR February 8/9

First Reading: Is 58:7-10

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5

Gospel Reading: Mt 5:13-16

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	7:00pm	Confirmation Session - Library
WED	7:30pm	9:30 a.m. Choir Practice – Church
THU	7:00pm	First Communion Parent Meeting
	7:30pm	Parish Finance Committee Meeting

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., February 3	Rev. Michael Isabelle
Tues., February 4	Rev. Martin Mikulski, S.A.C.
Wed., February 5	Missionaries
Thurs., February 6	Rev. Antonio Cunha
Fri., February 7	Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I.
Sat., February 8	Rev. Ross Campbell

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Kleenex and Sugar

MINISTRIES for February 8/9

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Phil Milan, Erl Andersen & Tim Baillargeon
9:30am	Laura & Peter Antonello, Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss, Marianne Kieswetter, Jodi Sereres

9:30am Leona & Rick Weishar, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Altar Servers

5pm Patsy Pond

9:30am Heike Elliott, Amber Elliott, Ilan Nero, Taya Nero

Lectors

5pm Kevin Dupuis

9:30am Tom Fahey

Linda Bruder

Commentator

Colleen Weber

Lisa Denomme

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Feb 9 Stewart Logan

Sign Ministry

Feb 3 Pat Ditner

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Feb 5 Cheryl Dunn

PRO-LIFE FUNDRAISING DINNER – Guelph and Area Right to Life invites you to their Annual Fundraising Dinner at the Mandarin Restaurant on **Thursday, February 13th** at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a complimentary dinner, hear updates about the impact of pro-life projects, and have an opportunity to donate. Please call (519) 836-6311 to **reserve your spot by February 6th**.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, February 6, 2020** 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.

ADORATION FOR LIFE – Join us on **Thursday, February 6th** from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows R.C. Church, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener with Mass at 12 Noon, **Thursday, February 6th** at 6 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. Mass at St. Agnes R.C. Church, 75 Bluevale Street North, Waterloo or **Friday, February 7th** from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Teresa R.C. Church Adoration Chapel, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener. Mass is at 7 p.m. Call K-W Right to Life for info at 519-746-5433.

2020 FEBRUARY POTATO BLITZ in support of the House of Friendship - the **SUPERMARKET BLITZ** is on **Saturday, February 8, 2020** from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed at local grocery stores collecting spuds and donations. If you can help contact Jenn at 519-742-8327 ext. 136. Show your support and donate cash, or buy a bag of potatoes! Make a cash donation at houseoffriendship.org/potatoblitz or drop potatoes off at our Emergency Food Hamper Program, 807 Guelph Street, Kitchener on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To learn more contact DawnG@houseoffriendship.org or check our www.houseoffriendship.org/potatoblitz.

ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER will be held on **Saturday, February 8th** at the Maryhill Heritage Park Community

Centre, 58 St. Charles Street East, Maryhill. Sittings are at 5 & 7 p.m. Cost is adults \$20 per person, children aged 6 to 11 is \$12 and children 5 & under are free. Menu is rolled ribs, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, salad, etc., coffee, tea and dessert. Advance tickets only, clearly stating which seating you want to attend. For tickets call Doug Zinger 519-648-2939, Mike Runstedler 519-648-3394 or Jackie Peacock 519-823-5194. Sponsored by Maryhill Knights of Columbus and St. Boniface Catholic Women's League.

A **FAMILY FUN DAY** is being hosted on **Monday, February 17th** from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Floradale Road, Floradale featuring "Hands on Exotics" live animal show at 11:00 a.m., bouncy castles, balloon animals, games and more! Check the poster on the bulletin board.

ACT 2 (SEPARATED & DIVORCED): WINE AND CHEESE SOCIAL – Are you separated and divorced? Would you like to have a relaxed evening out? Join us **Tuesday, February 18th** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo, in the Parish Centre. Life change is never easy, but after a separation or divorce, it's particularly isolating. Come together with others to realize there is a "second act". Join us for our opening Wine and Cheese social – you belong! Register on line on our website, <http://www.stmichaelw.ca>; email, parish@stmichaelw.ca; or call 519-884-9311.

CCYMN HOPE COMES HOME CONFERENCE - The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted **Friday, February 21st to Sunday, February 23rd, 2020** in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation - *Christus Vivit* to day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including priests, religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for Catholic service agencies. There are bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For info about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit www.hopecomeshome.com. If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, at 905-528-7988 ext. 2245 or nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com.

Walk With Us! The Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk on **Saturday, February 22nd**. Woolwich Community Services is hosting the **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR**, a 2 km, 5 km and 10 km winter walk hosted in 100+ cities across Canada and in support of the work here in Elmira with the hungry, homeless and hurting. With your help, the goal is to raise \$50,000. To accomplish this goal, we are looking for registrations of teams of 8-10 people to walk and raise money with us that night. Anyone can register a team. Each walker is encouraged to raise a

minimum of \$150 or pay a \$25 registration fee without having to fundraise. A chili dinner is served afterwards. Every walker who raises either \$75 (youth 17 and under) or \$150 for adults) gets our famous Coldest Night toque. If you have questions contact Leigh-Anne Quinn at 519-669-5139 or email leighanne_wcs@yahoo.ca. Register to walk, donate or volunteer by visiting: <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>.

VOCATION SEEDS – "Jesus did not come to help Angels, but the descendants of Abraham." If God is calling you to consider the priesthood, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton by telephone at 905-528-7988 or by email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

CALLING ALL CURSILLISTAS – Have you attended a Cursillo Weekend? Do you remember the informative talks, and the wonderful support and friendship with other like-minded individuals? Do you remember the joyful feeling, enthusiasm, and fresh start you felt to life after the weekend was over? Well if you have lost touch with the Cursillo movement, but would like to meet for a coffee, a chat, and to find out how the Cursillo movement is doing in your area, then call Ray St. Cartier at 226-988-4622, Fr. Gary Schlack at 519-364-1973 or Mary Ann Kirkconnell at 519-379-9858. Rekindle that flame in your heart!

CONSULTATION ON MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING
The Canadian Department of Justice is having a Medical Assistance in Dying consultation, since the government is considering expanding the euthanasia law to those not dying. Let the government know that as a Catholic, you believe that the current safeguards and eligibility requirements need to be increased not lessened. You will be given the opportunity to provide written comments about the safeguards, the morality of the directives, and other factors of Canada's euthanasia law. This is your chance to influence how we move forward in this country with MAID. Please make your voice heard by filling out the survey at <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>.

Don't miss out on the **2020 CATHOLIC CHARITIES LOTTERY!** 40 draws for \$40,000 in prizes! Since its inception, the Foundation has provided over \$3 Million dollars to Catholic Schools, Catholic Parishes and Community Organizations in Waterloo Region. The Catholic Charities Lottery began in the 1970's and continues today as the sole fundraiser of the CCFOWR. Applications were included in last week's bulletin. Purchase a ticket today! Go to www.ccfowr.org/lottery or call (519) 747-5661 to purchase over the phone!

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for January 25/26:	\$3,375.40
Average per envelope:	\$31.60
Electronic funds for the week: (based on 4 Sundays per month)	\$1,288.50
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$94,352.15
Thank you!	

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