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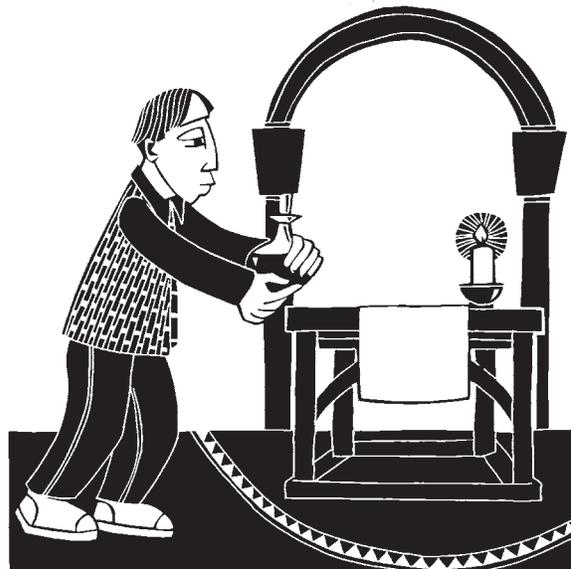
February 15, 2026
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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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. ✠

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16TH

Tuesday, February 17, 7:05 pm +Elzbieta Truszkowski; Colleen, Deirdre & Deb <i>We must pray without ceasing, in every occurrence and employment of our lives – that prayer which is rather a habit of lifting up the heart to God as in a constant communication. – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>
Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday 9:00 am St. Teresa School Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7:00 pm +Sharon Kroeplin; Rick & Leona Weishar
Thursday, February 19, 12:05 pm +Gord Walz; Ray & Trudy Denomme <i>Divide your returns with your God. Share your gains with Christ. Make Christ a partner in your earthly possessions so that he will also make you co-heir of his heavenly kingdom. – St. Cyprian of Carthage</i>
Friday, February 20, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>One whose soul is in disorder, whose mind is wandering with vain, useless thoughts, cannot pray. To pray, we must unite the flesh and its feelings to the soul with its imagination, memory and will. – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini</i>
Saturday, February 21, 5:00 pm +Doug Furlong; The Family +Vincent Snelling; The Family
Sunday, February 22, First Sunday of Lent 9:00 am Our Parish Community (with First Communion Enrolment) After Mass Coffee Sunday 11:00 am Maryhill 1:00 pm Baptisms

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Connie Kaster	Patsy Pond
9am	Tracy Kroetsch Mike Noel	John Bruder

Altar Servers
9am Wesley, Alexis, Allyson

Children's Liturgy
Feb 22 Sandi Hutchinson, Ken Gallipeau

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For children with incurable diseases – Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, February 18th. Throughout history, ashes have been a powerful outward symbol of interior repentance and spiritual awareness. The Early Christians used ashes to show repentance as well, but not just on Ash Wednesday! After going to confession, it was common for the priest to give the person ashes on their forehead. Catholics have been receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday since the time of St. Gregory the Great. In 1091, Pope Urban II encouraged the entire Church to use ashes on Ash Wednesday.

Thank you to those who attended and volunteered at the Spaghetti Dinner. It was a great time with good food and fellowship.

Father Peter

READINGS FOR February 21/22

First Reading: Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7
 Second Reading: Rom 5:12-19
 Gospel Reading: Mt 4:1-11

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Feb 16	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Tues., Feb 17	Rev. Robert Love
Wed., Feb 18	Ash Wednesday
Thu., Feb 19	Rev. Jeffery Oehring
Fri., Feb 20	Rev. Francesco Cucchi
Sat., Feb 21	Rev. Mark Gatto

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry – Library
	6:15 p.m.	First Communion Session - Hall
THU	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus General Mtg.
	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. – Library
FRI	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group – Hall

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Pasta, Juice, Canned Fruit

MINISTRIES for February 21/22

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Tim Baillargeon, Judy Furlong
9am	Pat Ditner, Carol Kieswetter, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm	Kieran & Geoff Kelly
9am	Rick & Leona Weishar, Ron Stemmler

Mark your calendar for the **ST. TERESA OF AVILA GARDEN PARTY** on **Friday, September 18th**.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE - Join the "On Track for Justice" campaign launch webinar. To learn all about Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's new Share Lent campaign, **On Track for Justice**, join the launch webinar on **February 21st** at 1:30 p.m. ET. We will learn about the work of our Brazilian partner, Justiça nos Trilhos (Justice on Rails), in the company of Padre Dario Bossi, a Comboni missionary and Lenten solidarity visitor, and a member of a community along the Carajás railway that is affected by industrial agriculture. Interpretation will be provided in French, English and Portuguese. Register at devp.org under "Get Involved".

A **SNOWBOOT BRUSH** is installed outside by the entrance doors. Please use it before coming in if you can. It helps with not bringing in all the salt which causes damage to the flooring.

Coming soon! On **Saturday, February 28, 2026** is the Coldest Night of the Year. The C.W.L. invites you for **SOUP'S ON** in the hall following Mass for our social soup supper! Freewill donations will go to our local Woolwich Community Services for their various programs providing supports to those in need in our community.

We have ourselves a small but mighty team of 3 walkers for the **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK** on **Saturday**,

February 28th. It's not too late if you would like to join us or if you would like to donate. Please go to CNOY2026 Elmira and our Team is St. Teresa's Trotters if you wish to donate to this worthwhile cause. Thanking you in advance.

The **CARMEL GUILD** have added the **2026 Newsletter** to the Carmel of St. Joseph website at www.thecarmel.ca. Please visit the website and use the dropdown function for our location. In addition, we will be placing copies of our 2026 Newsletter in the Deanery of Waterloo Churches starting the week of February 14, 2026.

In February the Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering: **STRENGTHENING CHILDREN'S EMOTION-REGULATION SKILLS**, Virtual Parenting Workshop, on **Wednesday, February 18th** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$10. To register, please visit: <https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>. ***Further subsidies available if needed.**

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE presents Dr. Gary J. Adler Jr. While the winter weather prevents us from meeting in person, you are invited to join a special Zoom lecture on **Thursday, February 26th** at 7:30 p.m. It is a virtual lecture. The event is free and all are welcome. The topic is "Catholic in Governing, not Catholicism in Government: How Local Government Officials Manage Interaction between Religion and State. Dr. Gary J. Adler Jr., an Associate Professor of Sociology at Pennsylvania State University, will examine the intersection of religion and politics in his talk.

Mark your calendar for **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2026** on **Friday, March 6, 2026** at 2:00 p.m. at the Trinity United Church, located on the lower level of Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Road. Enter from the front entrance and follow the signage. Elevator access is available. The theme is "I will give you rest: come" Matthew 11:28-30. The service is written and prepared by WDP Nigeria.

SERRA CLUB is glad to resume meetings at **St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo on the second Thursday of the month.** Join us at St. Agnes for a Holy Hour, Rosary and Benediction at 6:00 p.m. and Mass at 7:00 p.m. There will be a brief meeting and fellowship in the parish hall following evening Mass. Serrans are lay Catholics, men and women of all ages and from all walks of life, all dedicated to promoting and foster vocations. Serra International ("Serra") is formally recognized by the Holy See as the only global lay apostolate for vocations in the Catholic Church. Masses for 2026 are March 12, April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, September 19, October 8, November 12, December 10, 2026. Join us for the Rosary on ZOOM every Monday at 7:00 p.m. Address: 891 4699 8295, Pass Code GvsW9U. New members are welcome! Contact ma_zister@hotmail.com.

LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2026 Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026 is on **Saturday, March 14th** at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. This event includes a Youth Conference (13-18) and an Adult Conference. For information regarding busing and tickets, please call Anna Joseph at 519-577-8519.

The Sisters Poor of Jesus Christ are hosting a **COME & SEE** from **March 17th – 21st** at 177 Sanford Avenue North, Hamilton. This is for young women in the Diocese who are considering religious life. Discover God's call and schedule your visit today and take the next step. Contact 905-512-8493 or vocation.skateritekakwitha@ocaminho.org.

Mark your calendars for the Woolwich Counselling Centre **50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA on Friday, March 27, 2026** at the Lions Hall in Elmira. This unforgettable evening will feature a powerful musical keynote by **Séan McCann**, founding member of *Great Big Sea*, and a 3-course dinner prepared by Kennedy's Catering. Through this event, we're aiming to raise \$50,000 to ensure that every resident of Woolwich and Wellesley Townships can access mental health support. Tickets are on sale.

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY GALA – The independent Catholic school opening in Guelph in September 2026 will host a gala on **Saturday, April 11, 2026**. The event will feature dinner, dancing, a silent auction, and many prizes. Tickets are \$140 each. A portion of the ticket price may be eligible for a tax receipt. For more information, to order tickets, to pay by e-transfer, or to donate a prize, please contact info@reginacaeliacademy.ca. Thank you for supporting Regina Caeli Academy.

THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – Save the Date! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2026? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Dabrowski and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, May 31, 2026** 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). Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Invited to reflect on God's wisdom this Sunday, Sirach reminds us that our capacity to choose right from wrong – our capacity to discern – comes from God's boundless wisdom. A call to the Congregation of the Resurrection – a calling first experienced 190 years ago by spiritually, emotionally, and materially destitute young men – starts by recognizing God's unconditional love. By all counts, such boundless love characterizes God's boundless wisdom. Fr. Eric Wagner, C.R.; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him." If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$61,588.16



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