

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

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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
Fr. Peter Meyer Jim McInnis
John Bruder Ken Gallipeau

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
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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
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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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 12TH

Tuesday, January 13, 7:05 pm

+Rita Klein; Carol & Ed Kieswetter

Soon as the earliest light we see we lift our souls, O Lord, to thee; to thee, sweet source of living light, in song and prayer our hearts unite. – St. Hilary of Poitiers

Wednesday, January 14, 12:05 pm

+Andrew Schlupp; Knights of Columbus Council 8192

Do not judge by appearance nor by the opinions of others, for the judgments of God are very different. – Bl. John Martin Moyer

Thursday, January 15, 12:05 pm

Intentions of Florence Hickey; Colleen Jack

Those who are truly humble within themselves will never find their tongues betraying them. – St. John Climacus

Friday, January 16, 9:00 am - Maryhill

A true Christian may almost be defined as one who has a ruling sense of God's presence within. – St. John Henry Newman

Saturday, January 17, 5:00 pm

+Greg & Mary Kelly; Kelly Family

+Bill Strauss; Margaret & Richard Read

Sunday, January 18, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR January 17/18

First Reading: Is 49:3, 5-6

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:1-3

Gospel Reading: Jn 1:29-34

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Jan 12	Rev. Scott Whitfield
Tues., Jan 13	Rev. Stanley Nwokeji
Wed., Jan 14	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
Thu., Jan 15	Rev. Peter Robinson
Fri., Jan 16	Rev. James Petrie
Sat., Jan 17	Married Couples

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THU 7:00 p.m. **R.C.I.A.** – Library

MINISTRIES for January 17/18

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy & Steve Pond

9am Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt, Marianne Kieswetter

9am Linus & Pat Ditner, Ron Stemmler

Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme

9am Wally Malcolm

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis

Mike Noel

Altar Servers

9am Sam, Isabelle, Evan

Children's Liturgy

Jan 18 Tessa Heffernan, Nikki Totten

FOODBANK NEEDS

Crackers, Soup, Baked Beans, Rice

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For prayer with the Word of God – Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

As we resume gatherings for the R.C.I.A. candidates, I ask you to pray for them as they journey towards learning more about the Catholic Church and in their decision of whether they wish to join the church.

Father Peter

BINGO NIGHT! Join us on **Thursday, January 29, 2026** at the Lion's Hall, Elmira. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo begins at 7:00 p.m. Get ready for an evening filled with: lucky numbers, laughter, and fantastic prizes. A portion of the proceeds support the good works of our Knights of Columbus.

Our Catholic Women's League will be hosting **SOUP'S ON** again on **Saturday, January 24th** following the 5 p.m. Mass. Come join us in the Hall for a soup supper! Free will donations will go to Marillac Place.

There has been some interest in putting a team together from St. Teresa in the **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR WALK** happening on **February 28th, 2026**. If you love to walk and raise money for this worthwhile cause please contact Patsy Pond at sppond@rogers.com or the church office if you would like to join the Team.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2026, which are available in the hallway. For those who are donating electronically please also pick up your set of envelopes as they have only the envelopes for special collections. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

2026 YOUTH GROUP UPDATE – Youth from grades 8 – 12 have been meeting every two weeks since the summer. If you or anyone you know would like to attend, the 2026 dates are January 9th, 23rd, Feb 6th, 20th, March 6th, 20th, April 3rd, 17th from 7 – 9 p.m. in the church hall. Activities include games, worship, teaching, sharing, and social with snacks. Any questions please phone Chris Cassidy at 226-751-6469. Please pass this on to anyone who might be interested.

BECOME A C.W.L. MEMBER! Ladies 16 or older, our membership drive goes until the end of the year. We would love to have you join our sisterhood of women here at St. Teresa which is a part of the National League that is Canada wide! Join today! Membership is \$40. Indicate your name, address, phone number and email address and either place it in the collection with your fee or e-transfer to our Treasurer at dunfam1@rogers.com indicating C.W.L. membership.

In January the Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering:

- **NO NEED TO FRET: JUNIOR GROUP**, In-Person Workshop, ages 10 -12 on **Mondays, from January 12 - February 9, 2026** from 5 - 6 p.m. Fee is \$150.
- **UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN CHILDREN**, Virtual Parenting Workshop, on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$10.

To register, please visit:

<https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>.

***Further subsidies available if needed.**

Woolwich Community Services is offering a **FREE VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS WITH LISA**. Join us for a Zoom cooking class to explore ways to prepare healthy, delicious recipes on **Wednesday, January 14th and 28th** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register call 519-669-5139. If you are registered with our food programs, you are eligible for a meal kit with all the needed items. For more info email Lisa at lisam.wcs@gmail.ca.

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE presents Dr. Gary J. Adler Jr. on **Thursday, January 15th** at 7:30 p.m. at the SJ1, Classrooms and Library Building, Notre Dame Chapel. The event is free. All are welcome. Join us for the first talk of 2026, Lectures in Catholic Experience "Living the Mission in the Margins". Dr. Gary J. Adler Jr. will examine culture at the intersection of religion and politics in "Catholic in Governing, not Catholicism in Government: How Local Government Officials' Manage Interaction between Religion and State".

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL – Join the Reel Justice Film Festival on **January 22, 2026** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for a screening of **PUSH**. Housing prices are skyrocketing in cities around the world. Incomes are not. **PUSH** examines our increasingly unliveable cities and an escalating crisis that has an effect on us all. Housing is not a commodity. It is a human right. The screening and discussion will be hosted online via Zoom. Register and view our full schedule of events at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>. This is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. The Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD – The Diocese of Hamilton provides formation for Ministers of the Word to exercise a very important ministry at Mass. In this workshop, participants receive formation in Liturgy and Ministry, Techniques to Proclaim the Word of God, and an opportunity to practice. It is ideal for both parishioners new to this ministry or considering it, as well as a good refresher for experienced Ministers of the Word. There is always good participant sharing. Participation is limited to 75 people. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. This is on **Saturday, January 24, 2026** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants register through the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops. <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events/2025/12/minister-of-the-word-formation-workshop-4/>.

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. 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 7th** at St. Michael's Church, Waterloo.

Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

RESTART: MOVING FORWARD – Have you experienced a divorce or separation? Are you looking to learn ways to cope, for support from others and to gain a feeling of moving forward? Our 10-week program offers education and support to anyone seeking to heal or simply learn more. The sessions will run **Tuesdays from Feb. 17 – April 21, 2026** from 7-9 p.m. and are held at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration online can be found by going to hamiltondiocese.com and looking for the date under Upcoming Events, or by contacting Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 now - take advantage of the early bird pricing until January 31st!

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Our vocations – whether to consecrated religious life, the priesthood, marriage, or the single life – may be likened to Jesus' call at the Jordan. God calls, prompting a journey with a direction, a trajectory. We respond generously, humbly. God does the rest. To what is God calling you? How will you respond?

Fr. Eric Wagner, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – As John the Baptist introduced the people of his time to Jesus "a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'" Perhaps God is calling you to do the same in our time 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

Offertory collection for December 20/21	\$ 6,478.45
Offertory collection for December 24/25:	\$13,369.75
Offertory collection for December 27/28	\$ 3,409.00
Offertory collection for Dec 31/Jan 1:	\$ 1,310.00
Offertory collection for January 3/4:	\$ 5,163.15
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$75,955.81

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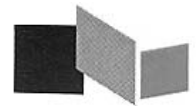
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