

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer

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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer

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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.

**January 18, 2026**  
**Second Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**



### 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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#### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka  
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Rick Weishar  
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#### Vocations

Contact [hamltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamltondiocese.com/vocations/)  
or [resurrectionists.com/vocations](http://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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### 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. †**

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

**Tuesday, January 20, 7:05 pm**

+Peter Cote; Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt

*Let us therefore give ourselves to God with a great desire to begin to live thus, and beg him to destroy in us the life of the world of sin, and to establish his life within us. – St. John Eudes*

**Wednesday, January 21, 10:30 am (Barnswallow Place)**

+Rita Klein; Doris & Mike Snelling

*Let us not put off until the end of our life the care that we ought daily to take of our soul. – St. John Mary Vianney*

**Thursday, January 22, 12:05 pm**

+Wayne Vollmer; Rick & Leona Weishar

*Let us have no desire to choose our own paths but walk in those which God may be pleased to present to us. – St. Vincent de Paul*

**Friday, January 23, 9:00 am - Maryhill**

*If we cannot restrain our tongue, or control our bodies and employ them in good works, can we complain that God does not call us to higher things? – St. John of Avila*

**Saturday, January 24, 5:00 pm**

+Judy Koebel; The Family

+Betty Furlong; Jane & Allan Graff

**Sunday, January 25, Word of God Sunday**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

### READINGS FOR January 24/25

First Reading: Is 8:23-9:3

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Gospel Reading: Mt 4:12-23

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Jan 19 Rev. Donald Wilhelm

Tues., Jan 20 Rev. Arpee Nicolas Urquico

Wed., Jan 21 Hospitaller Order of St. John of God, O.H.

Thu., Jan 22 Rev. Guillermo Diaz

Fri., Jan 23 Rev. Paul Edmonstone

Sat., Jan 24 Grzegorz Ogorzalek

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**THU** 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. – Library

**FRI** 7:00 p.m. Youth Group – Hall

**SAT** After Mass Soups On - Hall

### MINISTRIES for January 24/25

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Tim Baillargeon

9am Ken Gallipeau, Pat Ditner, Carol Kieswetter

#### Hospitality

5pm Greg & Sue Goetz

9am Leona & Rick Weishar, Adrian Miltenburg

#### Lector

5pm Connie Kaster

9am Paul Shutsa

#### Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter

Iris Miltenburg

#### Altar Servers

9am Matilda, Ella, Libby

### Children's Liturgy

Jan 25 Sandi Hutchinson, Anna Jakeman

### 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

This week, January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We pray together that all may be one, as Christ desires.

Join us this coming Saturday for Soups On. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex.

Father Peter

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Sabryne Soriano**, daughter of Bryan and Cherry. We pray that God will help this child to grow in holiness and wisdom.

Our Catholic Women's League will be hosting **SOUPS ON** again on **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>** following the 5 p.m. Mass. Come join us in the hall for a soup supper! Freewill donations will go to Marillac Place. Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex if you plan to attend.

**SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD:** "The word of Christ dwells among you" (Col 3:16). The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time marks the celebration of **Bible Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>**, in the Diocese of Hamilton. At the conclusion of the Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encouraged every Christian community to choose one Sunday a year to renew its efforts to make the Sacred Scriptures better known and widely diffused. Our celebration of Bible Sunday is a call to listen to how **#TheBibleSpeaks** in our hearts and within our communities of faith. This is the seventh annual celebration of this special day in the life of the Catholic Church.

The Pastoral Offices of the Diocese of Hamilton have prepared a wide variety of resources for your celebration of Bible Sunday 2026. Visit our website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks/> for more information.

**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.

**CONFIRMATION** – You are invited to a

**PARENT/CANDIDATE INFORMATION MEETING** on **Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. in the church for those who are in Grade 7 and above. This is a time for any questions or concerns that you may have regarding this Sacrament. The program and schedule will be discussed. If you know of anyone attending a public school who would like to receive confirmation please let them know. Contact Iris at [imiltenburg@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:imiltenburg@hamiltondiocese.com).

**FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING** will be held on **Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>** at 6:15 p.m. in the church.

The **CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS** are available in the hallway for pick-up. If you or anyone in your family experienced one of the Sacraments in 2025, they are a souvenir for your tree at home - Baptism (silver), First Communion (blue/white), Confirmation (red), Marriage (gold), RCIA (green) or Death (purple).

**PRAAYER SHAWLS** – If you know of anyone who is in need of prayerful support, please pick up a prayer shawl. Ask a Hospitality Minister and they can get it for you or come to the Parish Office to pick one up.

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 [sp pond@rogers.com](mailto:sp pond@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.

**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.

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 28<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:lisam.wcs@gmail.ca).

The Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering.

- **EFFECTIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING WITH OUR CHILDREN** (Virtual Parenting Workshop) on **Wednesday, January 28** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$10.
- **GLAD TO BE ME** (In-Person Workshop) for ages 4-7 on **Monday, February 2** from 4-5 p.m. Fee is \$10.

Face Off for Mental Health! **ELMIRA SUGAR KINGS CHARITY GAME** on **Sunday, February 1, 2026** at 2 p.m. at the Dan Snyder Memorial Arena. Come together with family, friends and community members to watch the Elmira Sugar Kings take on the Stratford Warriors at the Dan Snyder Memorial Arena. Puck drop is 2 p.m. with the Jersey Auction to follow. The Elmira Sugar Kings, CJ Brubacher and Woolwich Counselling Centre are teaming up to support mental wellness in our community.

**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 7<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

Mark your calendars for the Woolwich Counselling Centre **50<sup>TH</sup> 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** – Jesus had a particular vocation to be the Word made flesh and by his "yes" to this calling, so much healing, forgiveness and direction was given to literally billions of people since his conception. I wonder if we realize the significance of our "yes" to God? How many lives does God want to change through the commitments and sacrifices we might make? And how much goes unchanged because of the times when we might say no. May we always be attentive to God's Word calling forth our gifts. And for the sake of ourselves and the world may our answer be more often a resounding "yes."

Fr. Toby Collins, C.R.; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**VOCATION SEEDS** – St. Paul tells us that we have been sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be a holy people. Could it be that you or someone in your family is being called to be 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for January 10/11	\$ 2,966.00
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$75,955.81

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