

St. Teresa of Avila

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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.

January 25, 2026
Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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. †

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 26TH

Tuesday, January 27, 7:05 pm

+Jim Hanley; Carol & Ed Kieswetter

God has given each person freedom and forces no one, but only indicates, calls and persuades. – St. Angela Merici

Wednesday, January 28, 12:05 pm

Intentions of Owen McIntosh; Millie & Al Selmenci

Faith is first a fidelity to truth, indeed to Truth himself. – St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday, January 29, 12:05 pm

Intentions of Florence Hickey; Colleen Jack

For what greater thing is there than that God should become human? – St. John Damascene

Friday, January 30, 9:00 am - Maryhill

We have a great deposit in children; let us attend to them with great care. – St. John Chrysostom

Saturday, January 31, 5:00 pm

+Jack Soeder; Keri Smith

+Karen Bertin; Knights of Columbus Council 8192

Sunday, February 1, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR January 31/Feb 1

First Reading: Zep 2:3, 3:12-13

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel Reading: Mt 5:1-12a

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Jan 26 Rev. Timothy Higgins
Tues., Jan 27 Very Rev. David Wynen
Wed., Jan 28 Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.
Thu., Jan 29 Rev. Fadi Wajih Rizk
Fri., Jan 30 Rev. Marko Stefanec
Sat., Jan 31 Rev. Edward Mahony
St. John Bosco, Priest

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUN After Mass C.W.L. General Meeting – Hall
THU 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. – Library
FRI Office Closed

MINISTRIES for January 31/February 1

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am Cheryl Dunn, Allyson and Chris Cassidy

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Pat Stortz
9am Carol & Ed Kieswetter, Sharon Noel

Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra
9am Mike Noel

Commentator

Lisa Denomme
Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am Breea, Scarlett, Divine

Children's Liturgy

Feb 1 Nikki Totten, Tessa Heffernan

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

Today is the Sunday of the Word of God. We are encouraged to listen to how the Bible speaks to us in our hearts and within our faith communities.

Join us for our upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, February 13th. Tickets are now available. Come and bring your family for food, fun and fellowship.

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.

SPAGHETTI DINNER – HOSTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 8192 & THE CATHOLIC

WOMEN'S LEAGE – The Spaghetti Dinner is on **Friday, February 13, 2026**, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with takeout at 4:30 p.m. It will be continuous seating until 7:00 p.m.

Please consider volunteering 1-2 hours for this worthwhile event. Your help will be needed for ticket sales, preparation, set up/take down and during the evening of the event.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Cost \$16.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for Children (6-12), and Free for Children (5 & Under). Please reserve your tickets by calling the Church Office at 519-669-3387 or Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928. Tickets will be on sale as of January 17, 2026 and will also be available at weekend Masses. Proceeds will be going to reupholstering the hall chairs.

CONFIRMATION – You are invited to a parent/candidate information meeting on **Wednesday, February 4th** 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.

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

PRAYER 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 sppond@rogers.com or the church office if you would like to join the Team.

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 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.

You are invited to the St. Teresa of Avila School Musical called **MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES** on **Thursday, January 29th** at 12:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila School, Elmira. Coffee, tea and baked goods are available. This is a Grade 8 Fundraising initiative to offset the cost for their Grad Trip in the spring! Monetary donations only (credit and debit). No cash is accepted. All are welcome!

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.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering:

- **CONNECTING MIND AND BODY FOR KIDS** (In-Person Group), Ages 3-4, on **Tuesdays, February 3 – March 3** from 10 – 11 a.m. The fee is \$150.
- **PARENTING CHILDREN WITH ADHD** (In-Person Adult Group) on **Tuesdays, February 3 – March 3** from 6 – 7:30 p.m. The fee is \$150.

To register, please visit <https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-event/>. Further subsidies available if needed.

The **CATHOLIC LAND MOVEMENT (CLM)** is forming a local chapter in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. The CLM is a lay initiative that supports Catholics who feel drawn to Christ-centered rural living, rooted in the Church's social teaching. All are invited to the **Chapter Kickoff on Saturday, February 7th**, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish in Linwood, preceded by First Saturday Rosary and Mass at 9:00 a.m. The event will include an introduction to the Catholic Land Movement, a keynote talk by Fr. Brendan McGrath, and a potluck lunch. For more information or to RSVP, contact Feisal Borjas at (416) 303-7659 or clmkitchener@gmail.com.

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 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.

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 **Sean 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 - **early bird pricing until January 31st!**

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – In today's Gospel, one word has always stood out for me: immediately. When Jesus calls Simon and Andrew, James and John, they leave their nets, their boat, even their father, and follow Him at once. Vocation does not begin with perfect clarity or detailed plans, but with a heart shaped by the Word and ready to trust. May we learn to hear God's Word and respond without delay.
Fr. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for January 17/18	\$ 3,291.50
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$75,955.81

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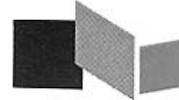
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