

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

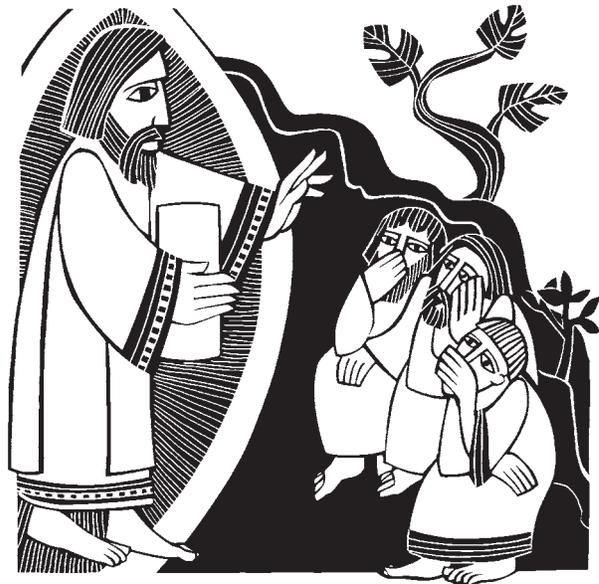
March 1, 2026  
Second Sunday of Lent

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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  
Dan Lauzon     Maria Diemert  
Rick Weishar  
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### Catholic Women's League

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### Vocations

Contact [hamiltodiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltodiocese.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

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](http://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. ✠

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Tuesday, March 3**

**6:30 pm Stations of the Cross (led by the Youth)**

**7:05 pm**

**+Theresa Cassel; Estate**

*Can there be a more fitting pursuit in youth or a more valuable possession in old age than a knowledge of sacred scripture? In the midst of storms it will preserve you from the dangers of shipwreck and guide you to the shore of an enchanting paradise and the everlasting bliss of the angels. – St. Boniface*

**Wednesday, March 4, 12:15 pm**

**Intentions of Mike & Sharon Noel; John & Linda Bruder**

*Commitment is doing what you said you would do after the feeling you said it in has passed. – St. Camillus de Lellis*

**Thursday, March 5, 12:05 pm**

**+Wayne Vollmer; Trudy & Ray Denomme**

*Truly, the soul is more worthy and more noble than the whole world and more stable than all things. It is more worthy because it is spiritual and equal to the angels and created for eternal joy. – St. Bridget of Sweden*

**Friday, March 6, 9:00 am - Maryhill**

*The serene, silent beauty of a holy life is the most powerful influence in the world, next to the might of the Holy Spirit. – Blaise Pascal*

**Saturday, March 7, 5:00 pm**

**+Cheryl Lenover; Her Family**

**+Betty Furlong; Margie Walter**

**Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 am Our Parish Community**

**11:00 am Maryhill**

**Altar Servers**

9am Ella, Lylah, Allyson

**Children's Liturgy**

Mar 8 Anna Jakeman, Ken Gallipeau

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**For disarmament and peace** - Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Ham, Chicken or Turkey and Canned Fruit

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As we journey through the season of Lent, the Second Sunday emerges as a pivotal moment of introspection and transformation in the Catholic faith. This Sunday, we are called to reflect deeply on the profound narrative of Jesus' Transfiguration on Mount Tabor.

The World Day of Prayer is Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. It is observed annually on the First Friday in March. It is an invitation for Christians to pause and pray together ecumenically. This recalls our Christian responsibility to be sensitive to the signs of the times so that we might bring a more authentically Christian dimension to the concerns of our world, our country, our community. It is sponsored by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and its national counterparts around the world. It is celebrated in approximately 165 countries.

Father Peter

### READINGS FOR March 7/8

First Reading: Ex 17:3-7

Second Reading: Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Reading: Jn 4:5-42

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Mar 2	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
Tues., Mar 3	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Wed., Mar 4	Society of African Missions, S.M.A.
Thurs., Mar 5	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Fri., Mar 6	World Day of Prayer
Sat., Mar 7	Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>TUE</b>	6:15 p.m.	<b>First Communion Session</b> – Hall
		After Mass <b>Parish Pastoral Council Mtg</b> - Library
<b>THU</b>	7:00 p.m.	<b>R.C.I.A.</b> – Library

### MINISTRIES for March 7/8

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Patsy Pond, Kathy Ziegler
9am	Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson

#### Hospitality

5pm	Pat Stortz, Marilyn Hurlburt
9am	Paul Shutts & Diane Smith, John Bruder

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Mary Forcier	Judy Furlong
9am	William Laurin	Wally Malcolm
	Hannah MacMillan	

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Nico Mark Cerrone**, son of Carmine and Jessica and **Lucas Sumobay**, son of Georen and Rochelle. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

**THANK YOU** everyone who helped with or supported the **Spaghetti Dinner** with a special thanks to all for their help making the delicious sauce. The event is a good start towards getting the hall chairs reupholstered.

Rick Weishar

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, March 13, 2026** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928, after weekend Masses, at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday), or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to reupholstering the hall chairs.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to help with the **Fish Fry on March 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – Caritas Canada’s work in a nutshell** – Dignity, participation, solidarity, the preferential option for the poor, and integrity. These are the values at the heart of the work of Development and Peace — Caritas Canada, the official international development organization of the Catholic Church in Canada. Since 1967, we’ve been walking hand in hand with communities in the Global South to promote justice, peace and dignity. Guided by Catholic Social Teaching, we support partner-led projects that reach over 7 million people in more than 30 countries around the world.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite 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 [cmlamers@rogers.com](mailto:cmlamers@rogers.com) or call 519-742-9025.

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.

In March, Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering:

- **MINDSHIFT: ANXIETY MANAGEMENT GROUP**, In-Person Adult Group, on **Tuesdays, March 10, 24, April 7, 21, May 5** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee is \$150.
- **EMOTION EXPLORERS**, In-Person Group for Ages 5-8 on **Wednesdays, March 25-April 22** from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee is \$150.
- **EMPOWERING THE GIRL IN ME**, In-Person Group for Ages 10-12 on **Wednesdays, March 25-April 22**, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee is \$150.

To register, please visit:

<https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>. Further subsidies available if needed.

**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](mailto:ma_zister@hotmail.com).

**LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY 2026** Lift Jesus Higher Rally 2026 is on **Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>** 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 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto:vocation.skateritekakwitha@ocaminho.org).

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.

**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](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH** – We communicate by using words, sometimes without thinking about their impact. Words can build someone up or tear them down. It is the same in our relationships, the words we choose to express ourselves can impact our relationship, even when there is an issue, positively or negatively. Severe words that criticize, words used in harsh tones, words that are not true, or worse, saying nothing at all but acting angry, all escalate sometimes small matters into a storm. Speaking the truth and expressing needs in ways that are not negative will resolve matters and do no harm, in fact, they will strengthen your love and bond. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE** – Like Abram, the sacrifices we embrace out of love are not losses, but the very path by which God transfigures our hearts. This Lent, what are you willing to work on or surrender, “relying on the power of God,” to respond better to your holy calling “according to His own purpose and grace?”

Fr. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.  
[resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Offeratory collection for Feb 21/22 \$ 3,450.55**  
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