

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

19 Flamingo Dr., Elmira, ON N3B 1V3
519-669-3387 Fax 519-669-3487
stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com

Website: www.stteresaelmira.ca

Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. Peter Meyer

frpetermeyer@gmail.com

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer

Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

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

Dianne Brenner Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar
Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka
h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

Rick Weishar
gk8192@ontariokofc.ca

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.

March 16, 2025

**Second Sunday
of Lent**

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. ✠

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MARCH 17TH

Tuesday, March 18,

6:15 pm Stations of the Cross

(Led by Parish Pastoral Council)

7:05 pm +Bill Strauss; The Family of Leo & Caroline Hicknell

Knowing you, God, awakened such love in me that I wished to correct all my faults, not fearing your anger but for love alone. – St. Gertrude the Great

Wednesday, March 19, No Mass

A heart enamoured of God is unconquerable, since God is its strength. – St. Catherine of Genoa

Thursday, March 20, No Mass

Since we are travellers and pilgrims in the world, let us ever ponder on the end of the road, that is of our life, for the end of our roadway is our home. – St. Columbanus

Friday, March 21, 9:00 am - Maryhill

Hold back nothing of yourselves for yourselves so that God who gives himself totally to you may receive you totally. – St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, March 22, 5:00 pm

**Intentions of Michael O'Reilly; Dad
+Catherine Thiel; Jim Goll**

Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR March 22/23

First Reading: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15

Second Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel Reading: Lk 13:1-9

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Mar 17	Rev. Peter Robinson
Tues., Mar 18	Rev. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.
Wed., Mar 19	St. Joseph, Spouse of Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu., Mar 20	Rev. Kevin Upendran
Fri., Mar 21	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
Sat., Mar 22	Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg – Library
	6:15 p.m. First Communion Session – Hall
WED	7:00 p.m. Confirmation Session – Hall
	7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting – Library
SAT/SUN	At Masses Sign up for Ministries - Narthex

MINISTRIES for March 22/23

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Carol Kieswetter, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm	Marilyn Hurlburt & Marianne Kieswetter
9am	Ron Stemmler, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector

5pm	Tom O'Marra
9am	Linda Bruder

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am	Breea, Hannah, Allyson
-----	------------------------

Children's Liturgy

Mar 23 Nikki Totten, Leona Weishar

Sign Ministry

Mar 18 Pat Ditner

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For Families in Crisis – Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Ketchup, Cheez Whiz & Salad Dressing (any type)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. On the first Sunday of Lent, our Gospel always tells the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert. On the second Sunday, we always hear the story of Jesus' Transfiguration. Heavenly Father, from the dazzling cloud you revealed Jesus in glory as your beloved Son. Hear and answer our prayers: enlighten us with the bright glory of your presence, inspire us by your word, and so transform us into the image of the risen Lord.

We invite you to come to the Stations of the Cross each Tuesday evening at 6:15 p.m.

Father Peter

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, March 18th** at 10 a.m. in the parish library. Please bring any shawls you have completed or are working on. We always welcome new members and maybe some of you have taken up knitting or crocheting to pass the time. You can join us and at the same time contribute to the well-being of those who could use prayerful support. Looking forward to seeing you again. Any questions? Call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

As we continue our spiritual journey **this season of Lent**, our **LIBRARY** is a great resource for books. Browse the library for books on Daily Reflections and Spiritual insights from many Catholic authors. Books can be found in the Prayer section.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE: Turn Debt into Hope – sign the petition! In this Jubilee Year, Pope Francis calls on us to take part in the global Turn Debt into Hope campaign to “forgive the debts of countries that will never be able to repay them.” Knowing that 3.3 billion people live in countries that spend more on foreign debt repayment than on health or education, we must act! Sign the global petition calling for: 1. Canceling unjust and unsustainable debts 2. Reforming the global financial system to prioritize people and the planet 3. Establishing a binding and comprehensive debt framework within the United Nations. Please sign the petition that is in the narthex of the church.

Tiny Home Take Out at St. Mary of Seven Sorrows is still in **URGENT NEED** of **men's mitts and gloves and men's and women's winter coats and boots**. Please place any donations in the containers in the cloak room.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday, April 5th – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 12th – 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15th at 7:30 p.m. (After Mass)

PHOTO DIRECTORY – Those who have said they would submit pictures of themselves for the Photo Directory, please send a jpeg file to the Parish Office. Additionally, if anyone has pictures of parish events, please submit them to the Parish Office as a jpeg file.

Dear Parishioners;

The school is in transition of directors for the long-standing tradition of **THE GOSPEL PLAY ON HOLY THURSDAY**.

Please consider donating the following items if you are able. All items may be dropped off at the school or in the children's liturgy room at the church.

Props

- fishing net
- blue tarp or cloth (to act as our water)
- baskets
- Roman soldiers (swords, head gear, capes, duct tape to fashion into a costume)

Clothing (we use any type of cloth. It can be ripped and tied into something new)

- red cloth
- scarves (head scarves and such)
- old curtains or blankets that can be pinned and draped into a new costume
- aprons
- skirts (boho type of print, earth colours)

Miscellaneous:

- rope
- cheese cloth
- bobby pins
- large safety pins

Thank you so much from the Grade 5, Grade 6 & Grade 7 Students of St. Teresa of Avila

The Woolwich Counselling Centre presents several workshops:

- **STAND TALL, FOR AGES 7 – 9**, in-person group workshop, **Mondays, March 17th to April 14th** from 5 - 6 p.m. Fee is \$100. Further subsidies available if needed.
- **CONQUERING TEEN ANXIETY, FOR AGES 12 – 14**, in-person group, from **March 19th to April 9th** from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Fee is \$100. Further subsidies available if needed.
- **STRENGTHENING CHILDREN'S EMOTION-REGULATION SKILLS**, Parenting Workshop, no cost, virtual workshop on **Wednesday, March 19th** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **GRIEF GROUP FOR SENIORS**, no cost, in person sessions on **Wednesdays, March 26th – April 30th** from 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or emailing woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events. Check out info@woolwichcounselling.org. The Woolwich Counselling Centre is at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira.

Elmira and District Ministerial and Woolwich Counselling Centre present a Family Night Event, **SUPPORTING CHILDREN WHO ARE ANXIOUS**, on **Thursday, March 20, 2025** at no cost at the Elmira Mennonite Church. This event begins at 6 p.m. with a pizza supper, and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. is the Parent Interactive Workshop. On-site childcare is available from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. R.S.V.P. by March 18th by calling 519-669-5123 or emailing admin@elmiramennonite.ca.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS OF HOPE – During Lent this year, the Liturgy Office invites all Liturgical Ministers (Ministers of Music, Ministers of the Word, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Hospitality, and Sacristans) to gather for a Lenten retreat on the theme of Liturgical Ministers of Hope on one of the three dates:

Saturday, March 22, 2025, Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 29, 2025, St. Matthew Parish, Oakville, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

or **Saturday, April 5, 2025**, Annunciation of our Lord Parish, Hamilton, 10:00 to 12:30 p.m.

There is no cost; however, we would like people to register to determine an approximate number of people to plan for. Additional information and registration are available at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/event/2025/02/liturgical-ministers-of-hope-retreat-threedates/>.

REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL Join us for our special youth screening of **Marcel the Shell with Shoes** on **March 27th!** Marcel is an adorable, 1-inch-tall shell who ekes out a colorful existence with his grandmother, Connie, and their pet, Alan. Once part of a sprawling community of shells, they now live alone as the sole survivors of a mysterious tragedy. However, when a documentary filmmaker discovers them, the short film he posts online brings Marcel millions of passionate fans, as well as unprecedented dangers and a new hope of finding his long-lost family. Available to watch all day! Movie link will be sent straight to your inbox! Register and view our full schedule at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>.

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – When we think of making a vow, especially religious vows, we generally think of something that we do “for” God. But the truth is, it is God who has already made a vow to be faithful to us, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, for which during the season of Lent, we are preparing to celebrate at Easter. Like our Lenten observances - whatever they may be – vows are not meant to be a “bargaining chip” with God, but a wholehearted response to the God who has passed through the pieces before us.

Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for March 8/9: \$ 4,040.35

Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$99,403.47

Thank you!



Eyeglasses • Contact Lenses
Sunglasses

73 Arthur St. S. Unit 1
519-669-0879

www.elmiraeyewear.com

Elmira Home Comfort

Appliances, Furnaces,
Fireplaces, Air Conditioners

1 Union Street
519-669-4600

info@elmirahomecomfort.com

Call
1-800-268-2637
for this space

WYATT STREET DENTAL CENTRE

Dr. Lawrence S. Mohan

Dr. David L. Mohan

New Patients Welcome

3 Wyatt Street East **519-669-2961**

www.WyattStreetDental.ca

THE PERFECT SPOT
TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS!



TO ADVERTISE IN THIS SPACE PLEASE CALL
1-800-268-2637



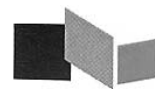
Enriching Life

10 Water Street

St Jacobs

519-664-6637 ext. 405

www.stjacobsplace.ca



decortile
tile... and more

1600 King St. N.

St. Jacobs

519-664-3728

www.decortile.com



Cronin-Verheul Heating & Air Conditioning Ltd.

We install & service all makes
of furnaces & air conditioners
- 24 hour emergency service -

Over 30 Years Experience
Ben or Roy would be happy to
answer your questions or provide
you with pricing information.

519-568-7088 and 519-664-0600

Remember...

Let our advertisers know
you saw their ad here.



BUILT ON EXPERIENCE + CUSTOMER SERVICE

elmiradoorandtrim.com



Industrial, Commercial & Residential
Electrical contracting & maintenance

ECRA/ESA Lic. # 7000404

Elmira, ON **519-669-1461**

COMMUNITY CARE CONCEPTS

of Woolwich, Wellesley and Wilmot

Supporting Seniors
& Adults

with Unique Needs,
to live independently
in their own homes.

929 Arthur St. S.

519-664-1900

communitycareconcepts.ca



Shopping Locally Saves Gas!

LEROY'S AUTO CARE

Maintaining your car
& your schedule
20 Oriole Pkwy E,
Elmira
519-669-1082



WINDOW FASHIONS

Blinds, Shades
Drapery & More

519-669-5537



Free original Hamburger
with purchase of
an Original Combo

Free Chalet soup or
side salad with
purchase of entre

Available only at 315 Arthur St. S. Elmira location. Expires Apr. 30/25.
Not valid with any other offers.

