

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of
Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,
1851.

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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,
or by request.

Sacrament of Baptism (4th 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

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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or
www.resurrectionist.net

New Parishioners

New parishioners, welcome!
Please register at the office or pick up
registration package in the church foyer.

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 OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH

<p>Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 pm – +Rita Graff; St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. <i>Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly. – St. Francis de Sales</i></p>
<p>Wed., December 13, 9:30 am – St. David's High School +Bernard Dietrich; Estate <i>The past does not belong to me; the future is not mine; with all my soul, I try to make use of the present moment. – St. Faustina</i></p>
<p>Thurs., December 14, 10:00 am – School Advent Mass Intentions of Michael Bertin; Armand & Lucy Bertin <i>The endurance of darkness is the preparation for a great light. – St. John of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Friday, December 15, 9:00 am +Tim Toner; Helen & Stewart Logan 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Adoration 10:00 am – 11:30 am School Penance <i>Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern. – St. Teresa of Calcutta</i></p>
<p>Saturday, December 16, 5:00 pm +Grace Strauss; Peter & Peggy Swainston +Basler/Morrissey Families; Morrissey Family</p>
<p>Sunday, December 17, Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Our Parish Community</p>

READINGS FOR December 16/17

First Reading: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
 Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:16-24
 Gospel Reading: Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 6:00pm **C.W.L. Mass & Potluck** – Church & Hall
WED 7:00pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church
 7:00pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar
THU 10:45am **Scripture Study** – Library
 7:00pm **K. of C. Christmas Dinner** - Legion

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 11 Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
 Tues., December 12 Rev. Arthur Scidmore
 Wed., December 13 Carmelites of Mary Immaculate
 Thurs., December 14 Rev. Gary Schlack
 Fri., December 15 Rev. Mervin Perera
 Sat., December 16 Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.

MINISTRIES for December 16/17

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Tim Baillargeon, Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
 9:30am Ron & Joyce Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Danielle Pilon, Jody Sereres, Marianne Kieswetter
 9:30am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Bill & Anne Hanley

Altar Servers

5pm Alexis Zettler, Andrew Zettler
 9:30am Ailah Kau, Lana Kau, Joseph Ditner, Casey Dronick

Lectors

5pm Julie Pearson
 9:30am Wally Malcolm
 Paul Shutsa

Commentator

Phil Milan
 Alex Glofcheskie

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 17 Mary Mercey

Sign Ministry

Dec 11 Pat Ditner

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 20 Ann Staines

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Family-Sized Juices and Crackers

THANK YOU for supporting the Christmas Fundraising Dinner last weekend. **THANK YOU** to Pat Ditner for overseeing the delicious meal and for all those who donated items for the gift baskets and their time. It would not be such a successful event without the generous time given by all of the volunteers. The camaraderie was enjoyed by all.

THANKS to all those who supported the Christmas Fundraising Dinner and congratulations to the winners. The **winners of the Gift Basket Raffle** were:

Yvonne Rettinger – Snowman with candy
 Tannis Campbell – Italian Basket
 Trudy Denomme – Christmas Basket
 Al Vodicka – Christmas Snowman Basket
 Jeff Hutchinson – Red & Gold Christmas Basket
 Cheryl Dunn – Lantern/Candle Basket
 Danielle Pilon – Children's Basket
 Barb Grosz – Children's Basket

The **winner of the 50/50** draw was Dianne Querengesser.

C.W.L. CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER – Tuesday, December 12, 2017.

All women of the parish are invited to our Christmas Potluck - Mass at 6:00 p.m. including installations of the new executive followed by dinner in the hall. Please bring your favourite dish, your plate, cup and cutlery. Don't forget your Secret Sister gift!

We need your **HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Friday, December 22nd** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

Our fundraising campaign needs you! **BE OUR STAR!** A coloured star for each donation that qualifies in each of the areas would be put on the thermometer (no names). We can watch the stars multiply.

Star Levels

Platinum \$2000 +
 Gold \$1000 - \$1999
 Silver \$500 - \$999
 Bronze \$100 - \$499

However, what is unique about this opportunity is that YOU CAN make a difference for as little as \$20. **You decide what you want to give.**

Be sure to use the blue Building Maintenance Fund envelope and include your name and address or your envelope number on it. Tax receipts will be provided for your full donation regardless of the amount.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:
Tues, December 19th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira**

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: The C.W.L. is sponsoring the sale of a very limited number of Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets. They will be available after Masses for a cost of only \$5. These magnets can be used on your car, fridge, mailbox, front door or any metal surface. Proceeds will be donated to the Woolwich Community Services to supplement their Christmas hampers.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th – 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.

December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

December 31st – 5:00 p.m.

January 1st – 10:00 a.m.

39th ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA - AN INVITATION TO PREPARE WELL FOR CHRISTMAS: Nine daily Masses at 6:30 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo, Friday, December 8th to Saturday, December 16th. There will be breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on Saturday, December 16th. A free will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Note exception on Sunday, December 10th. You are welcome to attend your own church on this day or St. Agnes at 9 or 11 a.m. Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years.

Join us at the **COMMUNITY CHOIR & CAROL SING** on **Sunday, December 10th** at 7 p.m. at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira. Admission is free. There will be a free-will offering in support of the Woolwich Counselling Centre. Please join us as we come together in fellowship and song.

The **ANNUAL ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL** with the Diocesan Choir will take place on **Sunday, December 10th** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 7 p.m. Special guest choir is St. Michael Spanish Choir (Oakville).

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE – Join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr.

Wendy Hofman, at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper Street, Cambridge on **Monday, December 11th** from 7 – 8 p.m. The event is free of charge. Please call to reserve a seat at 519-658-4443. If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors is on **Thursday, December 14, 2017** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Greg Gerber, Farmer and Auctioneer, will speak on "Going, Going, Gone!". For information contact Joan Haid at jehaid@netflash.net.

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY!!!

All Young Adults near and far are invited. If you are Catholic, between the ages of 19-39, this will be the place to be to meet other Young Adult Catholics on **Saturday, December 16th** beginning with Mass at 5:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 715 Centre Road, Waterdown. Cocktail Social is at 6 p.m., Catered Dinner with wine at 6:45 p.m., live entertainment, music, photo booth, door prizes, cash bar and so much more! It is a \$20 donation with a \$45 value at the door. **Please RSVP before December 14** (we need to get numbers for food). Contact: Justin Peter at jpeter@hamiltondiocese.com or call 905-689-4857 ext. 8. Search "The Biggest Catholic Young Adults Christmas Party Ever 2!" on Facebook.

LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE – If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas Season approaches, please consider attending this ecumenical service on **Thursday, December 21st** at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. This will be an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer. A time of fellowship will follow. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

The next **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** is on **Friday, December 29th** at the Lions Hall, 40 South Street West, Elmira from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. To donate blood you must be 17+ years old, weigh at least 110 lbs., be at least 56 days since your last blood donation for males and 84 days for females and in good health and feeling well on the day of donation. Don't wait to Give Life.

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."
Offertory collection for December 2/3: \$2,910.70
Average per envelope: \$25.91
Electronic funds for the week: \$1,143.75
(based on 4 Sundays per month)
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00

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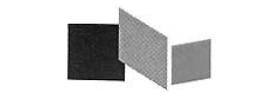
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