

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 10, 2023
Second Sunday
of Advent

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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
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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 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

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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

Tuesday, December 12, 5:30 pm C.W.L. Mass & Potluck +Gloria Schoenhals; St. Teresa's C.W.L. +Joanne Moser; Connie & Donna Voll <i>Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain.... Are you not under my shadow and protection? – Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego Cuaubtlatatzin</i>
Wednesday, December 13, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>The life of the body is the soul, the life of the soul is Christ. – St. Anthony of Padua</i>
Thursday, December 14, 10:00 am – School Mass +Anthony Baldasaro; Iris & Adrian Miltenburg <i>The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light. – St. John of the Cross</i>
Friday, December 15, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>If God is the centre of your life, no words are necessary. Your mere presence will touch hearts. – St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Saturday, December 16, 5:00 pm +Norma Hanley; Kay Bouzane +Agatha Schorno; Theresa Wuersch
Sunday, December 17, Gaudette Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 10:00 am Christmas Pageant & Coffee Sunday 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR December 9/10

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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 11	Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Tues., December 12	Married Couples
Wed., December 13	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, C.Ss.R.
Thurs., December 14	Re. Wallace Metcalf
Fri., December 15	Rev. Charles Galea
Sat., December 16	Rev. Robert Kiffman

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	7:00 pm	Advent Small Group Reflection –Library
TUE	5:30 pm	C.W.L. Mass & Potluck – Church & Hall
THU	3:15 pm	Children's Christmas Choir - Practice
	7:00 pm	R.C.I.A. Session – Library
SAT	3:30-4:45 pm	Confessions – Church

MINISTRIES for December 16/17

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Deacon Basil Markides, Tim Baillargeon
 9am Deacon Basil Markides, Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly
 9am Ron Stemmler, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9am Paul Shutts

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Larry Glofcheskie

Children's Liturgy

Dec 17 Anna Jakeman, Emily Beynon

Sign Ministry

Dec 11 Kieran Kelly

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For persons with disabilities – We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Baked Beans, Canned Pasta and Hamburger Helper

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to all who came out for our Christmas Turkey Dinner. Thank you to all the volunteers. Thanks to DJ Joe for the enjoyable music. All was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Barb Vodicka, our convenor, who stepped in to organize the event. It was a fun evening of socializing and fellowship.

The second purple candle is called the "Candle of Peace". During this second week of Advent, we reflect on our lives and orient ourselves toward Christ's coming, preparing our hearts to receive Him anew. Recall a time when you experienced deep peace.

I am grateful for your generosity of baked sweets for the past Christmases. This year I respectfully ask that I do not receive your sweets/baked goods as I am trying to eat more healthily. Thank you always for your thoughtfulness.

Please take the opportunity of our Confession times this year. It is a nice way to prepare for Christmas. Confessions are Saturday, December 16th from 3:30 – 4:45 p.m. and Wednesday, December 20th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us after Mass next Sunday to enjoy the Christmas Pageant followed by Coffee Sunday.

Fr. Peter

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – St. Teresa

Sunday, December 17th – Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – St. Teresa

Sunday, December 24th – 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – St. Boniface

Sunday, December 24th – 4:00 p.m.
 Monday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES – St. Teresa

Sunday, December 31st – 4:00 p.m.
 Monday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES – St. Boniface

Sunday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

For those who wish to make donations that will be part of your 2023 donation receipt, **all monies must be received by December 25th**. The Parish Office will be closed from December 23rd to January 7th.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: The C.W.L. is bringing back the Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets! These magnets can be used on your car, fridge, mailbox, front door or any metal surface. They will be available in the narthex for a donation of \$2.

ADVENT SMALL GROUP REFLECTIONS – All parishioners are invited to gather this Advent as we prepare for Christ's Coming. **Mondays, December 11 and 18, 2023** from 7 - 8 pm in the library, please join us for these small group sessions, followed by a light snack. Hosted by the St. Teresa C.W.L. All are welcome! For more info contact Alice Soeder at alice_soeder@hotmail.com or 519-669-1859.

Calling all young singers from Grade 2 to 8. We are having a **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR** that will be singing on Sunday, December 24th at the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Mass. **Practices are Thursdays, December 14th and 21st** from 3:15 – 4:30 p.m. If your child is interested email the Parish Office at stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.

C.W.L. NEWS - Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 12th** for Mass at **5:30 p.m.** followed by our Potluck. Please note the time change! All ladies of the parish are welcome to come and join us!

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – Thank you to those who have supported environmental defenders and Carlos Escaleras National Park through their signing of the petition. Sign the petition in the narthex to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park. The petition will remain in the narthex for signatures for another two weeks. Please consider signing this petition.

✱St. Teresa of Avila Christmas Pageant✱



Sunday, December 17th after the 9 a.m. Mass with Coffee Sunday to follow. Merry Christmas!
-St. Teresa of Avila Children's Liturgy Team

THE CHOSEN HOLY NIGHT will be in theaters. Below is the link where you can obtain tickets. It shows dates, times and which theater you can see it. You can then purchase your tickets.

<https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fathomevents.com%2Fevents%2Fchristmas-with-the-chosen-2023%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cstteresaelmira%40hamiltondiocese.com%7C860bb8822be24dda3b4f08dbf28a7d42%7C05d9c33451f346b8aed858fd4f0b3672%7C0%7C0%7C638370448844573157%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLjCjXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CYPNgrcKVnVPNbMQy8M5WGBY9NdvIzoVQWNaLiSOyc%3D&reserved=0>

Join us for Adult Connect at the Hub (located at the Woolwich Memorial Centre) on **Monday, December 11th, 2023** from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. **A MERRY LOOK AT YULETIDE FARE: CHRISTMAS FOOD IN STORIES AND SONGS.** Do you ever find yourself getting hungry while listening to Christmas songs and stories? Or wondered what all the fuss is about figgy pudding? Let's take a trip back in time to find out more about some of the foods mentioned in the stories and songs of Christmas. All are welcome!

EMMANUEL THE PLEA AND THE PROMISE, an Advent evening of Reflection led by Fr. Thomas Rosica, C.S.B. on **Friday, December 15, 2023** beginning with Mass at 7 p.m. followed by the reflection at 7:45 p.m. at St. Michael's University Church, 80 University Avenue, Waterloo. Please register on our website or by phone at 519-884-9311.

Join us for a free fun day of **HOLIDAY CRAFTS** on **Saturday, December 16th** from 10 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. for ages 5 – 12 years at the Hub in the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue South, Elmira. Lunch is included. To register for this event email holidaycraftsandgifts@gmail.com.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering a **FREE VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS** on **Tuesday, December 19th** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register, call 519-669-5139 or email Lisa at lisam.wcs@gmail.com. If you are registered with our food programs, you are eligible for a meal kit with all the needed items. Join us for a festive ZOOM cooking class and learn new, healthy recipes to prepare for your loved ones.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – As for his food, whether he actually ate insects or beans from the Ceratonia siliqua or Carob tree – also called the “locust tree” and wild honey, the point is John the Baptist depended in a radical way on God's providence, and people knew it. Pope St. Paul VI famously said: “Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses.” What are the locusts and wild honey in your life? Are you willing to live in such a way that everything in your life points to God? Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for his Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$120,202.30

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