

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of
Advent

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,
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

Annamae Elliott

Debbie Yutzi

Fr. Peter Meyer

Ken Gallipeau

Dan Lauzon

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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

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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 11TH

Tuesday, December 13, 12:05 pm +Joanne Dillon; St. Teresa C.W.L. +Frank Walter; Estate <i>Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit.</i> – St Lucy
Wednesday, December 14, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>The endurance of darkness is the preparation for great light.</i> – St. John of the Cross
Thursday, December 15, 12:05 pm +Clifford Schill; Geraldine Schill +Deceased Residents of Barnswallow Place <i>He became what we are that he might make us what he is.</i> - St. Athanasius
Friday, December 16, 11:00 am – Maryhill -St Boniface School Mass @ the school <i>The whole earth is living icon of the face of God.</i> – St. John Damascene
Saturday, December 17, 5:00 pm +Vince & Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis +Doris Hahn; Susan Benner +Adam Lockhart; The Ditner Family +Daniel Furlong; Marcella Furlong & Family
Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR December 17/18

First Reading: Is 7:10-14
 Second Reading: Rom 1:1-7
 Gospel Reading: Mt 1:18-24

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON 3:00 pm **Children's Choir Practice**
WED 7:00 pm **Parish Confessions St. Teresa & Maryhill**
THU 10:00 am **School Confessions**
 7:30 pm **K of C General Meeting**
SAT 4:00 pm **5:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church**

MINISTRIES for December 17/18

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve Pond
 9am Ken Gallipeau

Hospitality

5pm Greg & Sue Goetz,
 9am Leona & Rick Weishar, Anne Hanley

Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme
 9am Tom O'Marra

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Wally Malcolm

Sign Ministry

Dec 12 Jim McInnis

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 12 Rev. Michael Anderson
 Tues., December 13 Rev. Robert Love
 Wed., December 14 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R)
 Thurs., December 15 Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
 Fri., December 16 Rev. Marko Puljic, O.F.M.
 Sat., December 17 Rev. Ilija Petkovic

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations-

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Juice, Canned Salmon, Laundry Detergent & Baking Supplies

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The third week of Advent focuses our intention on joy. Joy is a very real and deep happiness that is rooted in faith and trust. The "Gaudete" candle is lit to symbolize rejoice or praise, just as the shepherds rejoiced. In this third week of Advent, we pause and reflect on the first half of the season, as well as look ahead to the last weeks.

Fr. Peter

AROUND THE ADVENT CIRCLE – All parishioners are invited to gather around the Advent circle for small group discussions. For four Monday evenings we will read and reflect on the scriptures for the four Sundays of Advent, share our thoughts and experiences, and feed our body and soul as we prepare for Christ's coming. On Monday, November 21st, 28th, December 5th and 12th from 7 - 8 p.m. in the library, please join us for these small group sessions, followed by snacks and fellowship. 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.

You can now pick up your **SUNDAY MISSALS** in the library. Cost is \$6.00 per copy.

The **C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** has begun for new members and for existing members. We encourage you to renew your membership before the end of the year!

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – Sunday, December 18th 2:00 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome to participate. **Practices from 10-10:30 on Sunday December 4th, 11th & 18th (Dress rehearsal)** Children do not need to know lines; they just need to wear the provided costumes and look adorable!

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 after Masses (or in the library any time) for a donation of \$2.

CHRISTMAS GOODWILL: Are you in need of extra support this Christmas season? Please reach out. There is still time to register for Christmas Goodwill. Call 519-669-5139

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT -St. Teresa

Sunday, December 18th 2:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES- St. Teresa

Saturday, December 24th 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES- St. Boniface

Saturday, December 24th 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES -St. Teresa

Saturday, December 31st – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st – 9:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES -St. Boniface

Saturday, December 31st -4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY- Would like to thank the C.W.L and K of C & all the parishioners for their generous support & prayers for our ministry. We cannot function without you as we continue to provide prayer shawls to all who need one for whatever reason. A warm hug from God.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER continues!

Thinking of gifts for Christmas? Now is the time to purchase gift cards here and support the church at the same time! The percentage the church receives from each card is listed beside each retailer on the order form found under Fundraisers on our website (www.stteresaelmira.ca). Easy ordering instructions are at the top of the order form. Lots of places to choose from - something for everyone! Gift cards never expire and are easy to include with a greeting card! Don't forget to purchase some gift cards for yourself for your everyday purchases or for any special occasion! **We will be pre-purchasing some popular gift cards which we will be selling after Mass on November 26th & 27th (cash or cheque) and you can place orders for other cards at that time too (cash, cheque or e-transfer).** If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com or call 519 497-3162.

The **C.W.L. POTLUCK SUPPER** is on **Tuesday, December 13th. We start with Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by our potluck.** All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend whether you are a member or not! Come out and meet other ladies of the parish for this popular social event. Bring your favorite dish to share! Please remember to bring your own plate, cutlery & mug. Beverages will be provided. We are in need of a few volunteers to help set up the hall. Anyone who is available, please meet in the hall on December 13th at 4:30 p.m.

ST. TERESA'S TAKE-OUT TURKEY DINNER is being offered on **Sunday, December 18th** from 4 – 7 p.m. to be ordered from the Grill on the Green! Some good home cooking without the work and a fundraiser at the same time! We've partnered again with The Grill on the Green (at the Elmira Golf Course) who will be offering 2 options of their

Take-Out Turkey Dinner with all the fixings!

Option #1: Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, stuffing, turkey gravy (specify if you want it on the side) and cranberry sauce. Cost for Adult: \$19.99 per dinner plus tax. Children/Seniors portion: \$11.99 per dinner plus tax.

Option #2: the same as Option # 1 but also includes a side salad with raspberry vinaigrette on the side and apple crumble dessert. Cost for Adult: \$24.99 per dinner plus tax. Children/Seniors portion: \$16.99 per dinner plus tax. A portion of each dinner sold will be donated back to our church! Meals must be **pre-ordered by Friday, December 16th** by calling the restaurant (519-669-1651 extension 27 when they are open, Monday & Tuesday 11am - 2 pm, Wednesday - Friday 11am - 8pm / Saturday - Sunday 10am - 8pm) with the number of dinners required and the time you will be picking them up. They will take your payment at pick-up. Any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162 or stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – As we move toward the end of the year, take some time as a couple to reflect on your last twelve months together. Ask yourselves what you did well and what you might do better, both for each other and for your marriage. Check in to see if you spent enough time together, if you remembered to compliment each other, showed gratitude for the gifts your spouse brings to your life and whether you felt joy more often than not. If your relationship needs strengthening, commit to finding the help you need to make it strong; if you feel good after your assessment, celebrate your love and thank God for his never-ending support. From: Family Ministry Office

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight in issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Join us on December 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajama and some hot chocolate for this Christmas screening! R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com.

HOUSEKEEPING DUTIES: As we are all aware Fr. Peter is quite busy between the 2 parishes. He is looking for a person for 10-12 per week, to help with cooking, laundry and light housekeeping. Please contact the office or email Fr. Peter @ frpetermeyer@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for December 3 / 4	\$6,170.00
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$81,979.55
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