

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 12 2021

Third 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 (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
Deana Pfanner Groves
Debbie Yutzi
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
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Catholic Women's League

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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

75 First St. W., Elmira
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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 13TH

<p>Tuesday, December 14, 7:05 pm +Ursula Hahn; St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. <i>It is not from your own goods that you give to the beggar; it is a portion of his own that you are restoring to him. The earth belongs to all. So you are paying back a debt and think you are making a gift to which you are not bound. – St. Ambrose</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, December 15, 9:00 am +Jim Scherrer; Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him! – Pope Francis</i></p>
<p>Thursday, December 16, 12:05 pm +John & Luwina Kraemer; Estate <i>It is not enough just to wish well; we must also do well. – St. Ambrose</i></p>
<p>Friday, December 17, 9:00 am +John Murray; Louise Roe & Family 9:30 – 11:30 am Adoration <i>This Christmas, when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern. – St. Teresa of Calcutta</i></p>
<p>Saturday, December 18, 4:15 – 4:45 pm Confessions 5:00 pm +Marie & Vince Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis +Daniel Furlong; Marcella Furlong & Family</p>
<p>Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Our Parish Community</p>

READINGS FOR December 18/19

First Reading: Mi 5:1-4a
 Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10
 Gospel Reading: Lk 1:39-45

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 7:35 pm **C.W.L. Meeting** – Hall
WED 7:00 pm **9:30 am Choir Practice** – Church
FRI **Office Closed**

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

CATECHISTS - Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 13	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tues., December 14	Rev. David Perrin
Wed., December 15	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thurs., December 16	Rev. Robert Bulbrook
Fri., December 17	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Sat., December 18	Rev. Lawrence Parent

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit, Canned Ham
 and Canned Vegetables (kernel corn preferred)

MINISTRIES for December 18/19

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy Pond
 9:30am Ken Gallipeau

Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly
 9:30am Ron Stemmler, Adrian Miltenburg, Anne Hanley

Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme
 9:30am Leona Weishar

Commentator

Judy Furlong
 Wally Malcolm

Sign Ministry

Dec 13 John Bruder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Beginning in the New Year we will be offering sessions covering the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. R.C.I.A. is for those considering joining the Catholic Church. The sessions are offered as an opportunity to explore. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of our new Catechism. If you are interested please speak to me or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

Please note that all protocols will be followed for the Christmas Masses.

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.

Thank you to those who supported the Parish Turkey Dinner.

Father Peter

ST. JOSEPH - Through his complete self-sacrifice, Joseph expressed his generous love for the Mother of God, and gave her a husband's "gift of self". Even though he decided to draw back so not to interfere in the plan of God which was coming to pass in Mary, Joseph obeyed the explicit command of the angel and took Mary into his home, while respecting the fact that she belonged exclusively to God. – St. John Paul II

The next **C.W.L. GENERAL MEETING** is on **Tuesday, December 14th** at 7:35 p.m. in the church hall. Please join us.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:
Fri., December 17th, 7 p.m., St. Clement's, St. Clements
Tues., December 21st, 7:30 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA RELIGIOUS CALENDARS are available for purchase. Cost is \$10 each. There are a limited amount available. First come first serve.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER! Donate to our parish simply by buying and using gift cards for purchases you would be making every day! Gift cards make great Christmas gifts, buy them from us. Simply email your order to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com and e-transfer funds to the same email address. For those wanting to pay by cheque please make the cheque out to Barb Vodicka. Gift cards will be mailed directly to your home. Please see the Fundraisers page on our website for the long and short order forms and all the details or contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday, December 24th – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 25th – 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES. REGISTER by email at StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com or by telephone at 519-669-3387. Although we are asking for registrations there will be room for all at the Christmas Masses.

There is no Saturday 5 p.m. Mass.

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 26th – 9:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

Friday, December 31st – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 1st – 10:00 a.m.

There is no Saturday 5 p.m. Mass.

Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2nd – 9:30 a.m.

C.W.L. LADIES, IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! This is an invitation for all women of our parish ages 16 and up to join St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League of Canada (C.W.L.)! **Our yearly dues remain at \$25** and can be dropped off in the collection, mailed to the church or paid by etransfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com. More information can be found on the parish website under the C.W.L. page. Any questions please contact Barb Vodicka 519-497-3162. This is an election year! If anyone is interested in being nominated for an Executive position, please contact Barb.

Please join us for the first of our Reel Justice movies, **OPEN BETHLEHEM**, on December 16th at 6:30 p.m. Leila Sansour's documentary follows her campaign to stop occupying Israeli forces encircling her hometown with a concrete wall. Sansour's film follows her attempts to unite Christians, Muslims and Jews in their desire for free access to the Holy City. Register at

<https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/register/> for this free virtual movie night presented by the Diocese of Hamilton and Development and Peace Hamilton Diocesan Council.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre presents:

- **MANAGING THE STRESS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON Virtual Adult Workshop on Wednesday, December 9th** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **ANYTHING BUT MERRY Virtual Adult Workshop on Monday, December 13th** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **HOLIDAY GRIEF In-Person Workshop (for ages 4-10 years) on Wednesday, December 15th** from 6 – 7 p.m.

These workshops are offered at no cost. To learn more and register email info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651 or visit 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira.

RESTART: A SEPARATION AND DIVORCE RECOVERY PROGRAM - Feeling the need for support, healing and/or hope after a separation or divorce? The Diocesan ReStart Programs support your journey, providing you with tools to remain healthy. While the program has not been able to run due to COVID restrictions, we will offering an evening session by zoom on Tuesday, Dec. 14th: Coping with Christmas When Divorced or Separated. To register or see the dates for future courses, please check the information online: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/divorce-separation.php>. For more information contact Teresa at the Family Ministry Office: (905) 528-7988, ext. 2250.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - The excitement of Christmas begins to build even before Halloween. Children are targeted with ads and commercials to ask Santa for the latest toys, electronic device or game. As parents we love to see the anticipation, but our task is a greater one – it is to keep the reason for Christmas at the forefront of our children's minds and understanding. Are they as excited about the coming of Christ and it's meaning for all people? Do they have a sense that long after every gift they desire from Santa is gone, the truths, love, care, compassion, guidance and stability from God will live on to help each of us to live and, ultimately, receive the gift of eternity? The true gift of Christmas should never be the last one we think of, or getting excited about, since it is indeed the most valuable. Advent is the perfect time to daily bring all of this to light!

VOCATION SEEDS – Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for December 4/5:	\$3,987.25
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$69,116.51
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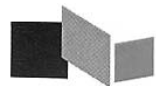
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