

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday
of Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 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

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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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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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 14TH

Tuesday, December 15,

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adoration

7:05 p.m. +Sharon Soeder; Ed & Carol Kieswetter

If we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds are washed in the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life. – St. John Paul II

Wednesday, December 16, 9:00 a.m.

+Annamae Eckert; Barbara & Wilf Mayville

Who teaches the soul if not God? – St. John of the Cross

Thursday, December 17, 12:05 p.m.

+Rita Lorbetki; Colleen Weber

The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus... He has entered our history; he has shared our journey,. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light. In him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father. – Pope Francis

Friday, December 18,

9:00 a.m. +Laura Logel; Dan & Lynne Metusniec

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Adoration

Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen. – St. Thomas Aquinas

Saturday, December 19,

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. +Clare Downey; Louise & Richard Rouleau

+Jacqueline Lachapelle; Roch Lachapelle

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community

7:00 p.m. Scripture & Carol Service

READINGS FOR December 19/20

First Reading: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading: Rom 16:25-27

Gospel Reading: Lk 1:26-38

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 14 Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
Tues., December 15 Rev. Ronald Hodara
Wed., December 16 Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (C.Ss.R.)
Thurs., December 17 Rev. Edward Henhoeffler
Fri., December 18 Rev. John Schnurr
Sat., December 19 Rev. Jacek Kryn, S.A.C.

MINISTRIES for December 19/20

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly

9:30am Ron Stemmler, Bill & Anne Hanley

Lectors

5pm Connie Kaster

9:30am Wally Malcolm

Sign Ministry

Dec 14 Nancy Lucier

FOODBANK NEEDS

Crackers, Canned Pasta and Sidekicks (Meal Helpers)

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For a life of prayer - We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On Sunday, December 20th we will be hosting a virtual biblical readings and carols event. Our choir members and parishioners will be involved with presenting this special event. Join us in the church (with social distancing) or online.

An update will be given for the One Heart, One Soul Campaign at the end of January. Thank you for your support whether monetary or with prayers. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

Please see below our Christmas Schedule. We invite you to sign up for those Masses. All welcome.

At this time if you have any concerns or needs please don't hesitate to call me or the office. You are in our special prayers at this time.

Father Peter

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

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.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

December 31st – 5:00 p.m.

January 1st – 10:00 a.m.

Be assured we will have ushers assisting.

Our Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. will be a **FAMILY MASS**. If your family would like to attend this Mass, please email or call the church to indicate your name, your telephone number and family number. **This Mass is an attempt to keep the school bubble intact while still offering an opportunity to attend the Christmas Mass.** Masks are required. Social distancing will be in place. Hand sanitizing will be required upon entry.

SCRIPTURE & CAROL SERVICE – You are invited to a special Scripture and Carol Service on **Sunday, December 20th** at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church. Members of our Music Ministry and our Lectors are recording themselves now, in the safety of their homes, so that on December 20th we can enjoy a pre-recorded half hour of Christmas Carols and passages from Scripture telling the story of Jesus' birth. You can join us at the church and sing along (while wearing your mask) as we watch the video on our big screen, or join us from your home by watching the video which will premiere on our youtube channel at the same time. We hope that this service offers a special way for our Parish family to celebrate the coming Christmas season together!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES – DECEMBER 12TH – The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council, founded by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) in 1998, proposes that the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (December 12) be a National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2021, which are available in the hallway. For those who are donating electronically please also pick up your set of envelopes as they have only the envelopes for special collections. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

The **NEW MISSALS** are ready for purchase at **\$5 each** and are in the narthex. Please place your money in the box provided or drop off at the Parish Office during office hours.

CONFESSIONS – Due to the regulations regarding gathering we will have confessions on Saturdays from 4 to 4:30 p.m. beginning Saturday, December 5th or by appointment.

Join Us! There is **FREE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS ONLINE MEMBERSHIP** in commemoration of the upcoming beautification of our founder Fr. McGivney. **Interested prospective members** should apply before December 31st, 2020 by simply visiting our website: KofC.org/join-us and use Promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the **NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS, December 16th to December 25th, 2020**. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

A WALK THROUGH FRATELLI TUTTI – ‘Fratelli Tutti’: With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives.” (FT#1) These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. Join us on **Wednesday, January 27th** for a 90 minute Zoom webinar to walk through this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to “all people of good will”. Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office. Register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre, 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira is offering the **GLAD TO BE ME PROGRAM**. This program is a Self-Esteem Program for ages 4-7. This program is a virtual fun-filled children’s program that promotes self-esteem and self-worth. This program runs on **January 27, 2021, February 23, 2021, March 31, 2021, April 28, 2021 and May 26, 2021** from 4 – 5 p.m. Visit www.woolwichcounselling.org for more program details. Call 519-669-8651 or email info@woolwichcounselling.org to register.

ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021 – The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary starting in January on the Diocesan website. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - As winter approaches, we move into maintenance mode: we clear the gutters on the roof so water can flow freely, we change to winter tires to prepare for the coming cold and snow and we gather and store outdoor summer items from the yard to keep safe for next year. Do we take the time to offer maintenance to our most important relationship? Do we discuss shifting roles as our family changes and then discuss what we both need to stay happy and healthy? Do we check to see if we have prioritized each other instead of everything else? Do we spend time making sure our finances are in order? Do we pray together for patience, love, kindness and compassion to grow and strengthen in our relationship? Maintenance takes time, but for love to thrive, it is so necessary.

VOCATION SEEDS – There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MENNOHOME FALL UPDATE is now available to view online. They have some exciting updates as they work to create affordable housing in Waterloo Region. You can view the newsletter here: <https://menohomes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-Fall-Newsletter.pdf>.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for December 5/6:	\$3,644.75
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$113,984.25

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