

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 15, 2019

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
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Leona Weishar
Lisa Denomme

Building & Finance Committee

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Maria Diemert Rick Weishar
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Catholic Women's League

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Adrian Miltenburg

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
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 16TH

<p>Tuesday, December 17, 7:05 pm Intentions of Phil & Debra Milan; Armand & Lucy Bertin</p> <p><i>What really matters in life is that we are loved by Christ and that we love him in return. In comparison to the love of Jesus, everything else is secondary. And, without the love of Jesus, everything is useless. – St. John Paul II</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, December 18, 10:30 am - Chartwell +Frank Walter; Tom McMahon 7:00 pm Advent Penitential Service</p> <p><i>Whoever surrenders unconditionally to the Lord will be chosen by him as an instrument for building his kingdom. – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Thurs., December 19, 12:05 pm +Laura Logel; Pat Garton</p> <p><i>He was humbled in the womb of the Virgin, needy in the manger of the sheep, and homeless on the wood of the Cross. Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity. – St. Anthony of Padua</i></p>
<p>Friday, December 20, 9:00 am +John deViveiros; Ann & John Staines 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Adoration</p> <p><i>God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. – St. Ambrose</i></p>
<p>Saturday, December 21, 5:00 pm +Marie Kraemer; Vincent Kraemer & Family Intentions of Lucy Bertin; Armand Bertin</p>
<p>Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Our Parish Community After Mass Coffee Sunday</p>

READINGS FOR December 21/22

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Library
THU	10:30am	Small Group Gathering – Library
	6:45pm	Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg
	7:30pm	Knights of Columbus General Meeting
SAT	9:30pm	Children's Choir Practice - Church

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 16	Rev. Alessandro Tirelli, C.R.S.P.
Tues., December 17	Rev. Fernando Ferreira Pinto
Wed., December 18	Youth Ministers
Thurs., December 19	Rev. Tim Hingston
Fri., December 20	Rev. David Avila
Sat., December 21	Rev. Jerzy Tomon

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Juice and Canned Fruit (not pineapple)

MINISTRIES for December 21/22

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Phil Milan, Erl Andersen, Tim Baillargeon
 9:30am Iris Miltenburg, Matthew Griffin, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm Mike & Doris Snelling, Kieran & Geoff Kelly
 9:30am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler, Adrian Miltenburg

Altar Servers

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9:30am Allyson Cassidy, Caleb Antonello, Rachel Lidster, Charlotte Stockie

Lectors

5pm Colleen Weber
 9:30am Maria Diemert
 Michelle Siebel-Achenbach

Commentator

Patsy Pond
 Linda Bruder

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 22 Trudy & Ray Denomme

Sign Ministry

Dec 16 Kieran Kelly

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 18 Colleen Weber

THANK YOU to all who came out for our Christmas Turkey Dinner. **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers and to those who donated items for the gift baskets and table centrepiece door prizes. **THANK YOU** to the band, "No Request", 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.

Father Peter

Congratulations to those who won prizes at the **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS DINNER** held on Friday, December 6, 2019.

50/50 Draw Winner

Iris Miltenburg

Gift Baskets

Jams & Biscuits Basket	Mary Valiquette
Truck with Chocolate Basket	George Frank
Mug with Chocolate Basket	Carol Kieswetter
Jimie Oliver Basket	Yvonne Rettinger
Kitchen Accessory Basket	Stephen Mulhall
Christmas Cookie Baking Basket	Knarr Family
St. Teresa School Legos/Toys	Audrey Stemmler
Joy to the World Candy Basket	Bev Walter
St. Teresa School Mom & Dad Basket	Trudy Denomme
Truck with Chocolate Basket	John DeWildt

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2019, 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.

There will be a **CELEBRATING THE WORD SMALL GROUP GATHERING** each Thursday to enhance

preparation for the Masses during Advent. The next gathering is **Thursday, December 19th** from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All welcome!

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE FOR ADVENT:
Wed., December 18th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira**

Your **HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Sunday, December 22nd**. There will be Coffee Sunday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass where we can have Christmas goodies. The decorating will begin after the Coffee Sunday. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

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. & 8:00 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.

FRIDAY NIGHT SUPPORT GROUP FOR PERSONS SEPARATED OR DIVORCED - Would it help you to have people around you to understand what you're going through? Would you like to hear some ideas that will encourage you and help you to develop new ways of coping with the stresses in your life? The Hamilton Diocesan Support Group meets the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month and they can help! No need to register just come and join us at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West, Hamilton from 7 – 9 p.m. For more information call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. There is NO COST, but great learning, caring and support!

On **Saturday, December 21st** at 2:30 p.m. and **Sunday, December 22nd** at 2:30 p.m. the St. Jacobs Mennonite Church presents, "**THE WORST BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER**". A hilarious one-hour Christmas comedy for the whole family, including grandparents! Free refreshments follow. Tickets are on sale SJMC Office by calling 519-664-2268 or by email at administrator@sjmc.on.ca. Cost is Child/Youth \$5.00 and Adult \$10.00. General Admission Seating. The website is www.sjmc.on.ca for more information. Proceeds go to Woolwich Community Services.

WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP SENIORS LUNCH CLUB – Join us for a hot light lunch and fellowship with old and new friends at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue, Elmira on **Monday, December 23, 2019**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cost of the lunch is \$7.00. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Thursday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

CCYMN HOPE COMES HOME CONFERENCE - The Canadian Youth Ministry Conference is being hosted **Friday, February 21st to Sunday, February 23rd, 2020** in Hamilton. Through keynote addresses, workshops and prayerful collaboration with one another, we look forward to unpacking the fruits of the Synod, and finding ways of applying the Apostolic Exhortation - *Christus Vivit* to day-to-day ministerial and Parish life. We invite anyone working alongside young people to join us, including priests, religious, youth ministers, youth ministry volunteers, teachers, chaplaincy leaders and teams, and individuals working for catholic service agencies. There are bursaries available for those wishing to attend but may not be able to due to financial constraint. For more information about the conference, to register, or apply for a bursary please visit www.hopecomeshome.com. If you have any questions please contact Nicole McCowell, Interim Director of Youth Ministry, at nmccowell@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext.2245.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - For Catholics, Christmas is about so much more than gifts: it is the promise, through the birth of Jesus, of goodness and light coming into our lives. Do your children know this is the focus of Christmas? Advent and Christmas are perfect times to highlight the "reason for the season". Read stories about the Advent wreath so they understand what each candle symbolizes; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!); be sure the tree is adorned with symbols of the faith; read family Advent reflections daily during Advent; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, including Christmas Day. Faith sets a foundation on which to stand and Christmas is a perfect time to bring Christ into your family activities!

VOCATION SEEDS – "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Are you one to be sent? If God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION: IT IS POSSIBLE - Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

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 7/8: \$2,847.90
Average per envelope: \$24.55
Electronic funds for the week: \$1,243.50
(based on 4 Sundays per month)
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project: \$89,532.15
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