

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

December 16, 2018

Third Sunday of  
Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,  
1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. David Lewis

**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer

**Sacramental Preparation:** Iris Miltenburg

**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 (4th 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

Frank McGuire

Fr. David Lewis

Ken Gallipeau

Leona Weishar

Lisa Denomme

#### Building & Finance Committee

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Diane Smith

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#### Catholic Women's League

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#### Knights of Columbus

Adrian Miltenburg

#### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://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.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

<p><b>Tuesday, December 18,</b>  <b>9:00 a.m.</b> +Joe Mantler; Linda &amp; Murray Buchan  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Communal Penance Service  <i>The remembrance of my faults humbles me and helps me never to reply upon my own strength which is mere weakness. – St. Thérèse of Lisieux</i></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, December 19, 10:30 a.m. – Chartwell</b>  <b>+Beatrice Walter; Estate</b>  <i>If there is a meaning in life at all, then there must be a meaning in suffering. Suffering is an ineradicable part of life, even as fate and death. Without suffering and death, human life cannot be complete. – Viktor Frankl</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday, December 20, 10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>School Advent Mass</b>  <b>Intentions of Sal &amp; Michael Bertin; Lucy &amp; Armand Bertin</b>  <i>I cannot dance, O Lord, unless you lead me. – Mechthild of Magdeburg</i></p>
<p><b>Friday, December 21, 9:00 a.m.</b>  <b>+Francis Lewis; Mary &amp; Ray Mercey</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b> Adoration  <i>We never climb to him, he must descend to us. This is most important in the mystery of Advent – God’s descent to our lowliness out of pure love, not for any merit of our own. – Thomas Merton</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday, December 22, 5:00 p.m.</b>  <b>All 5 p.m. Choir Members: Current, Past &amp; Deceased; Anonymous</b>  <b>+Ron Litt; Betty Hinsperger &amp; Family</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community</b>  <b>10:45 a.m. Baptism</b>  <b>After Mass Coffee Sunday</b>  <b>11:15 a.m. Decorating for Christmas</b></p>

### READINGS FOR December 22/23

First Reading: Mt 5:1-4a  
 Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10  
 Gospel Reading: Lk 1:29-45

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>WED</b>	3:15pm	<b>Children’s Choir Practice</b> - Church
	7:00pm	<b>5:00 p.m. Choir Practice</b> – Church
	7:00pm	<b>9:30 a.m. Choir Practice</b> – Seminar
<b>THU</b>	11:00am	<b>Scripture Study</b> – Rectory
	6:45pm	<b>Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg</b>
	7:30pm	<b>Knights of Columbus General Meeting</b>
<b>SUN</b>	After 9:30am	<b>Mass Coffee Sunday</b>
	11:15am	<b>Decorating for Christmas</b>

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Dec 17	Rev. Sam Restivo, C.R.
Tues., Dec 18	Rev. Tim Uniack, C.R.
Wed., Dec 19	Missionaries
Thurs., Dec 20	Rev. Stephen Murrin
Fri., Dec 21	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Sat., Dec 22	Rev. Romelito Guillen

### MINISTRIES for December 22/23

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kieran Kelly, Kathy Ziegler, Phil Milan  
 9:30am Laura & Peter Antonello, Ken Gallipeau

#### Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Jane Goll, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss  
 9:30am Anne & Bill Hanley, Pat & Linus Ditner

#### Altar Servers

5pm Kevin Dupuis  
 9:30am Caleb Antonello, Reid Deyell, Katelyn Grosz, Evan Grosz

#### Lectors

5pm Connie Kaster  
 9:30am Tom O’Marra  
 Joan Couto

#### Commentator

Patsy Pond  
 Lisa Denomme

#### Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 23 Marianne Kieswetter

#### Sign Ministry

Dec 17 Kieran Kelly

#### Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 19 Ann Staines

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Shampoo, Deodorants (men and women), Kleenex

**THANK YOU** to all who came out for our Christmas Turkey Dinner. A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped out and to those who donated items for the gift baskets and table centerpiece door prizes. It was greatly appreciated. **THANKS** to Barb Vodicka, our convenor, who stepped in to organize the event this year. It was a fun evening of socializing and fellowship.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8192, would like to **THANK ST. TERESA OF AVILA SCHOOL AND PARISH** for their support with the “Angel Tree” toy drive this Christmas. Thank you for keeping CHRIST in Christmas.

**ADVENT EVENING OF PRAYER** - On **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** our parish will have an Advent Evening of Prayer. We invite all parishioners to come and spend half an hour in quiet Evening Prayer on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the church.

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:

**Tues., December 18<sup>th</sup>, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira**

We need your **HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 11:15 a.m. 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 as there is a Baptism after Mass. 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. & 7:30 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.

**C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP – IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!** Ladies age 16 and up - join or renew your membership for only \$25. Please include cash or a cheque made out to St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. along with your name, address, phone number and email address in an envelope marked C.W.L. and return to the church office or drop in the collection basket.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**Confirmation:** A Parent Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Teresa of Avila Church. If your child attends a public school and is in Grade 7 please contact the Parish Office.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS** – If you know of someone who **needs a warm winter coat** who is in Grades 1 – 8, girl or boy, please contact either Donna at the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or Adrian Miltenburg at 519-669-1414.

**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 cost of only \$5.

**C.W.L WARMTH & COMFORT PROJECT** (homeless theme) – Directive for this new campaign is for C.W.L. councils to collect socks – for men, women and children and collect jars of peanut butter and boxes of crackers to donate to homeless shelters and needy in our own community. The project runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. The goal is to collect from all C.W.L. councils in Ontario 2,019 socks for 2019! We need your help! Donations can be put in the homeless boxes that are in the coatroom.

**LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE** – If you are grieving, lonely or sad for any reason as the Christmas Season approaches, please consider attending this ecumenical service on **Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. This will be an evening of scripture, reflective music and prayer. A time of fellowship will follow. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think 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..

**A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: OFFICE HELP AT BIRTHRIGHT** – We are in **urgent** need of more help at the office. Could you spare a few hours a month to help us? If you enjoy a relaxed pace, helping people and being involved in a pro-life organization we want to hear from you! Please keep us and those of KW facing unplanned pregnancies in your prayers. May God bless you!

The Waterloo Catholic District School Board is currently accepting **APPLICATIONS FOR OCCASIONAL TEACHERS**. Please visit the website for job details and application criteria: [www.wcdsb.ca](http://www.wcdsb.ca).

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**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."**

<b>Offertory collection for December 8/9:</b>	<b>\$3,717.15</b>
<b>Average per envelope:</b>	<b>\$35.96</b>
<b>Electronic funds for the week:</b>	<b>\$1,151.25</b>
<b>(based on 4 Sundays per month)</b>	
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,632.00</b>
<b>Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:</b>	<b>\$55,272.00</b>

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