

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 17, 2017
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 (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

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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
registration package in the church foyer.

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 18TH

<p>Tuesday, December 19, 12:05 pm +Jayne Jones; Danielle Pilon 7:00 pm Advent Penitential Service <i>Nowhere other than looking at yourself in the mirror of the Cross can you better understand how much you are worth. – St. Anthony of Padua</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, December 20, 10:30 am – Chartwell +Beatrice Walter; Marie & Hank Willms <i>Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin's womb, willed to appear despised, needy and poor in this world, so that people who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him. – St. Clare of Assisi</i></p>
<p>Thursday, December 21, 12:05 pm +Ron Weber; Cursillo Community of Elmira <i>The Lord has turned all our sunsets into sunrise. – St. Clement</i></p>
<p>Friday, December 22, 9:00 am +Henry Donkers; Annie Donkers 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Adoration <i>When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than that proceeding from the mouth. - St. Bonaventure</i></p>
<p>Saturday, December 23, 5:00 pm +Bill Wright; Dulce Wale +Marie Kraemer; Vincent Kraemer Family +Daniel Furlong; Marcella Furlong & Family</p>
<p>Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Our Parish Community</p>
<p>Sunday, December 24, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 5:00 pm Our Parish Community 7:30 pm Our Parish Community</p>
<p>Monday, December 25 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 10:00 am Our Parish Community</p>

READINGS FOR December 23/24

First Reading: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
 Second Reading: Rom 16:25-27
 Gospel Reading: Lk 1:26-28

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 7:00pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church
 7:00pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar
THU 10:45am **Scripture Study** – Library
 6:45pm **K. of C. Executive Meeting** – Seminar
 7:30pm **K. of C. General Meeting** – Seminar

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 18 Rev. Junghyk Choi
 Tues., December 19 Rev. Allen Varlaki
 Wed., December 20 Missionaries
 Thurs., December 21 Rev. James Malone
 Fri., December 22 Rev. Stephen Csiszar
 Sat., December 23 Rev. Jerome Mascarenhas, O.C.D.

MINISTRIES for December 23/24

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kevin Dupuis, Kathy Ziegler, Peggy Kelly
 9:30am Matthew Griffin, Rick Weishar, Pat Ditner

Hospitality

5pm Greg & Brent Goetz, Kieran & Geoff Kelly
 9:30am Paul & Diane Shutts, Adrian Miltenburg, Peter Antonello

Altar Servers

5pm Patsy Pond
 9:30am Alexis Zettler, Andrew Zettler, Ellen Siebel-Achenbach, Michèle Siebel-Achenbach

Lectors

5pm Connie Kaster
 9:30am Dianne McGuire
 Lisa Denomme

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Barry Glofcheskie

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 24 Stewart Logan

Sign Ministry

Dec 18 Marty Merlihan

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 20 Ann Staines

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Family-Sized Juices and Crackers

Friends of Marillac Place,

I am thrilled and honoured to have been part of this year's **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**. I want to thank all of you for your commitment and support in making this year's fundraiser a huge success with donations continuing to come in throughout the summer!

Marillac Place receives less than half of our revenue through government funding and the remainder is received through community donations and fundraising efforts. The Baby Bottle Campaign is our most significant fundraising event - we value so much everything you do to support this campaign! **THANK YOU** from the board, staff and residents in the most heartfelt and grateful way.

St. Teresa of Avila raised \$ 1,929.14! We extend a warm thanks to everyone in your church who kindly and generously contributed to this significant amount. We could not continue to do this great work of housing and supporting young mothers and babies at-risk in our community without all of you!

Blessings and again-wow! What great results and proof to the mothers that the community stands beside them with love and support.

Kelly Walberg, Fundraising & Office Coordinator

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2018, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

We need your **HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Friday, December 22nd** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:
Tues, December 19th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira**

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: The C.W.L. is sponsoring the sale of a very limited number of Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets. They will be available after Masses for a cost of only \$5. These magnets can be used on your car, fridge, mailbox, front door or any metal surface. Proceeds will be donated to the Woolwich Community Services to supplement their Christmas hampers.

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 **Thursday, December 21st** 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.

The next **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** is on **Friday, December 29th** at the Lions Hall, 40 South Street West, Elmira from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. To donate blood you must be 17+ years old, weigh at least 110 lbs., be at least 56 days since your last blood donation for males and 84 days for females and in good health and feeling well on the day of donation. Don't wait to Give Life.

THE CHRISTMAS MASS ON TV - Those who cannot make it to church, please join the Catholic Community this Christmas. Watch the Daily TV Mass for **Christmas Eve** on VisionTV at 9:00 p.m. ET and at yesTV at 10:00 p.m. ET or the Mass for **Christmas Day** at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. ET on VisionTV, 11:00 p.m. ET on Salt + Light or 1:00 p.m. on yesTV. You can also watch on the web at www.dailytvmass.com.

FREE COMMUNITY FAMILY SKATE on **Thursday, January 4, 2018** from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Woolwich Memorial Centre, Elmira. Skate with players from the Elmira Sugar King and have a free hot chocolate. This event is sponsored by Lutherwood and the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council. Building a connected, caring community.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, January 5, 2017** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE – Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See the website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats and programs. **8-DAY DIRECTED RETREATS** are on **January 22nd – 30th, February 7th to 15th** (1/2 price for new retreatants).

ADORATION FOR LIFE – Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist – Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. Come join us on **Friday, January 5th, 2018** from 8:45 to 10 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener and **Saturday, January 6th, 2018** from 11 a.m. – 12 noon at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener (side entrance). Call KW Right to life for more information at 519-746-5433 or how you can start an Adoration for Life at your church. Prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil. Mt 4:1-11

KW Right to Life **CHARITY DINNER GALA** - Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren on **February 8, 2018** at the Polish Legion Hall, 601 Wellington St. N., Kitchener. Dinner is at 6 p.m. The speakers begin at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar and silent auction. Tickets are \$40. You can obtain tickets at kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love or KW Right to Life Office at 519-746-5433.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Christmas is a season of great excitement and joy, filled with gifts, sharing love and visiting with our family and friends. These are wonderful parts of Christmas, but it is important to help our children remember that the holiday is really about the birth of Christ. Start during Advent by having an Advent wreath, where each week you pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love. Find ways as a family to spread these into the world in which you live. Jesus taught us to look toward others; to feed the hungry, care for the sick and so much more. The greatest gift we can give our children is the ability to look outward towards what others need, as opposed to looking inward to what "I" want. Help your children to learn that is in giving that we truly receive. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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 Contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext 2246 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 2/3: \$2,892.30
Average per envelope: \$28.71
Electronic funds for the week: \$1,143.75
(based on 4 Sundays per month)
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project: \$17,715.00

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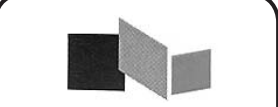

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