

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 17, 2023
Third Sunday
of Advent

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Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
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

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi
Dianne Brenner Fr. Peter Meyer
Karolina Amos Ken Gallipeau
Michele Way

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
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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
519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

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 18TH

Tuesday, December 19, 12:05 pm

+Ralph Schill; Knights of Columbus Council 8192
+Joseph & Annamae Eckert; Estate

Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven. – St. Rose of Lima

Wednesday, December 20, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Happiness can only be achieved by looking inward and learning to enjoy whatever life has and this requires transforming greed into gratitude. – St John Chrysostom

Thursday, December 21, 12:05 am

+Rita Piper; Bill Walter
+Deceased Members of the Hickey & Holden Families; Colleen Jack

We are such value to God that he came to live among us... and to guide us home. He will go to any length to seek us, even to being lifted high upon the cross to draw us back to himself. We can only respond by loving God for his love. – St. Catherine of Siena

Friday, December 22, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Be who you are and be that well. – St. Francis de Sales

Saturday, December 23, 5:00 pm

+Vincent & Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis
+Daniel Furlong; Marcella Furlong & Family

Sunday, December 24, Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

4:00 pm Maryhill

6:00 pm Our Parish Community

9:00 pm Our Parish Community

Monday, December 25, 10:00 am

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

10:00 am Our Parish Community

10:00 am Maryhill

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 1:26-38

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 18	Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman
Tues., December 19	Single Catholics
Wed., December 20	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thurs., December 21	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Fri., December 22	Rev. Ronald Hodara
Sat., December 23	Rev. Donald Wilhelm

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	7:00 pm Advent Small Group Reflection –Library
TUE	6:30 pm Knights Christmas Dinner – Legion
WED	6:00 – 7:30 pm Confessions
	7:00 pm 9 a.m. Choir Practice – Seminar/Church
THU	3:15 pm Children's Christmas Choir - Practice

MINISTRIES for December 23/24

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme

Hospitality

5pm	Greg & Sue Goetz
9am	Rick & Leona Weishar, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector

5pm	Lisa Denomme	Commentator	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Ellen Siebel-Achenbach		Wally Malcolm

Children's Liturgy

Dec 17 Anna Jakeman, Emily Beynon

Sign Ministry

Dec 18 John Bruder

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For persons with disabilities – We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Baked Beans, Canned Pasta and Hamburger Helper

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The pink candle is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

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.

Please take the opportunity of our Confession times this year. It is a nice way to prepare for Christmas. The last opportunity for confession is Wednesday, December 20th from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Fr. Peter

If you would like a **CARMELITE CALENDAR** for 2024 please contact the Parish Office by December 18th.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2024, 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.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES – St. Teresa

Sunday, December 31st – 4:00 p.m.
 Monday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES – St. Boniface

Sunday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 17, 2023

For those who wish to make donations that will be part of your 2023 donation receipt, **all monies must be received by December 25th**. The Parish Office will be closed from December 23rd to January 7th.

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 in the narthex for a donation of \$2.

ADVENT SMALL GROUP REFLECTIONS – All parishioners are invited to gather this Advent as we prepare for Christ's Coming. **Monday, December 18, 2023** from 7 - 8 pm in the library, please join us for these small group sessions, followed by a light snack. Hosted by the St. Teresa C.W.L. All are welcome! For more info contact Alice Soeder at alice_soeder@hotmail.com or 519-669-1859.

THE CHOSEN HOLY NIGHT will be in theatres. Below is the link where you can obtain tickets. It shows dates, times and in which theatre you can see it. You can then purchase your tickets. <https://can01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.fathomevents.com%2Fevents%2Fchristmas-with-the-chosen-2023%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cstteresaelmira%40hamiltondiocese.com%7C860bb8822be24dda3b4f08dbf28a7d42%7C05d9c33451f346b8aed858fd4f0b3672%7C0%7C0%7C638370448844573157%7CUnknown%7CTWfPbGZsb3d8eyJWljoimc4wLjAwMDAiLCJljoiv2luMzliLCJBTil6lk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=CYPNgrcKVnVPnBMQy8M5WGBY9NdvIzoVQWNaLiSOyc%3D&reserved=0>

The Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering a **FREE VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS** on **Tuesday, December 19th** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register, call 519-669-5139 or email Lisa at lisam.wcs@gmail.com. If you are registered with our food programs, you are eligible for a meal kit with all the needed items. Join us for a festive ZOOM cooking class and learn new, healthy recipes to prepare for your loved ones.

Join us for a **RORY NEW YEAR YOUTH CELEBRATION** on **Wednesday, January 3rd** from 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. at the Woolwich Memorial Centre in the Hub. There will be crafts, snacks and games. Register at wcsyouthhub@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS MASS AND YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – JANUARY 5TH – HAMILTON – The Serra Club of Hamilton invites all parishioners to attend a Mass for vocations at 6:00 p.m. Following the Mass, Fr. Mark

Morley invites young adults to attend a night of Adoration, fellowship and praise music in celebration of the Christmas Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.), social with food (7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.), praise night and vocations talk (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on Friday, January 5th at Annunciation of Our Lord, 280 Limeridge Rd. W., Hamilton. Co-sponsored by the Serra Club of Hamilton and the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Woolwich Community Services presents **LUNCH YOUTH DROP IN**, for youth in grades 9 – 12, at The Hub, 24 Synder Avenue South, Elmira on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. No registration is required. However, a sign in sheet will need to be filled when you arrive. The cost is free. For more information email wcsyouthhub@gmail.com.

ALPHA 2024: Join us Thursday evenings, **February 22nd to May 2nd** at St. Mark's Parish Hall, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener. Alpha is an 11-week program that brings adults together for conversations about life, faith and Jesus. Plan to join us – all are welcome! To learn more, contact Denise Case at stmarkalpha@gmail.com.

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR KICK-OFF! CNOY 2024 is February 24, 2024! Gather your team and register at <https://cnoy.org/location/elmira>. This is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for Woolwich Community Services! WALK with us and join our community dinner following the event, sponsored by local businesses!

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. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for December 9/10: \$3,571.80
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$120,827.13

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