

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of
Advent

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Office Administration: Donna Vollmer
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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am

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
Debbie Yutzi
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

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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. ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 18TH

Tuesday, December 20, 7:05 pm

+Irene Sproll; Judy & Marcella Furlong
+Pat Nairn; Danielle Pilon

Let us celebrate this day not because of the visible sun, but because of him who made this day. -St. Augustine

Wednesday, December 21, 9:00 am - Maryhill

Arise, all you nobles and peasants! Mary invites all, rich and poor, just and sinners, to enter the cave of Bethlehem, to adore and to kiss the feet of her newborn Son...Let us enter; let us not be afraid. – St. Alphonsus Liguori

Thursday, December 22, 12:05 pm

+Elaine Geffras; Knights of Columbus 8192
+Florence Cormier; Bill Walter

We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and humanity. – St. Paul VI

Friday, December 23, 9:00 am – Maryhill

A God who became so small could only be mercy and love. – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Saturday, December 24,

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

6:00 pm Our Parish Community

9:00 pm Our Parish Community

Sunday, 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 24/25

First Reading: Is 52:7-10

Second Reading: Heb 1:1-6

Gospel Reading: Jn 1:1-18

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON 3:15 pm **Children's Choir**

THURS 5:00 pm **6:30 p.m. Choir Practice – Church**

MINISTRIES for December 24/25

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm Ken Gallipeau, Ron Stemmler, Deacon Basil

9pm Phil Milan, Rick Weishar

10am Deacon Basil

Hospitality

6pm Adrian Miltenburg Mike & Sharon Noel

9pm Geoff Maher, Leona & Rick Weishar

9am John Bruder, Debbie Yutzi

Lector

6pm Tracy Kroetsch

9pm Joan Couto

10am Linda Bruder

Commentator

Iris Miltenburg

Lisa Denomme

Marianne Kieswetter

Sign Ministry

Dec 19 Ray Denomme

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations-

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 19	Rev. Msgr. Ivan Vuksic
Tues., December 20	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Wed., December 21	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thurs., December 22	Rev. Louis DeVaugelas, L.C.
Fri., December 23	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
Sat., December 24	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Juice, Canned Salmon, Laundry Detergent & Baking Supplies

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Fr. Peter

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 donation of \$2.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER continues! Thinking of gifts for Christmas? Now is the time to purchase gift cards here and support the church at the same time! The percentage the church receives from each card is listed beside each retailer on the order form found under Fundraisers on our website (www.stteresaelmira.ca). Easy ordering instructions are at the top of the order form. Lots of places to choose from - something for everyone! Gift cards never expire and are easy to include with a greeting card! Don't forget to purchase some gift cards for yourself for your everyday purchases or for any special occasion!

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com or call 519 497-3162.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES- St. Teresa

Saturday, December 24th 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES- St. Boniface

Saturday, December 24th 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES -St. Teresa

Saturday, December 31st – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st – 9:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES -St. Boniface

Saturday, December 31st -4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL is back for another year! A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight in issues of social, political, and economic injustice. Join us on December 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for the holiday classic, *It's a Wonderful Life*, connecting to themes of community, dignity of the person, economic and housing insecurity. The screening will be hosted online. Grab your pajama and some hot chocolate for this Christmas screening! R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at www.reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com.

RESTART: REFRESH, RENEW REVIVE – A gathering for separated and divorced individuals offering learning, support and fun! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people on their journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. **Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month**, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required. For ZOOM link contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

THE DIOCEASAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK! Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only – those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available in early January at www.hamiltondiocese.com

Mastering Your Money: A Financial Wellness Presentation for the Diocese of Hamilton -

Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles. The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing. Join us for this special zoom session on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 p.m., presented by Mr. Fred

Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money'. He has delivered dozens of financial literacy presentations and is a sought-after media commentator on financial literacy. This is a free virtual event, but you must register at hamiltondiocese.com under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link

HOUSEKEEPING DUTIES: As we all know Fr Peter is quite busy these days between both parishes. He is looking for a person for 10-12 hours a week to help with cooking, laundry, and light housekeeping. Contact the office or email Father, @ frpetermeyer@gmail.com

EFFECTIVE PROBLEM SOLVING WITH OUR CHILDREN & TEENS – Woolwich Counselling Centre presents this workshop that will cover the value of the effective problem-solving to promote healthy and nurturing relationships with our children and teens. Thursday January 12, 2023. Learn more and register @ info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651

MOTIVATION AND GOAL SETTING 101 – ADULT WORKSHOP – Monday January 16, 2023. 7-8 pm. Woolwich Counselling Centre presents this no cost virtual workshop. Setting goals is an important part of mental health. Creating and achieving goals increase feelings of success and motivation. The workshop will introduce you to practical ways to set SMART Goals that will lead to improved emotional wellness for the life you want to live. Learn more and register @ info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651

LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH: LEARNING SKILLS TO SUPPORT OTHERS – ADULT WORKSHOP – Wednesday January 25, 2023. No Cost Virtual Workshop. Mental health impacts everyone. Whether you're struggling with challenges caused by the pandemic or ongoing mental health concerns, conversations on this topic are essential. Join us on Bell Let's Talk Day to learn coping strategies to manage your own mental health. Learn more and register @ info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for December 11/12	\$3,961.25
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$81,979.55
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