

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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Office Administration: Donna Vollmer

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Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 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
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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

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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. ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 21ST

<p>Tuesday, December 22, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adoration 7:05 p.m. +Gerry Stemmler; Maurice Downey <i>We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmastime not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another. – St. Teresa of Calcutta</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, December 23, 9:00 a.m. +Theresa Siemon-Hahn; Leroy Siemon <i>Fight all error, but do it with good humour; patience, kindness and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause. – St. John of Kanty</i></p>
<p>Thursday, December 24, Solemnity of the the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 4:00 p.m. Our Parish Community 6:00 p.m. Our Parish Community 8:00 p.m. Our Parish Community <i>Christmas isn't just a temporal celebration or the memory of a beautiful event; Christmas is more.... Christmas is an encounter! – Pope Francis</i></p>
<p>Friday, December 25, Solemnity of the the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community</p>
<p>Saturday, December 26, 5:00 p.m. +Larry & Dolorosa Bouzane; Kay Bouzane +Greg & Mary Kelly; The Kelly Family +Kyle Kelly; The Family</p>
<p>Sunday, December 27, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community</p>

READINGS FOR December 26/27

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 17:3b-5, 15-16, 21:1-7
 Second Reading: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
 Gospel Reading: Lk 2:22-40

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 21	Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
Tues., December 22	Rev. Robert Sims
Wed., December 23	Voluntas Dei Institute
Thurs., December 24	Rev. Michael Downey
Fri., December 25	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)
Sat., December 26	Rev. Martin Vallely

MINISTRIES for December 24/25

Hospitality

4pm Adrian Miltenburg, Kieran Kelly
 6pm Ray Denomme, Marianne Kieswetter
 8pm Rick & Leona Weishar, Steve Pond
 9:30am John Bruder, Anne & Bill Hanley

Lectors

4pm Iris Miltenburg
 6 pm Peggy Kelly-Kulaga
 8pm Armand Bertin
 9:30am Linda Bruder

MINISTRIES for December 26/27

Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Debbie Yutzi
 9:30am Adrian Miltenburg, Ray Denomme, Sharon Both

Lectors

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9:30am James Ready

Sign Ministry

Dec 21 John Bruder

FOODBANK NEEDS

Crackers, Canned Pasta and Sidekicks (Meal Helpers)

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For a life of prayer - We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



*My Dear Parishioners,
 During this Advent and Christmas Season you are in my special prayers. From Iris, Donna, Theresa, Deacon Basil and myself we hope for God's blessings for all of you during this season. In these colder days we ask our Lord and Saviour to continue to guide and care for us. May the Lord Jesus who we celebrate as a baby at the Christmas Season and who came to us as a vulnerable child continue to watch over us. Be assured that your concerns and intentions will be offered to God during my Christmas Masses.*

*In Jesus' Love,
 Fr. Peter*

SCRIPTURE & CAROL SERVICE – You are invited to a special Scripture and Carol Service on **Sunday, December 20th** at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church. Members of our Music Ministry and our Lectors are recording themselves now, in the safety of their homes, so that on December 20th we can enjoy a pre-recorded half hour of Christmas Carols and passages from Scripture telling the story of Jesus' birth. You can join us at the church and sing along (while wearing your mask) as we watch the video on our big screen, or join us from your home by watching the video which will premiere on our youtube channel at the same time. We hope that this service offers a special way for our Parish family to celebrate the coming Christmas season together!

The spirit of Christmas during this difficult time has shone a light on St. Teresa of Avila parishioners. The Knights of Columbus, Council 8192 would like to **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE "ANGEL TREE" PROGRAM**

THANK YOU to all who participated in our **Takeout Turkey Dinner** last Saturday. What a great response! 130 dinners were picked up and enjoyed! Special thanks to John from Grill on the Green who will be donating back over \$500 to our One Heart, One Soul fundraiser. Thank you all for your support!

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2021, 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.

Join Us! There is **FREE KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS ONLINE MEMBERSHIP** in commemoration of the upcoming beautification of our founder Fr. McGivney. **Interested prospective members** should apply before December 31st, 2020 by simply visiting our website: KofC.org/join us and use Promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

Do you feel called to care for people in need?

RAY OF HOPE needs people to serve coffee and meals to Community Centre guests, who are struggling with poverty and homelessness. With the help of over 2,000 volunteers in 2019, Ray of Hope provided over 70,000 meals, 10,000 food hampers, 500 haircuts, 1,500 loads of laundry, 1,500 showers, 500 Footcare appointments, and many through our 20 small group programs. The pandemic this year, caused many helpful programs to be cut for marginalized people, as well as increasing the number of people in poverty.

You can be part of the solution for marginalized people, by **volunteering** in any number of our programs.

- Provide guests with hot meals, food hampers, shower and laundry facilities, and access to community nursing.
- RAP Room (Resource Advocacy Program): Assist guests in crisis and direct them to helpful community resources, like Cocaine Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, and the Hepatitis Group Support.
- Assist staff in helping in our GED class, Life Skills, Cooking, Canine Companion, Substance Support and Work programs.
- Help guests discover God's love for them through worship services held in the Community Centre's chapel through 5 different services.

Sign up today by going to the Ray of Hope website; www.rayofhope.net and under "How you can Help", follow the volunteer prompts to complete an application. The Ray of Hope Community Centre is located at 659 King St. East (rear entrance off Stirling Lane) in downtown Kitchener, Ontario.

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS – CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON – His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a Carol Service beginning at 11:30 p.m. Both the Carol Service and the Midnight Mass will be broadcast on Salt+Light Media and shared with CHCH-TV. The Mass will be repeated on CHCH-TV at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning. Due to COVID restrictions, all seating for Midnight Mass has already been reserved. Join us for the broadcast and share in the joy of this Christmas feast!

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we can still easily take part in our faith traditions. Centering our celebration on the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years. During Advent set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change, God's great love for each of us.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – At the heart of every person is a desire to be known and loved for who we are. We fall in love with someone and then spend extraordinary energy and time on learning about the person. Once we marry, we can forget to keep on discovering who the person we love is becoming – because each of us is always becoming. Time and circumstance constantly change and as a result, the person changes. When the one we love stays interested in who we are, we feel secure, cared-for and loved. So spend some time asking about likes and dislikes, what bothers your spouse and what brings them joy, what is the one thing they would like to do if there were no limitations, what their favourite food is – the possibilities are endless and so is the benefit to your relationship! Make your Christmas gifts this year time and attention!

Merry
Christmas

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for December 12/13:	\$5,575.75
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$130,349.25
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