

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 23, 2018

Fourth Sunday of
Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,
1851.

Pastor: Rev. David Lewis

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer

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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

Annamae Elliott

Deana Pfanner Groves

Frank McGuire

Fr. David Lewis

Ken Gallipeau

Leona Weishar

Lisa Denomme

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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

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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. ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 17TH

Monday, December 24, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 5:00 pm Our Parish Community 7:30 pm Our Parish Community
Tuesday, December 25, 10:00 am Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Our Parish Community
Wednesday, December 26, No Mass <i>To fall in love with another person... is like stretching out one's hands for alms and begging another creature for part of himself or herself. – Raniero Cantalamessa</i>
Thursday, December 27, 12:05 pm +Richard Dunning; Danielle Pilon <i>God has created us for great things – to love and be loved. – St. Teresa of Kolkata</i>
Friday, December 28, 9:00 pm +Bob Norris; Maurice Downey <i>We have all known the long loneliness, and we have found that the answer is community. – Dorothy Day</i>
Saturday, December 29, 5:00 p.m. +Kyle Kelly; Kieran & Kathy Kelly & Family +Greg Kelly; The Family
Sunday, December 30, Feast of the Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:30 am Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 29/30

First Reading: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28
 Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
 Gospel Reading: Lk 2:41-52

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Dec 24	Rev. Francis Hubilla
Tues., Dec 25	Christmas Day (The Nativity of The Lord)
Wed., Dec 26	Franciscan Fathers, O.F.M.
Thurs., Dec 27	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Fri, Dec 28	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Sat., Dec 29	Rev. Kevin D'Souza

MINISTRIES for December 29/30

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy & Steve Pond, Erl Andersen
 9:30am Agnes Downey, Barb Vodicka, Sharon Both

Hospitality

5pm Jodi Sereres, Marianne Kieswetter, Greg & Brent Goetz
 9:30am Diane & Paul Shuttsa, Leona & Rick Weishar

Altar Servers

5pm Phil Milan
 9:30am Katelyn Grosz, Evan Grosz, Andrew Zettler, Casey Dronick

Lectors

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9:30am Wally Malcolm
 Lisa Denomme

Commentator

Ann Staines
 Joan Coutu

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 30 Jane Goll

Sign Ministry

Dec 24 Marty Merlihan

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Jan 2 Cheryl Dunn

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



CHRISTMAS is the celebration of the Incarnation, God coming into the world as one of us in the person of Jesus who is both divine and human. May we reflect on this sacred event with hope, gratitude and great joy. I wish all of you a very blessed Christmas and New Year filled with hope, gratitude and joy.

Fr. David

Congratulations to those who won prizes at the **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS DINNER** held on Friday, December 7, 2018.

50/50 Draw Winner

Bill Strauss

Gift Baskets

Nativity Basket	Bill Strauss
Godiva Chocolate Basket	Wayne Vollmer
Sleigh with Plant	Tena Moser
Cleaning Products Basket	Len Strauss
Candle/Hand Lotion Basket	Marion Plantz
Kitchen Basket	M. Hanley-Willms
Plant	John De Wildt
Popcorn Maker	Wayne Vollmer
Christmas Craft & Books Basket	Jack Soeder
Preserves & Pickles Basket	George Frank

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Confirmation: A Parent Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, January 10th 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.

We will be offering **SESSIONS COVERING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH** for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. No commitment is called for to begin. The sessions are offered as an opportunity to explore and will be held on Saturday mornings from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of the Catechism. If you are interested please speak to Father David or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2019, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

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.

ST. DAVID CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADE 8 PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT – Any students who live within the St. David Boundary and are planning to attend Grade 9 in September 2019 are invited to the Grade 8 Parent and Student Information Night on **Thursday, January 10th** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please come with your parents to visit St. David and see all of the wonderful programs that we offer. Grade 8 students attending public school are also invited with their parents to this information session.

THEOLOGY ON TAP will be hosting our 3rd event of the season, on **Tuesday, January 15th** from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Albion Hotel, in Guelph. Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Hamilton Diocese, will be speaking on the topic "Living Life in a Throw Away Culture". Free finger food will be provided. A special invite goes out to young adults between the ages of 19 and 40. All are welcome. For more information, please visit us on Facebook "Theology on Tap Guelph" or contact us at Theologyontapguelph@gmail.com.

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.

VOCATION SEEDS – Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest or religious consecrated man or woman, or deacon to carry the Good News of God's great Love? 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! If interested please contact Birthright at 519-579-3990. Please keep us and those of KW facing unplanned pregnancies in your prayers. May God bless you!

EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH OUR ENRICHING RESOURCES! The Diocesan Library provides audio-visual and print material to assist our Catholic community in its faith journey. All are welcome to benefit from our resources. The Library is located at the Chancery Office, 700 King Street West, Hamilton and is open Monday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to access the library during our hours please contact the Librarian Ms. Dominy Williams at 905-528-7988 ext. 2252 or by email at dwilliams@hamiltondiocese.com to make other arrangements. For a listing of the library's holdings visit the online catalogue at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

Are you suffering after an abortion? **PROJECT RACHEL** provides Hope, Healing and Forgiveness. Take the first step and reach out. It is private and confidential. Support is from trained counsellors and welcomes both women and men. Call our confidential line at: 1-888-385-3850 or 905-526-1999.



JOIN US if you are a Catholic man 18 years or older and you wish to become closer to your family or if you wish to strengthen your faith or just want to give back to your community, we have something for you in the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8192**. If interested contact Adrian Miltenburg at adrian.miltenburg@gmail.com.

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