

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 25, 2016

The Nativity of
Our Lord

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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
any 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

Andrea Visneskie
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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.

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. ✠

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 26TH

Tuesday, December 27, No Mass
Wednesday, December 28, No Mass
Thursday, December 29, No Mass
Friday, December 30, No Mass
Saturday, December 31, 5:00 pm +Greg & Mary Kelly; The Kelly Family +Theresa Hahn-Siemon; Leroy Siemon +Kyle Kelly; Kieran & Kathy Kelly & Family
Sunday, January 1, 10:00 am Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 31/January 1

First Reading: Nm 6:22-27
Second Reading: Gal 4:4-7
Gospel Reading: Lk 2:16-21

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON – FRI Office Closed

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., December 26 Rev. Paul Boucher
Tues., December 27 Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wed., December 28 Holy Cross Fathers, C.S.C.
Thurs., December 29 Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Fri., December 30 Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Sat., December 31 Rev. Roshan D'Souza, O.C.D.

MINISTRIES for December 24/25

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Jan 1 Trudy & Ray Denomme

Sign Ministry

Dec 26 Marty Merlihan

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Jan 4 Ann Staines

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit and Canned Meats

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over and that the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

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

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8192 wish to **THANK ALL PARISHIONERS** for their support to the "Angel Tree" Toy Drive. You made it a great success. Thank you.

Beginning in the New Year 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. beginning January 28th. 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 2017, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY in our present location we have calendars for sale. They are \$10 each. They can be purchased after Masses or during Parish Office hours.

Pauline Books & Media are hosting a **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY TRAINING** on **January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2017** at 3022 Dufferin Street, Toronto. Each class runs from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and each week has different talks. The cost is \$40 for the 4-Saturday-course. Registration is required. Please call 416-781-9131 ext. 224 or email srhellenaburns@gmail.com.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, January 12th** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Kathleen Barsoum, Waster Co-ordinator, Waste Management Division, Region of Waterloo will speak on "Changes in Trash Talk". Open to all ages in the community as changes in waste management are coming very soon to residents of Waterloo Region. For info contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@xplornet.ca.

EMBRACING THE WISDOM OF MONKS & MYSTICS - A Senior Adult Workshop Series that runs 6 Wednesday afternoons, **starting January 11, 2017** from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new and creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine Valters Paintner. Please register a.s.a.p. For further information please contact Monica at mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-52807988 ext. 2238 or check the website, www.hamiltondiocese.com for more information.

KW Right to Life sponsors the **STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR** on **Saturday, January 14, 2017**. Why Abortion Statistics Matter featuring Mike Schouten from WeNeedaLaw.ca and John Sikkema Lawyer at ARPA Canada at the Knights of Columbus Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. It is Fish and Chip Dinner at 5:00 p.m. for \$10 with the social beginning at 4:30 p.m. The speakers will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a Silent Auction. All proceeds go the Stop Censorship Initiative. Please call 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca to reserve your place or table.

VOCATION SEEDS - We celebrate the birth of our Lord into our world; however, many have not received the birth of our Lord into their hearts. If Christ lives in your heart and you would like to help others discover the Lord, you may be called to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister. Contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or check out the website at www.hamiltonvocations.com.

DIRECTED RETREATS at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph
January 23 – 31, 2017 (8-Day Directed Retreat) or
February 8 – 16, 2017 (8-Day) - half-price for new retreatants. A directed retreat provides you with individual direction in an environment of silence and prayer, facilitating a deepening of your relationship with God. Cost: 8-Day \$792. Register online at www.loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

HENRI NOUWEN: LIFE & LEGACY WEEKEND RETREAT at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph from **February 3 – 5, 2017**. Facilitated by Michael W. Higgins. This weekend retreat on

Nouwen's aching into holiness seems ideal for searchers keen on understanding his tireless quest for the Beloved. There will be readings from various of his texts with a focused reflection on how life and spirituality were one, deeply incarnational, riven, but with an abiding thirst for joy. Cost is \$260 for live-in or \$160 for commuters.

Join us at the **SEMINAR OF HOPE**. This seminar will teach you how to pray for your sons, daughters and loved ones. This is a Free Live Seminar by Vernon Robertson as seen on EWTN. This seminar is being held at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Church, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener on Friday, January 20th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Bring a Bag Lunch. Love offering will be taken. As parents do you suffer because of the spiritual condition of your children? Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you. A free participant manual will be given at the Seminar. For more information or to register email Pat or Rita at paddy@golden.net or call at 519-748-5548. View Promo Video at www.seminarofhope.org.



This is a reminder that there is an **EYEGLASS COLLECTION BOX** in the cloakroom. Please donate any used eyeglasses you may have, as these will be forwarded to people locally and in third world nations unable to afford them. Please note: eyeglass cases cannot be accepted as they cannot be sanitized. This effort is a project of your local Lions clubs. Thank you.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - The best way to assist your children to thrive is to give them a good sense of security and self-worth. These feelings are best accomplished when parents understand their role as leaders of their families: they set the rules, make sure the rules are followed and discipline when necessary. In order to assure good balance in their family role as leaders, parents need to spend quality time with their children, which helps their children know they are loved, valued and important. Parents need to be an authoritative figure in their children's lives, which means they can't always be the fun friend, but they can love their children enough to help them become healthy and well-functioning adults!



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