

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

December 25, 2022

The Nativity of  
the Lord

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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

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
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#### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://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. ✠

# NATIVITY OF THE LORD

## MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>

### Tuesday, December 27, No Mass

*Praise and bless my Lord, give thanks and serve him with great humility. – St. Francis of Assisi*

### Wednesday, December 28, No Mass

*These then, whom Herod's cruelty tore as sucklings from their mother's bosom, are justly hailed as "infant martyr flowers"; they were the Church's first blossoms, matured by the frost of persecution during the cold winter of unbelief. – St. Augustine*

### Thursday, December 29, No Mass

*Whosoever wisely examines the works of God will speedily discover what is next to be done. – St. Thomas Becket*

### Friday, December 30, No Mass

*The family is called to be the temple or house of prayer: a simple prayer, full of effort and tenderness. A prayer that makes life so that life becomes prayer. – St. John Paul II*

### Saturday, December 31, 6:00 pm

**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
Our Parish Community**

### Sunday, January 1, 9:00 am

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## 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 OFFICE CLOSED

MON-FRI

### MINISTRIES for December 31/1

#### Eucharistic Ministers

6pm Patsy Pond  
9am Iris Miltenburg

#### Hospitality

6pm Steve Pond  
9am Anne Hanley, Ray Denomme

#### Lector

6pm Judy Furlong  
9am Linda Bruder

#### Commentator

Kevin Dupuis  
John Bruder

#### Sign Ministry

Dec 26 Sandi Hutchinson

## 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 26 Feast of the Holy Family  
Tues., December 27 Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M. I.  
Wed., December 28 Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne (s.s.a.)  
Thurs., December 29 Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.  
Fri., December 30 Rev. Peter Nmachukwu  
Sat., December 31 Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony, E.V.

## FOODBANK NEEDS

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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

From all of us here at St. Teresa's may God bless you this Christmas Season. Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones. Let us pray for the gift of peace within our world and families. In God's Peace,  
Fr. Peter

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2023, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

## FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER continues!

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](http://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](mailto:stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com) or call 519 497-3162.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup> -4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

**HOUSEKEEPING DUTIES:** Fr. Peter is quite busy between both parishes and is finding the work/life balance a challenge by himself. He is looking for help for 10-12 hours a week with cooking, laundry, and light housekeeping. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact the office or email Father directly, @ [frpetermeyer@gmail.com](mailto:frpetermeyer@gmail.com)

## MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – JANUARY 1, 2023

Mary treasured all that God had done for her and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley,

Director of Vocations, Dioceses of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. Or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com)

**THE DIOCEASAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS IS BACK!** Are you celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under Upcoming events, or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, to receive the Zoom link

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:info@woolwichcounselling.org) or call 519-669-8651

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP – ADULT SESSION** – No Cost, in-person sessions. Caregivers provide physical and emotional support to family members, neighbours, partners and friends. We recognize caregivers may also need support. We are here for you. Please join us for refreshments, conversation, community, and peer support. Please join us for one or all sessions. Thursdays, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, Jun. 1 2023 from 1-2 pm. Learn more and register @ [info@woolwichcounselling.org](mailto:info@woolwichcounselling.org) or call 519-669-8651

The next **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** is on **Monday January 26, 2023**. at Notre Dame Chapel, SJ1 Classrooms and Library Building at St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Fr. Toby Collins CR will speak on "Tiny Resurrections for Today". However tiny it may seem, Fr. Toby believes the presence of God is in each and every one of us. To discover it one must be willing to encounter the poor, less fortunate, oppressed, marginalized, and suffering. All are welcome to attend please join if this topic calls you. Admission is free, but please register using the attached link, as seating is limited. Tickets are not required at the door.

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