

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 26, 2021
Feast of the Holy Family

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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 (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
Deana Pfanner Groves
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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

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. ✠

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 27TH

Tuesday, December 28, No Mass <i>The Teacher of children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>
Wednesday, December 29, No Mass <i>There are two births of Christ: one unto the world in Bethlehem; the other in the soul. – Ven. Fulton Sheen</i>
Thursday, December 30, No Mass <i>God is an artist and the universe is his work of art. – St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
Friday, December 31, 5:00 p.m. Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God + Kyle Kelly; The Family + Greg Kelly; The Family <i>Prayer is the oxygen of the soul. – St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
Saturday, January 1, 10:00 a.m. Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God Our Parish Community
Sunday, January 2, 9:30 a.m. Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR January 2

First Reading: Is 60:1-6
 Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel Reading: Mt 2:1-12

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON-FRI Office Closed

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

CATECHISTS - Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 27	Very Rev. Msgr. Murray Kroetsch
Tues., December 28	Rev. Francisco Cruz
Wed., December 29	Sisters of St. Anne, (s.s.a.)
Thurs., December 30	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Fri., December 31	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
Sat., January 1	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit, Canned Ham
 and Canned Vegetables (kernel corn preferred)

MINISTRIES for January 2

Eucharistic Ministers

9:30am Ray Denomme

Hospitality

9:30am John Bruder, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Lector

9:30am Dianne McGuire

Commentator

Iris Miltenburg

Sign Ministry

Dec 27 Pat Ditner

My Dear Parishioners,

We pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for us to her beloved son that he may continue to watch over and guide us.

January 1st is the World Day of Peace and was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measures and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

Thank you so very much for your greetings, prayers, cards and gifts. They are very much appreciated. Please leave a message on the parish office telephone during this coming week if you have any concerns.

*In Jesus' Love,
Fr. Peter*

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of **Blessed Mary** bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA RELIGIOUS CALENDARS are available for purchase. Cost is \$10 each. There are a limited amount available. First come first served.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER! Donate to our parish simply by buying and using gift cards for purchases you would be making every day! Simply email your order to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com and e-transfer funds to the same email address. For those wanting to pay by cheque please make the cheque out to Barb Vodicka. Gift cards will be mailed directly to your home. Please see the Fundraisers page on our website for the long and short order forms and all the details or contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162.

C.W.L. LADIES, IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! This is an invitation for all women of our parish ages 16 and up to join St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League of Canada (C.W.L.)! **Our yearly dues remain at \$25** and can be dropped off in the collection, mailed to the church or paid by e-transfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com. More information can be found on the parish website under the C.W.L. page. Any questions please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162. This is an election year! If anyone is interested in being nominated for an Executive position, please contact Barb.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, January 6, 2022** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour praying? Two metres distancing will be observed. Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call Cathy at 519-742-9025.

THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES, a monthly virtual event is starting in January 2022. January is the first month of the series and the only month where we will have three evening sessions (all the others will be one night each month). Bishop Lobsinger will give an overview of the document, *Amoris Laetitia*, on **January 12th and 19th** and Therese Hartnett will wrap up the sessions on **January 26th**. Each session will begin at 7 p.m. The title of the first talk is *The Joy and Struggles of Family: Revealing the Wisdom in Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia*. To attend the Zoom sessions, register online or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

The **MENNO HOMES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** is on **Wednesday, January 26th** at 2:00 p.m. Details related to whether this will be a strictly online event or a hybrid one will be announced once we are closer to the actual date in January.

THE 2021–2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. More will be done in the parish in the new year. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT - Is your marriage experience more trouble than joy, feeling stagnant or disconnected and/or causing you worries? The solution is Retrouvaille - a program for married couples facing difficult challenges in their relationship. Retrouvaille has one purpose: to help couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. This is a practical program, where sharing is not required except between the couple themselves, designed to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. It also works well for couples who may be considering separation or divorce. The next Retrouvaille weekend begins March 13, 2022. For more information call 905-664-5212 or email teamrecine@gmail.com.

UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY IN THE DIOCESE OF HAMILTON - The Office for Evangelization and Catechesis has produced a video showcasing the wonderful ministry of our Diocesan University Chaplaincy Centres. Do share this video with a young person in your life who may be preparing for post-secondary education, or someone who is looking for a faith community on campus within the Diocese. Special thanks to the Priests, Chaplains, campus ministers and students who helped make this project possible. To view the video, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/evangelization-catechesis/young-adult-ministry>.



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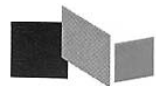
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