

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 27, 2020
Feast of the Holy Family

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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

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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 28TH

Tuesday, December 29, NO MASS

Remember the sufferings of Christ, the storms that were weathered... the crown that came from those sufferings, which gave new radiance to the faith. All saints give testimony to the truth that without real effort no one ever wins the crown. – St. Thomas Becket

Wednesday, December 30, NO MASS

Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord on coming into the Virgin's womb, willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world so that people who are in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him – St. Clare of Assisi

Thursday, December 31, NO MASS

During this new year I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year, but I abandon myself entirely to you, my God. – St. Gemma Galgani

Friday, January 1, NO MASS**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God****Saturday, January 2, NO MASS****Sunday, January 3, NO MASS****Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord****READINGS FOR January 2/3**

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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., December 28 Rev. Joseph Michel
Tues., December 29 Rev. Kiwook Kim
Wed., December 30 Congregation of the Sisters of St. Anne, s.s.a.
Thurs., December 31 Rev. Arpee Urquico
Fri., January 1 Rev. Pawel Jamroz
Sat., January 2 Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

At this time the chapel, church and office are closed. Please check for updates at stteresaelmira.ca and on the Hamilton Diocesan website.

Please note that we are checking messages for emergencies and serious pastoral concerns.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 4TH

Tuesday, January 5, NO MASS

Obedience unites us so closely to God in a way that transforms us into him, so that we have no other will but his. – St. Thomas Aquinas

Wednesday, January 6, NO MASS

The Lord grants in a moment what we may have been unable to obtain in dozens of years. – St. Philip Neri

Thursday, January 7, NO MASS

It is surprising that I am frequently asked for cures, but rarely for humility and the spirit of faith. Yet, they are so important. – St. André Bessette

Friday, January 8, NO MASS**Saturday, January 9, NO MASS****Sunday, January 10, NO MASS****Feast of the Baptism of the Lord****READINGS FOR January 9/10**

First Reading: Is 55:1-11
Second Reading: 1 Jn 5:1-9
Gospel Reading: Mk 1:7-11

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., January 4 Rev. David Avila
Tues., January 5 Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Wed., January 6 Diocesan Priests
Thurs., January 7 Rev. Kim Kiwook
Fri., January 8 Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
Sat., January 9 Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.

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,
Feast Day and Sunday Masses during the shutdown will be taped and uploaded through St. Teresa's YouTube on the website or just google YouTube St. Teresa's, Elmira. Be assured of my continued support and prayers during the Christmas Season. We ask Mary, our Mother to watch over us in these difficult times. 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 if you have any concerns.*

*Blessings from Mary, the Mother of God,
Fr. Peter*

DECEMBER 27, 2020

If you would like to join our **LIVING ROSARY GROUP** please email bmarkides@rogers.com and Deacon Basil will connect with you. He will need your email address so the zoom link can be sent to you. Deacon Basil can help you through the Zoom process. It is totally free and can be run on a computer or your cell phone and is safe and relatively easy to use.

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](http://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.

A WALK THROUGH FRATELLI TUTTI – 'Fratelli Tutti': With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives." (FT#1) These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. Join us on **Wednesday, January 27th** for a **90 minute Zoom webinar** to walk through this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to "all people of good will". Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office. Register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre, 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira is offering the **GLAD TO BE ME PROGRAM**. This program is a Self-Esteem Program for ages 4-7. This program is a **virtual fun-filled children's program** that promotes self-esteem and self-worth. This program runs on **January 27, 2021, February 23, 2021, March 31, 2021, April 28, 2021 and May 26, 2021** from 4 – 5 p.m.

Visit www.woolwichcounselling.org for more program details. Call 519-669-8651 or email info@woolwichcounselling.org to register.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for December 5/6:	\$7,478.75
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$117,004.25

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