

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 4, 2016

Second Sunday
of Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,
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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
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.

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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. ✠

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 5TH

Tuesday, December 6, 7:05 pm +Parents, Brothers & Sisters of Lucy Bertin; Armand & Lucy Bertin
Wednesday, December 7, Heritage House Mass +Kazimiera Poczatek,; Estate
Thursday, December 8, 12:05 pm +Ron Weber; Danielle Pilon
Friday, December 9, 8:45 am +Deceased Members of the Basler & Ruth Families; John & Alice Basler 9:15 am – Noon Adoration
Saturday, December 10, 5 pm +Philip Downey; Linda & Murray Buchan +Rose Downey & Karen Downey; The Family +Ted Teahen; Hilda Cassel
Sunday, December 11, Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 10/11

First Reading: Is 35:1-6a, 10
Second Reading: Jas 5:7-10
Gospel Reading: Mt 11:2-11

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 7:35 pm **Parish Pastoral Council Mtg** - Library
WED 7:00 pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church
7:00 pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar
THU 10:45 am **Quest Scripture Study** – Library
7:00 pm **K of C Christmas Dinner** - Legion

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., December 5 Rev. Janusz Roginski, S.A.C.
Tues., December 6 Rev. Robert Love
Wed., December 7 Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thurs., December 8 Rev. Andrew Lopatniuk
Fri., December 9 Francis Trzuppek
Sat., December 10 Rev. Mark Sullivan

MINISTRIES for December 10/11

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond, Erl Andersen
9:30am Sandi Hutchinson, Ken Gallipeau, Agnes Downey

Hospitality

5pm Greg, Derek, Brent & Zachary Goetz
9:30am Peter Antonello, Sharon Both, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Altar Servers

5pm Natalie Pfanner Groves, Alexis Zettler
9:30am Katelyn Grosz, Isabella Maher, Ryan Diemert

Lectors

5pm Colleen Weber
9:30am Iris Miltenburg
Tom Fahey

Commentator

Ann Staines
Dianne McGuire

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 11 Marianne Kieswetter

Sign Ministry

Dec 5 Kieren Kelly

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 7 Marianne Kieswetter

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.

ST. TERESA SYRIAN SPONSORSHIP MINISTRY - It was the first Sunday of December 2015 that we launched the idea of sponsoring a Syrian family. At the present time, our Diocese advises us that our family is still on track to come to Elmira although no new dates have been put forward. Instead of wondering why they are not here yet, let us pray for their wellbeing in this time of waiting. Check out the full message on our website.

We need your **HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Wednesday, December 21st** from 9 a.m. to Noon. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:

Wed., December 14th, 7 p.m., St. Agatha, St. Agatha
Thurs., December 15th, 7 p.m., St. Clements, St. Clements
Tues, December 20th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th – 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

December 31st – 5:00 p.m.
January 1st – 10:00 a.m.

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.

We are having a **RHEO THOMPSON MINT SMOOTHIE FUNDRAISER** to help offset the cost of the new roof. Mint smoothies are available for purchase after Mass and during office hours. Each mint smoothie is \$2.00. No advance orders are needed as the mint smoothies are available for purchase.

The St. Teresa of Avila **CHILDREN CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE** is starting this month. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the Narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with the tag **by December 11, 2016**. All gifts collected will be delivered by the Knights of Columbus to Woolwich Community Services.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS:

- All women of the parish are invited to our **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, December 13th** for fun, fellowship, prizes and food. We

begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. and potluck to follow. This year we will have Anne Jamieson from the Diocese as a speaker, and her topic will be "What Can Be Brought to Life in You". Please bring your favourite dish, your plate, cup and cutlery. If you wish, you can also bring a gift for Woolwich Community Services. Don't forget your Secret Sister.

- Campbell's Soup labels will no longer be collected. Campbell's has stopped its education program at this time. If it starts another program, we will inform you.
- There will NO meeting in January, but we will see you on Tuesday, February 14th.

You are invited to the **ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SING**, an evening of Advent and Christmas Music presented by Elmira area churches on **Sunday, December 4th** at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Admission is free and there will be a free-will offering in support of the Woolwich Counselling Centre. Following the concert you are invited to the church hall for a reception. Everyone welcome!

38TH ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA - AN INVITATION TO PREPARE WELL FOR CHRISTMAS: Nine daily Masses at 6:30 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St. N., Waterloo, **Friday, December 2nd to Saturday, December 10th**. There will be breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on Saturday, December 10th. A free will offering will be taken for SVDP Christmas Hampers. Note exception: **Sunday, Dec. 4th Mass is at 9:00 a.m. or 11 a.m.** You are welcome to attend your own church on this day. Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along your family and friends! Everyone is welcome!

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, December 8th** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Carol Barnhardt, 4Gs Guelph Go-Go Grandmothers and the Stephen Lewis Foundation, will speak on "Walking in the Shoes of a Ugandan Grandmother". For info contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@xplornet.ca.

Join us on **Friday, December 9th** for the **NEXT LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE**. Shane Claiborne will present his lecture entitled "The Scandal of Grace". Shane, from Red Letter Christians, will speak about what it means to be the Body of Christ alive in the world; he will reflect on the scandal of God's inclusive love in a world that is starved for grace. The lecture is at St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. It is free of charge. There is free parking. It is wheelchair accessible and refreshments are served.

APPARITION HILL is coming to Cineplex-Ancaster **Saturday December 10th** at 9:30 a.m. Award-winning director, Sean Bloomfield (The Triumph, If Only We Had

Listened) and his team have created a new feature film following an unlikely group of pilgrims who journey to the little-known village of **MEDJUGORJE** to investigate the claims surrounding the alleged Marian apparitions. Tickets for this one-time showing: www.apparitionhill.org or email steve@stephendunn.ca.

LIONA BOYD, A WINTER FANTASY, IN CONCERT on **Sunday, December 11, 2016** at 2:30 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, Arthur & Wyatt Streets, Elmira. Tickets are \$35 per adult, \$30 per senior and \$25 per child or student. You can obtain tickets from eventbrite.ca, The Window Box at 8 Arthur St. South and at St. James Church Office in the mornings. Proceeds to support St. James' building restoration work. Refreshments and Christmas Bake Sale hosted by St. James Youth.

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED – DID YOU KNOW? Now that Canada has legalized assisted suicide/euthanasia, did you know that doctors in Ontario are forced to provide direct referrals for patients seeking to end their lives? Doctors who object to helping to kill their patients see a direct referral as being an accomplice to assisted suicide. No foreign jurisdiction in the world that has legalized euthanasia/assisted suicide has forced health care workers or facilities to act against their conscience. Eight other provinces in Canada have adopted protocols to protect doctors and institutions. Visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and to write directly to the Ontario government.

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." **COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU** to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988, mking@hamiltondiocese.com or check out www.hamiltonvocations.com.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - New love spurs us on to spend as much time as possible with each other. Once we marry we can get so caught up in the demands of work, home and family that we can lose the sense of connection that pulled us toward each other at the start. Preparing and eating dinner together, sharing a walk, enjoying a good movie, attending Mass, or reading a book together are all great examples of ways to create a stronger couple connection. Building this connection is an important way to form a strong and lasting relationship. Spend time together and see where it takes you! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."

Offertory collection for November 26/27:	\$2,149.00
Average per envelope:	\$19.26
Electronic funds for the week:	\$1,028.75
(based on 4 Sundays per month)	
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00
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