

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 4, 2022
Second Sunday of
Advent

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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
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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

75 First St. W., Elmira
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St. David Catholic Secondary School

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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 4TH

Tuesday, December 6, 12:05 pm +Bill Walter; Marcella & Judy Furlong +Evelyn Goetz; Sue & Greg Goetz <i>The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic his giving, by grace through faith, and this is not of ourselves. – St. Nicholas</i>
Wednesday, December 7, 9:00 am – Maryhill +Hank Willms; Gord & Cheryl Dunn <i>God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. – St. Ambrose</i>
Thursday, December 8, 12:05 pm +Betty Schill; Sharon Both <i>Mary sustains our journey towards Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him! -Pope Francis</i>
Friday, December 9, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>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 were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him. – St. Clare of Assisi</i>
Saturday, December 10, 5:00 pm +Philip Downey; The Family +Karen Downey; The Family +Maurice & Rose Downey; The Family
Sunday, December 11, Second Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

Thurs., December 8 Rev. John Van Hees
 Fri., December 9 Very Rev. James Petrie E.V.
 Sat., December 10 Rev. Gerald Mulhall

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.

FOODBANK NEEDS

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The second purple candle on the Advent wreath is a symbol of Faith in God. This candle is referred to as the "Bethlehem Candle" to remind us of the journey of the Holy Family. As we start another week of the season of Advent, let us pray for the courage and strength to make this leap of faith to surrender ourselves and our whole lives to God, for we are pilgrims in journey on this earth who trust in His holy will!

Fr. Peter

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Theo Martin** son of Christopher and Katie Martin, **Charlotte McKee**, daughter of William & Sara McKee, **Kelton McKee** son of James and Amelia McKee, **Benjamin Sanderson**, son of Taylor and Ashley Sanderson, and **Jude White**, son of Chris and Sarah White. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

AROUND THE ADVENT CIRCLE – All parishioners are invited to gather around the Advent circle for small group discussions. For four Monday evenings we will read and reflect on the scriptures for the four Sundays of Advent, share our thoughts and experiences, and feed our body and soul as we prepare for Christ's coming. On Monday, November 21st, 28th, December 5th and 12th from 7 - 8 p.m. in the library, please join us for these small group sessions, followed by snacks and fellowship. Hosted by the St. Teresa C.W.L. All are welcome! For more info contact Alice Soeder at alice_soeder@hotmail.com or 519-669-1859.

You can now pick up your **SUNDAY MISSALS** in the library. Cost is \$6.00 per copy.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "ANGEL TREE" event is starting on November 20, 2022. We ask that parishioners pick a tag from the Angel Tree and return a new unwrapped gift with the tag to the church before **December 11, 2022.**

The **C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** has begun for new members and for existing members. We encourage you to renew your membership before the end of the year!

ANNUAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – **Sunday, December 18th 2:00 p.m.** Children of all ages are welcome to participate. **Practices from 10-10:30 on**

READINGS FOR December 10/11

First Reading: Is 11:1-10
 Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9
 Gospel Reading: Mt 3:1-12

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON 7:00 pm **Advent Circle** – Library
THU 6:30 pm **Finance Meeting**
FRI 6:30 pm **The Knight Before Christmas Dinner**
SAT 4:00 pm **5:00 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church

MINISTRIES for December 10/11

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Peggy Kelly-Kulaga
 9am Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality

5pm Kieran Kelly, Geoff Kelly
 9am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector	Commentator
5pm Kevin Dupuis	Phil Milan
9am Iris Miltenburg	Larry Głofcheskie

Sign Ministry

Dec 5 Pat Ditner

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 5 Rev. Duy Van Nguyen.
 Tues., December 6 Rev. Hayden Starczala
 Wed., December 7 Orders of Preachers

Sunday December 4th, 11th & 18th (Dress rehearsal)

Children do not need to know lines; they just need to wear the provided costumes and look adorable!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES- St. Teresa

Saturday, December 24th 6:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES- St. Boniface

Saturday, December 24th 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
Sunday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

There is no Saturday 5 p.m. Mass.

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

Sunday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

There is no Saturday 5 p.m. Mass.

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 8th – 9:00 a.m.

ST. TERESA PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY- Would like to thank the C.W.L and K of C & all the parishioners for their generous support & prayers for our ministry. We cannot function without you as we continue to provide prayer shawls to all who need one for whatever reason. A warm hug from God.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: The C.W.L. is bringing back the Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets! These magnets can be used on your car, fridge, mailbox, front door or any metal surface. They will be available after Masses (or in the library any time) for a donation of \$2.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER continues! Thinking of gifts for Christmas? 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). 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! **We will be pre-purchasing some popular gift cards which we will be selling after Mass on November 26th & 27th (cash or cheque) and you can place orders for other cards at that time too (cash, cheque or e-transfer).** If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com or call 519 497-3162.

The **C.W.L. POTLUCK SUPPER** is on **Tuesday, December 13th. We start with Mass at 6:00 p.m.**

followed by our potluck. All ladies of the parish are welcome to attend whether you are a member or not! Come out and meet other ladies of the parish for this popular social event. Bring your favorite dish to share! Please remember to bring your own plate, cutlery & mug. Beverages will be provided. We are in need of a few volunteers to help set up the hall. Anyone who is available, please meet in the hall on December 13th at 4:30 p.m.

ST. TERESA'S TAKE-OUT TURKEY DINNER is being offered on **Sunday, December 18th** from 4 – 7 p.m. to be ordered from the Grill on the Green! Some good home cooking without the work and a fundraiser at the same time! We've partnered again with The Grill on the Green (at the Elmira Golf Course) who will be offering 2 options of their Take-Out Turkey Dinner with all the fixings!

Option #1: Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, stuffing, turkey gravy (specify if you want it on the side) and cranberry sauce. Cost for Adult: \$19.99 per dinner plus tax. Children/Seniors portion: \$11.99 per dinner plus tax.

Option #2: the same as Option # 1 but also includes a side salad with raspberry vinaigrette on the side and apple crumble dessert. Cost for Adult: \$24.99 per dinner plus tax. Children/Seniors portion: \$16.99 per dinner plus tax. A portion of each dinner sold will be donated back to our church! Meals must be **pre-ordered by Friday, December 16th** by calling the restaurant (519-669-1651 extension 27 when they are open, Monday & Tuesday 11am - 2 pm, Wednesday - Friday 11am - 8pm / Saturday - Sunday 10am - 8pm) with the number of dinners required and the time you will be picking them up. They will take your payment at pick-up. Any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162 or stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com.

The Elmira District Ministerial Association presents **COMMUNITY CHOIRS & CAROLS** on **Sunday, December 4th** at 7 p.m. at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira. Freewill offering in support of Woolwich Counselling Centre. For more information email office@galepresbyterian.com or call 519-669-2852.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Christmas is an exciting and busy time of year, a time when it is vital for parents to counter the secular side of the holiday, so heavily promoted, by helping their children understand the real "reason for the season". Ensuring you have a nativity set and Advent wreath in your home are important reminders that it is Christ we celebrate. Attending Mass, placing Jesus in the manger before opening presents on Christmas morning, giving to charity and reminding your children Baptism calls all of you to do so, are ways to give a place of importance to the birth of Jesus. If Christmas becomes only about Santa, it is a real loss for your children and their faith.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 26/27	\$2,332.00
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$81,289.55
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