

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 5 2021

Second Sunday of
Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. Peter Meyer

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer

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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 (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
Debbie Yutzi
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar
Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

Knights of Columbus

Frank McGuire

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
519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo
519-885-1340 Website: stdavid.wcdsb.ca

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 7, 7:05 pm

+Lucy Bertin; Maurice Downey & Diane Dietrich

It is not from your own goods that you give to the beggar; it is a portion of his own that you are restoring to him. The earth belongs to all. So you are paying back a debt and think you are making a gift to which you are not bound. – St. Ambrose

Wednesday, December 8, 9:00 am

+Jean Litt; Marcella & Judy Furlong

Mary sustains our journey toward 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

Thursday, December 9, 12:05 pm

+Atie Huitema; Danielle Pilon

It is not enough just to wish well; we must also do well. – St. Ambrose

Friday, December 10,

9:00 am +Donna Long; Gord & Cheryl Dunn

9:30 – 11:30 am Adoration

This Christmas, when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern. – St. Teresa of Calcutta

Saturday, December 11,

4:15 – 4:45 pm Confessions

5:00 pm

+Philip Downey; The Family

+Rose Downey; The Family

+Karen Downey; The Family

+Maurice Downey; Diane Dietrich

Sunday, December 12, Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am Our Parish Community

FOODBANK NEEDS

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

MINISTRIES for December 11/12

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve Pond

9:30am Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marianne Kieswetter

9:30am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, John Bruder

Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme

9:30am Leona Weishar

Commentator

Judy Furlong

Wally Malcolm

Sign Ministry

Dec 6 Kieran Kelly

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Beginning in the New Year we will be offering sessions covering the fundamentals of the Catholic Faith for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. R.C.I.A. is for those considering joining the Catholic Church. The sessions are offered as an opportunity to explore. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of our new Catechism. If you are interested please speak to me or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

I am grateful for your generosity of baked sweets for the past Christmases. This year I respectfully ask that I do not receive your sweets/baked goods as I am trying to eat more healthily. Thank you always for your thoughtfulness.

Be assured of my continued support and prayer.

Father Peter

READINGS FOR December 11/12

First Reading: Zep 3:14-18a

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel Reading: Lk 3:10-18

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 7:00 pm 9:30 am Choir Practice – Church

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 6	Rev. Lajos Angyal
Tues., December 7	Rev. Joseph Durkacz
Wed., December 8	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thurs., December 9	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Fri., December 10	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.
Sat., December 11	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA RELIGIOUS

CALENDARS are available for purchase. Cost is \$10 each. There are a limited amount available. First come first serve.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER! Donate to our parish simply by buying and using gift cards for purchases you would be making every day! Gift cards make great Christmas gifts, buy them from us. Simply email your order to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com and e-transfer funds to the same email address. 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.

The Knights of Columbus **ANGEL TREE** is starting up on November 20, 2021. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the Narthex and **return** a new, unwrapped gift with tag **by December 11, 2021**. Thank you. Council 8192

The **NEW MISSALS** are ready for purchase at **\$5 each** and are in the library. Please place your money in the box provided or drop off at the Parish Office during office hours.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday, December 24th – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, December 25th – 9:30 a.m.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CHRISTMAS MASSES. REGISTER by email at

StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com or by telephone at 519-669-3387. Although we are asking for registrations there will be room for all at the Christmas Masses.

There is no Saturday 5 p.m. Mass.

Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday, December 26th – 9:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

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

There is no Saturday 5 p.m. Mass.

Epiphany of the Lord
Sunday, January 2nd – 9:30 a.m.

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 stteresaelmira@gmail.com. More information can be found on the parish website under the C.W.L. page. Any questions please contact Barb Vodicka 519-497-3162. This is an election year! If anyone is interested in being nominated for an Executive position, please contact Barb.

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS? DOWNSIZING?

Canadian Food for Children is a registered charity, completely volunteer operated, which provides clothing, food, medical and educational supplies to the poor in Third World countries. We have a problem and are asking for your consideration. Since Covid began, the donations of used clothing and so many other useful items have almost stopped. We need these donations to help the poor. Can you help? We accept clean clothing in good shape. We accept clothing for every age and every season. We accept unbreakable housewares, bedding, fabric and sewing supplies. We are at 843 Guelph St., Kitchener and are open 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you would like further information, please contact Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606.

WILLS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. An information workshop that will focus on estate planning and the concepts of legal capacity as well as health care consent. Presented by Shannon Down, Waterloo Region Community Legal Services. As physical distancing measures continue

to be followed, Woolwich Community Health Centre is committed to offering health education using the virtual communication platform, Zoom. All sessions are free. Registration is required. To register, email Gebre at gberihuyn@wchc.on.ca, visit the website www.wchc.on.ca and click on the Register Online tab or call 519-664-3794 or 519-656-9025. Once you have registered, you will receive your invitation to participate closer to the date of the presentation. If you do not have internet access, you can attend the program using your telephone.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre presents:

- **MANAGING THE STRESS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON Virtual Adult Workshop** on **Wednesday, December 9th** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **ANYTHING BUT MERRY Virtual Adult Workshop** on **Monday, December 13th** from 7 – 8 p.m.
- **HOLIDAY GRIEF In-Person Workshop (for ages 4-10 years)** on **Wednesday, December 15th** from 6 – 7 p.m.

These workshops are offered at no cost. To learn more and register email info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651 or visit 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira.

The **K-W ECUMENICAL SERVICES WITH TAIZE SONGS** is on **Sunday, December 12th** at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Kitchener. From 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. is the service with Taize songs followed by the Tiny Home take-out pizza for your trip home at 5 p.m. Covid protocols: In accordance with St. Mary's safety protocols, a number of measures will be implemented, including: distancing rules (1 family per pew, with 2 of 3 pews being roped off in-between), hand sanitization and mandatory masks while indoors. Please pass along information about these services to your friends, congregations, or anyone who you think might appreciate a contemplative, ecumenical service. Information can be found at www.kwests.ca or on our KWESTS Facebook page.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES - The Offices for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are happy to provide a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. See <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/> for suggestions, videos and a prayer to be prayed around the wreath each Sunday of Advent. We invite you to share this resource with those in your communities who may benefit.

VOCATION SEEDS – Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly “prepare the way of the Lord”? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 27/28: \$4,242.30
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$69,016.51

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