

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

**December 6, 2015**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,  
1851.

**Pastor:** Fr. David Lewis  
**Parish Secretary:** Donna Vollmer  
**Sacramental Preparation:** Iris Miltenburg

**Office Hours:**  
Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm



### Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm  
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

### 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 required.

### 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.

### Parish Contacts Parish Pastoral Council

Al Vodicka  
Alan Diemert  
Andrea Visneskie  
Dan Ziegler  
Fr. David Lewis  
Marianne Kieswetter  
Patsy Pond  
Peggy Kelly  
Tim Baillargeon

### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. David Lewis      Diane Smith  
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### Catholic Women's League

Agnes Downey-Norris

### Knights of Columbus

Guy Wakutz

### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://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.

### St. Teresa of Avila 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 8TH

<b>Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 pm</b> +Doris Hahn; Gord & Cheryl Dunn
<b>Wed., December 9, 9:35 am – St. David's High School</b> +Gladys Doherty; Estate
<b>Thurs., December 10, 10:00 am – School Advent Mass</b> +Ted Teahen; Hilda Cassel
<b>Friday, December 11, No Mass &amp; No Adoration</b>
<b>Saturday, December 12, 5:00 pm</b> +Philip Downey; Linda & Murray Buchan +Greg & Mary Kelly; The Family
<b>Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Our Parish Community <b>11:00 am</b> Our Parish Community

### READINGS FOR December 12/13

First Reading: Zep 3:14-18a

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel Reading: Lk 3:10-18

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>MON</b>	7:00pm	<b>9 a.m. Choir Practice</b> – Church
<b>TUE</b>	6:00pm	<b>C.W.L. Potluck &amp; Mass</b> – Church & Hall
<b>WED</b>	9:30am	<b>Pre-School Wednesday</b> – Seminar
	7:30pm	<b>11 a.m. Choir Practice</b> – Church
<b>THU</b>	7:00pm	<b>Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg</b>
	8:00pm	<b>Knights of Columbus General Meeting</b>

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., December 7	Rev. Octavio Cidado
Tues., December 8	Rev. Felix Nwatu.
Wed., December 9	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thurs., December 10	Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
Fri., December 11	Rev. Moon Kab Shin
Sat., December 12	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.

### MINISTRIES for December 12/13

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Kevin Dupuis, Kathy Ziegler, Peggy Kelly
9am	Rick Weishar, Matthew Griffin, Louis Ditner
11am	Agnes Downey, Cheryl Dunn

#### Hospitality

5pm	Kieran & Geoff Kelly, Doris & Mike Snelling
9am	Pat & Linus Ditner, Carol & Ed Kieswetter
11am	Anne Hanley, Marilyn Hurlburt, Ray Denomme, Marianne Kieswetter

#### Altar Servers

5pm	Patsy Pond, Fiona Bernard
9am	Matthew Deyell, Emily Hickey, Lauren Hickey
11am	Felicia Groechel, Rachel Wittie

	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Commentator</b>
5pm	Jim Goll	Judy Furlong
9am	Iris Miltenburg Tom Fahey	Robert Yaeger
11am	Paul Shutsa	Dianne McGuire

#### Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 13 Jane Goll

#### Sign Ministry

Dec 7 Ray Denomme

#### Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 16 Tom O'Marra

#### FOODBANK NEEDS

Cookies & Crackers

#### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving and that families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus, a sign of certain hope.

We need your **HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. 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 9th, 7 p.m., St. Agatha, St. Agatha  
Thurs., December 10th, 7 p.m., St. Clements, St. Clements  
**Tues, December 15th, 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 – 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 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.

The **Catholic Women's League** will be holding its **POTLUCK DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after the 6 p.m. Mass.** Join us for food, fun, fellowship, prizes and bring along one of the other ladies from our parish. 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. Dues are still only \$25.00 and there is an envelope in your envelope box to drop in the collection plate or bring to the meeting. To join our great group of ladies for faith, fun and fulfillment, or volunteer for a position on our executive, call Agnes Downey, President 519-669-8085.

The **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHILDREN CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE DRIVE** has begun. Please **pick up a tag** from the Angel Tree in the narthex and **return** a new unwrapped gift with the tag before **December 13, 2015.** All gifts collected will be delivered by the Knights of Columbus to Woolwich Community Services.

#### ONGOING WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Place your order for one of the four **TIMOTHY SCHMALZ STATUES.** Orders will be taken until mid-December.

- Pick up your **RHEO THOMPSON MINT SMOOTHIE** after Masses or during office hours. Each mint smoothie is \$2.00. No advance orders are needed as the mint smoothies are available for purchase.

Come and join us for **THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT – AN EVENING OF CHOIRS AND CAROL SINGING** hosted by Elmira Mennonite Church, 58 Church Street West, Elmira on **Sunday, December 6th** at 7 p.m.

**ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** at the Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, St. Agatha beginning **First Sunday of Advent to December 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come and see the Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Homemade Loaves, Honey, Christmas cards, articles and crafts. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, December 10, 2015** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Josie d'Avernas, Vice President of Schlegel Research Institute for Aging will speak on "How Research is Enhancing Life for older adults". For information contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@xplornet.ca.

**CARRYING THE FLAME PRO-LIFE YOUTH CONFERENCE** will be held **Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 p.m. to **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 p.m. Registration is now open! This is a great chance for high school students to broaden their knowledge about pro-life issues by learning from inspirational pro-life speakers and coming together with fellow students to see how they can make a difference. Registration is \$80/student and \$95/chaperone. Contact facts@guelphforlife.com or 519-836-6311 or visit [guelphforlife.com](http://guelphforlife.com) for more information about how to register or sponsor a student.

The next **COMMUNITY CAN DINE** is on **Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** at Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur Street North, Elmira from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with turkey dinner. Pay what you can. For more information please call Kelly at Woolwich Community Services 519-669-5139 or Trinity Office at 519-669-5560.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH** will be on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at the Centre in the Square, Kitchener. Come and enjoy soloists Leslie Ann Bradley, Jennifer Enns Modolo, Marc Molomot and Alexander Dobson and the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, Grand Philharmonic Choir with Mark Vuorinen as conductor. Tickets are \$25 to \$75 / \$14 for students and under-30s / \$5 high school and younger. For tickets telephone 519-578-1570 or check out [www.centreinthesquare.com](http://www.centreinthesquare.com).

Millennium Choral Organization presents **THE CHRISTMAS QUILT CONCERT** on **Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students and \$10 for

children under 12. Tickets can be purchased at [www.millenniumchoralorganization.com](http://www.millenniumchoralorganization.com) or through choir members. There are raffles at each show.

**BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY** – As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 13, 2015** at 7 p.m. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

Christmas is a wonderful season of the year. Family and friends gather, homes are decorated with lights and trees, gifts, cards, and greetings are exchanged. The song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" is in the air. But you realize that someone will not 'be home for Christmas' this year. This will be a very different Christmas for you – "**A NOT SO JOLLY CHRISTMAS.**" Join us on **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener, where we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be used along with other materials from our Bereavement Support Program. For more information please call Barbara Diemert, 519-744-8955 or [bdiemert@rogers.com](mailto:bdiemert@rogers.com).

Join us for a **MEXICAN ADVENT CELEBRATION** at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Linwood on **Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** for La Posada, as we celebrate the arrival of St. Mary and St. Joseph in Bethlehem with songs, a Mexican dinner and piñatas. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Scotiabank, Linwood and arrival at St. Mary's Church will be by 5:30 p.m. For more information contact by email [jacob\\_wall@angels-and-saints.org](mailto:jacob_wall@angels-and-saints.org) or by telephone 519-698-0523.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH** - Christmas is a time of joy in families, but also a time of stress as we do too much, eat too much and spend too much! This year make Christmas truly special by slowing things down just a little. Spend some time together, just the two of you; tell your spouse why you see them as a gift all year long. Express your love to your spouse – knowing how you feel about them and why you feel that way may be the greatest gift they will receive. 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 28/29: \$2,542.85**  
**Average per envelope: \$20.88**  
**Electronic funds for the week: \$907.50**  
**(based on 4 Sundays per month)**  
**Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00**

Thank you!



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