

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 6, 2020

Second Sunday
of Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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Office Hours:

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

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

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 6TH

Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Adoration 7:05 p.m. +John Moser; Marie Snelling <i>Let the life of Mary be...your example, the clear rule of virtue: what you have to correct, to effect and to hold fast. – St. Ambrose</i>
Wednesday, December 9, 9:00 a.m. +Lucy Bertin; Ray & Mary Mercey & Family <i>Do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain...Are you not under my shadow and protection? – Our Lady of Guadalupe to Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin</i>
Thursday, December 10, 12:05 p.m. +Clare Downey; Louise & Richard Rouleau <i>Mary, Mother of the "Yes," you listened to Jesus, and know the tone of his voice and the beating of his heart. Morning Star, speak to us of him, and tell us about your journey of following him on the path of faith... - Prayer to Our Lady of Loreto by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI</i>
Friday, December 11, 9:00 a.m. Sharon Kraemer; Amy Schelter 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. Adoration <i>Advent is here. What a marvelous time in which to renew your desire, your nostalgia, your real longing for Christ to come – for him to come every day to your soul in the Eucharist. – St. Josemaria Escriva</i>
Saturday, December 12, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions 5:00 p.m. +Philip Downey; The Family +Rose Downey; The Family +Karen Downey; The Family
Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 12/13

First Reading: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11
Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:16-24
Gospel Reading: Jn 1:6 8, 19-28

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 7	Rev. Adam Wroblewicz, C.R.
Tues., December 8	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Wed., December 9	Order of Preachers (Dominican)
Thurs., December 10	Rev. Peter Ciallella
Fri., December 11	Rev. Roshan Loy D'Souza, C.S.C.
Sat., December 12	Rev. Francis Salasiar, C.S.C.

MINISTRIES for December 12/13

Hospitality

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt, Marianne Kieswetter
9:30am John Bruder, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Lectors

5pm Armand Bertin
9:30am Tom O'Marra

Sign Ministry

Dec 7 Kieran Kelly

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.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Crackers, Canned Pasta and Sidekicks (Meal Helpers)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We welcome Alexander Straus-Fausto, the new organist for the Saturday 5 p.m. Mass. We look forward to hearing Alexander playing on our new organ.

On Sunday, December 20th we will be hosting a virtual biblical readings and carols event. Our choir members and parishioners will be involved with presenting this special event. More detailed information follows.

Support our St. Teresa's Take-Out Dinner on December 12th. Please see the information provided in this bulletin. I hope you will join me from your homes in celebrating this festive season with a delicious turkey dinner.

Let us pray that the work we began with the One Heart, One Soul Campaign will enrich our parish financially and spiritually. As always if you have any questions or concerns the campaign team or I will be glad to answer them.

Father Peter

CONFESSIONS – Due to the regulations regarding gathering we will have confessions on Saturdays from 4 to 4:30 p.m. beginning Saturday, December 5th or by appointment.

ST. TERESA'S TAKE-OUT TURKEY DINNER is on **Saturday, December 12th** from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Grill on the Green! A different way to eat together on the same evening but in our own homes! We've partnered again with The Grill on the Green (at the Elmira Golf Course) who catered our turkey dinner in the hall last year. They are offering a take-out turkey dinner with all the fixings! Cost is Adult: \$20 per dinner (including tax) Kids: \$10 per dinner (including tax) and a portion of each dinner sold will be donated to our One Heart, One Soul Campaign. **Meals must be pre-ordered by Thursday, December 10th** and there are 2 ways to do this.

1. You can call the restaurant (519-669-1652 ext. 27) (Wed - Sun from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.) with the number of dinners required and the time you will be picking them up. They will take your payment over the phone.

2. You can go online to order and pay. Go to www.tgotg.com and click the Link to Order. Click View menu/order. Click on No. Click St. Teresa's Turkey Dinner Special. Enter the quantity and in Special Instructions type in the time you will be picking them up on December 12th. Click on Add to order. Click on Checkout and follow the prompts. When picking up your order, please follow the signs and protocols for social distancing. This is a great way to support our local business, our parish campaign and have a delicious festive meal during the Christmas season! More details will be

posted soon on the Events page of our website and on our Facebook page (like and follow us!) Any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162 or barbvodicka@gmail.com.

SCRIPTURE & CAROL SERVICE – You are invited to a special Scripture and Carol Service on **Sunday, December 20th** at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church. Members of our Music Ministry and our Lectors are recording themselves now, in the safety of their homes, so that on December 20th we can enjoy a pre-recorded half hour of Christmas Carols and passages from Scripture telling the story of Jesus' birth. You can join us at the church and sing along (while wearing your mask) as we watch the video on our big screen, or join us from your home by watching the video which will premiere on our youtube channel at the same time. We hope that this service offers a special way for our Parish family to celebrate the coming Christmas season together!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th – 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
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.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

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

Be assured we will have ushers assisting.

Our Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. will be a **FAMILY MASS**. If your family would like to attend this Mass, please email or call the church to indicate your name, your telephone number and family number. This Mass is an attempt to keep the school bubble intact while still offering an opportunity to attend the Christmas Mass. Masks are required. Social distancing will be in place. Hand sanitizing will be required upon entry.

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 and use Promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

A DRAMATIC READING OF THE CHARLES DICKENS' CLASSIC STORY: A CHRISTMAS CAROL EVENT has been **CANCELLED**. If you still wish to support Woolwich Counselling you can donate through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/woolwich-interfaith-counselling-society/> or by calling the office at 519-669-8651.

The Bereaved Families of Ontario Midwestern Region in partnership with the Woolwich Counselling Centre presents **ANYTHING BUT MERRY**. When you're grieving, the holiday season can seem Anything But Merry. It can be a time of overwhelming emotions and new challenges. Join us at our virtual education session on **December 9, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. where we acknowledge the difficulties the holiday season can bring and share coping strategies to help you through. For more information and to register email info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651.

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the **NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS, December 16th to December 25th, 2020**. Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to: Carmel of Saint Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0.

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.

ANNIVERSARY MASS 2021 - As the restrictions from COVID-19 continue and for the safety of all concerned, a decision has been made to cancel the annual Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021. Bishop Crosby would still love to offer congratulations to all those who will married 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years in 2021, so you will be able to register your anniversary on line and we will send you the certificate you would have received if the Mass had gone ahead. More information will be sent in January about how to register.

VOCATION SEEDS – John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 28/29:	\$2,844.75
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$113,804.25

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