

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord

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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
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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
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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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 3RD

Tuesday, January 4, 7:05 pm

+Joanne Bowman; Charlie & Darlene Koebel

Our true worth does not consist in what human beings think of us. What we really are consist in what God knows us to be. – St. John Berchmans

Wednesday, January 5, 9:00 am

Intentions of Armand Bertin; Louise Roe & Family

If one dream should fall and break into a thousand pieces, never be afraid to pick one of those pieces up and begin again. That's the beauty of being alive. We can always start all over again. – St. Bernadette Soubirous

Thursday, January 6, 12:05 pm

+Steven Paul; Danielle Pilon

With all the strength of my soul I urge you to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind. – Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Friday, January 7,

9:00 am +Barbara Mayville; Marcella & Judy Furlong

9:30 – 11:30 am Adoration

It is with the smallest brushes that the artist paints the best paintings. – St. André Bessette

Saturday, January 8, 5:00 pm

+Rita Graff; Allan, Jane, Jeanne & Steve

+Jean Litt; Knights of Columbus Council 8192

Sunday, January 9, 9:30 a.m.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Our Parish Community

MINISTRIES for January 8/9

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Tim Baillargeon

9:30am Sharon Both

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt

9:30am Adrian Miltenburg, Ron Stemmler, Anne Hanley

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster

9:30am James Ready

Commentator

Lisa Denomme

Larry Glofcheskie

Sign Ministry

Jan 3 Jim McInnis

My Dear Parishioners,

Epiphany, also known as Three Kings' Day, is a Christian festival, which we celebrate this year on January 2nd. It is a special event in the Christmas story as it is when people celebrate how a star led the Magi, also known as the Three Kings or the Wise Men, to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born. 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek word meaning 'to reveal' as it is when the baby Jesus was 'revealed' to the world. This is why you might hear people say they've had an epiphany, when they have just realized something.

Praying that you and your family have a happy and healthy New Year!

In Jesus' Love,

Fr. Peter

READINGS FOR January 8/9

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Gospel Reading: Lk 3:15—16, 21-22

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON Office Closed

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

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

FOR TRUE HUMAN FRATERNITY - We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 3	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Tues., January 4	Rev. Vivek Trindade
Wed., January 5	Diocesan Priests
Thurs., January 6	Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Fri., January 7	Rev. Stanley Zaryczyny, C.R.
Sat., January 8	Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit, Cake/Muffin Mixes and Laundry Detergent

God our Father, **the star that led the Magi to the stable** announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2022, which are available in the hallway. For those who are donating electronically please also pick up your set of envelopes as they have only the envelopes for special collections. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA RELIGIOUS CALENDARS are available for purchase. Cost is \$10 each. There are a limited amount available.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER! Donate to our parish simply by buying and using gift cards for purchases you would be making every day! Simply email your order to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com and e-transfer funds to the same email address. For those wanting to pay by cheque please make the cheque out to Barb Vodicka. 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.

C.W.L. LADIES, IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Our yearly dues remain at \$25 and can be dropped off in the collection, mailed to the church or paid by e-transfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com. More information can be found on the parish website under the C.W.L. page. Any questions please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, January 6, 2022** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour praying? Two metres distancing will be observed. Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call Cathy at 519-742-9025.

THE YEAR OF THE FAMILY SPEAKER SERIES, a monthly virtual event is starting in January 2022. January is the first month of the series and the only month where we will have three evening sessions (all the others will be one night each month). Bishop Lobsinger will give an overview of the document, Amoris Laetitia, on **January 12th and 19th** and Therese Hartnett will wrap up the sessions on **January 26th**. Each session will begin at 7 p.m. The title of the first talk is The Joy and Struggles of Family: Revealing the Wisdom in Pope Francis's Amoris Laetitia. To attend the Zoom sessions, register online or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE VIRTUALLY! Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See the website at loyolahouse.com (under "Events") for more

information on upcoming retreats and programs. **Ignatius Spirituality Retreat – January 17-22**
Let us Dream Weekend Retreat – January 28-30. These virtual retreats may include video links and/or Zoom (or telephone) gatherings, and optional individual meetings with your spiritual director where indicated. Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

OLD AGE SECURITY, SOCIAL ASSISTANCE AND INCOME MAINTENANCE on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. This session focuses on: Information and Instructions to filling out Old Age Security applications in Canada; Social Assistance/Income maintenance; and Discussion about the rights and responsibilities to tenants, including how to address maintenance issues in a rental unit and eviction matters. Presented by Steven Caswell and Kristen Thompson, 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 **MENNO HOMES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** is on **Wednesday, January 26th** at 2:00 p.m. Details related to whether this will be an online event or a hybrid one will be announced once we are closer to the actual date in January.

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for December 18/19:	\$7,569.60
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$71,846.51

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