

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

November 12, 2023
Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
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

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi

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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

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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. ✠

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 13TH

<p>Tuesday, November 14, 7:05 pm +Jane Goll; Jim Goll +Danielle Pilon; St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. <i>Let us be rooted and grounded in charity so that we may comprehend what is the length of eternity, the breadth of liberality, the height of majesty and the depth of discerning wisdom. – St. Bonaventure</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, November 15, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to a person, and a person to God. But where charity is not found, God cannot dwell. If, then, we possess charity, we possess God, for God is charity. – St. Albert the Great</i></p>
<p>Thursday, November 16, 12:05 pm +Maurice Downey; Anne Runstedler Intentions of Jerry McInnis; Jim McInnis <i>Only one thing is necessary: that is to do at every moment what is most pleasing to Jesus. – St. Charles de Foucauld</i></p>
<p>Friday, November 17, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>As long as the invocation and prayers have not begun, there is only bread and wine. But after the great and wonderful prayers have been pronounced, then the bread becomes the Body of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and the wine becomes his Blood. Let us come to the celebration of the mysteries! – St. Athanasius</i></p>
<p>Saturday, November 18, 5:00 pm +Bill Walter; The Walter Family +Dennis Walter; The Walter Family</p>
<p>Sunday, November 19, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR November 18/19

First Reading: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
 Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6
 Gospel Reading: Mt 25:14-30

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., November 13	Rev. Nishil Varghese, C.M.I.
Tues., November 14	Permanent Deacon Candidates
Wed., November 15	Deceased Members of our Parish Community
Thurs., November 16	Very Rev. Cornelius O'Mahony
Fri., November 17	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Sat., November 18	Rev. Michael Isabelle

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	7:35 pm	C.W.L. General Meeting – Library
WED	7:00 pm	9 a.m. Choir Practice – Church
THU	6:30 pm	Knights of Columbus General Mtg.
	7:00 pm	R.C.I.A. Session
	9:00 pm	Set-up for Fish Fry – Hall
FRI	5:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Fish Fry – Hall

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the Pope – We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Pasta, Baked Beans and Canned Ham/Chicken/Turkey

MINISTRIES for November 18/19

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kieran Kelly, Phil Milan
 9am Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson, Ken Gallipeau

Hospitality

5pm Greg & Sue Goetz
 9am Ron Stemmler, Paul & Diane Shutsa

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9am Wally Malcolm

Commentator

Judy Furlong
 Joan Coutu

Children's Liturgy

Nov 19 Sarah Riemer, Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Nov 13 Pat Ditner

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our Fish Fry is fast approaching this Friday, November 17th. Come and join us for a delicious meal and, if you can, volunteer some time to help.

Watch the bulletin next week for information on our upcoming Christmas Dinner on December 2nd. Mark your calendars.

Fr. Peter

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, November 17, 2023** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until November 15th. Purchase your tickets after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on November 16th and 17th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

During the month of November the **BOOK OF LIFE** is set up in the Church. Please remember to add the names of your deceased loved ones to the list so they will be remembered at the Masses during November.

The **NEW MISSALS** are ready for purchase at **\$6 each** and are in the library. Please place your money in the box provided or drop off at the Parish Office during office hours.

If you have any tea towels, dish clothes or brown handled pairing knives that belong to the church hall **please return them**. Thank you.

In Elmira each year in December a different Church takes turns hosting an **ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**. Here we remember and **pray for loved ones** who have died in the past year or two. It will be hosted this year, here at St. Teresa of Avila Church at 7 p.m. on **Sunday, November 26th**. All are invited to come and join us for this Memorial Service. A reception will follow after the service.

For **DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE** — Caritas Canada's **Create Hope: Stand for the Land** campaign, our partner ERIC—Radio Progreso has asked that we support the defenders of human rights and the environment in Honduras. Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been fighting to preserve their rivers and the Carlos Escaleras National Park from mining. **“Communities are displaced. Rights are violated. Access and rights to water denied. All this to give priority to the extraction and pillaging of resources.”** — Leonel George, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colón.

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. The order form can be 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 in a greeting card! Don't forget to purchase some gift cards for yourself for your everyday purchases or for any special occasion! If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com or call 519-497-3162.

November's C.W.L. General meeting is **Tuesday, November 14th at 7:35 p.m.** We will be voting on our charitable donations and need a quorum present. Please remember it is time to renew your membership. You can e-transfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com indicating "For C.W.L. Membership". If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162 or email h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com.

THE ANNULMENT PROCESS...THE FACTS AND MYTHS

— Presented on **Thursday, November 23rd** at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo at the Parish Centre in the basement. Deacon Joseph Di Loreto, the Administrative Officer and Auditor of the Marriage Tribunal for the Hamilton Diocese, will present an overview of the Annulment process. He will clarify the steps, dispel the myths, share facts and answer your questions. To reserve your spot, please register by emailing parish@stmichaelw.ca or phone 519-884-9311.

It's again that time of year when we think of the **Woolwich Community Services** ("WCS") Christmas **Goodwill Hampers**. The need is always great. Please note there will be **NO DOOR-TO-DOOR FOOD DRIVE**. Gift Cards for

Foodland and Food Basics are replacing food donations. .
1. As an alternative at any time before December 2nd, 2023:
a) donations of cash, cheques or gift cards for **Foodland** or **Food Basics** will be accepted at **WCS'** office located at 5 Memorial Ave, Elmira; or
b) online donations may be made at **woolwichcommunityservices.org/** or by using the **QR Code** below for **WCS**; to donate please use dropdown under **FUND** as **Christmas Goodwill (Food)**.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC EVENING on **Sunday, December 3rd** at 7 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church. This is the Annual Elmira Christmas Choral Celebration event in support of Woolwich Counseling Centre.

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS CONCERTS:

- The Sounds of Christmas, in support of KidsAbility Foundation. Shows run November 24th, 25th, 30th, December 1st and 2nd at WMB Church, 245 Lexington Road, Waterloo.
- An A Cappella Christmas at Calvary United Church, 48 Hawkesville Road, St. Jacobs on December 2nd at 2 p.m.
- The NoteWorthy Singers presents Christmas Joy, in support of new toys for needy kids, (Waterloo Knights of Columbus), at Community Christian Reformed Church, 1275 Bleams Road, Kitchener on Thursday, December 7th at 2 p.m.
- Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 10th at 3 p.m. at Centre in the Square, 101 Queen Street North, Kitchener.
- For more information, cost of tickets and how to obtain tickets, see the posters on the bulletin board.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – But the reality is that there is something – Someone – that is at the heart of being Catholic. And that someone is Jesus Christ. If having encountered Jesus is not the reason for your being Catholic, "Catholicism" is just another "ism" for you, just one socio-cultural group among many. We say we care about "vocations", but from our own experience, we would never give our life for some thing, but only some One. And at the end of your life, who will it turn out to be that you lived your life for? Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – "Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." Listen with your heart as well as with your ears for then you may accept the call to serve in the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 4/5: **\$3,561.50**
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