

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

November 17, 2019  
Thirty-Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer  
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**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  
Fr. Peter Meyer  
Ken Gallipeau  
Leona Weishar  
Lisa Denomme

### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
Jason Adams Kris Kauk  
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar  
Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

### Knights of Columbus

Adrian Miltenburg

### 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 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](http://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. ✠

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Tuesday, November 19, 7:05 pm</b> <b>+Kay Logel</b> ; Marie Snelling <i>There are many things that can only be seen through eyes that have cried. – St. Oscar Romero</i>
<b>Wednesday, November 20, 10:30 am - Chartwell</b> <b>+Teresa Hahn-Siemon</b> ; Leroy Siemon <i>Holiness never goes out of fashion. – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI</i>
<b>Thursday, November 21, 12:05 am</b> <b>+John Garvey</b> ; Mike & Marlene Brenner <i>If you ever feel distressed during your day – call upon our Lady – just say this simple prayer: “Mary, Mother of Jesus, please be a mother to me now.” I must admit – this prayer has never failed me. – St. Teresa of Calcutta</i>
<b>Friday, November 22, 9:00 am</b> <b>9:00 am +Fred Masters</b> ; Maurice Downey <b>9:30 am – 12:30 pm</b> Adoration <i>Arise, soldiers of Christ! Throw away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light. – St. Cecilia</i>
<b>Saturday, November 23, 5:00 pm</b> <b>Our Parish Community</b>
<b>Sunday, November 24, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> <b>9:30 am +Deceased Members of the C.W.L.</b> <b>During 9:30 a.m. Mass</b> First Reconciliation Class

#### READINGS FOR November 23/24

First Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3  
 Second Reading: Col 1:12-20  
 Gospel Reading: Lk 23:35-43

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>TUE</b>	1:00pm	<b>Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting</b> - Library
<b>WED</b>	7:00pm	<b>5:00 p.m. Choir Practice</b> – Church
	7:00pm	<b>9:30 a.m. Choir Practice</b> – Seminar
<b>THU</b>	6:45pm	<b>Knights of Columbus Executive Mtg</b>
	7:30pm	<b>Knights of Columbus General Meeting</b>

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

##### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., November 18	Rev. Kevin D’Souza
Tues., November 19	Rev. Artur Geringer, S.A.C.
Wed., November 20	Deceased Members of Our Parish Community
Thurs., November 21	Rev. Jim Petrie
Fri., November 22	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Sat., November 23	Rev. Stephen Gilbert

#### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

#### FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Salmon, Canned Turkey and Canned Chicken

#### MINISTRIES for November 23/24

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy & Steve Pond, Erl Andersen  
 9:30am Judy Furlong, Agnes Downey, Cheryl Dunn

#### Hospitality

5pm Jodi Sereres, Marianne Kieswetter, Greg & Brent Goetz  
 9:30am Carol Kieswetter, Irene Zettel, Monique Conlin

#### Altar Servers

5pm Phil Milan  
 9:30am Heike Elliott, Amber Elliott, Caleb Antonello

#### Lectors

5pm Kevin Dupuis  
 9:30am Colleen Weber  
 Leona Weishar

#### Commentator

Ann Staines  
 Ann Staines

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

Nov 24 Trudy & Ray Denomme

#### Sign Ministry

Nov 18 Sandi Hutchinson

#### Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Nov 20 Cheryl Dunn

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Kevin Leo Boht**, son of Michael and Laura. *We pray that God will help him to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

**THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus and all the volunteers, those who donated items for the auction and those who attended the Spaghetti Dinner. An enjoyable time was had by all.

Father Peter

The Knights of Columbus **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE** is starting up on November 24, 2019. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the Narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with tag by December 8, 2019.

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.

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – We will meet on **Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. in the library. Any new knitters or crocheters are welcome. If you need a ride please contact Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606. If you are in the process of making a shawl, bring it along. We can talk and work at the same time!

The **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS DINNER** is on **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar will be available. A limited number of tickets can be purchased through the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 519-669-3387. Ticket prices are: Adults \$21.00; Children 6-12 years \$10.00 and Children 5 & under are free. Last chance to purchase tickets is Monday, December 2nd. We will be having our Gift Basket Raffle and our popular 50/50 draw as well. Our very own local band - No Request - will be providing musical entertainment during and after the Christmas Dinner. Please plan to stay and even sneak in a dance or 2! Funds raised from this event will go towards the Building Maintenance Project.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** at St. Teresa's Christmas Dinner taking place on **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Please check out the **sign-up sheets in the Narthex**. Set up, servers, dishwashers, bartenders and clean up help all needed! Contact Barb Vodicka for more information 519-497-3162.

There will be a **CELEBRATING THE WORD SMALL GROUP GATHERING** each Thursday to enhance preparation for the Masses during Advent beginning **Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup>** from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Father Peter will be glad to visit those from our parish community who are in **HOSPITAL** or need a **HOME VISIT**. Please call the Parish Office 519-669-3387 if you require Father to visit you or your family member.

The Elmira Kiwanis Club will conduct its **Annual Food Drive** for Woolwich Community Services on **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** starting at 9:00 a.m. The food collected supplies most of the food used in the Christmas Good-will hampers. Please leave non-perishable food items on your porch in a bag or box marked for the Kiwanis Food Drive.

Join us at the **JOHN B. MILLER CHRISTMAS CONCERT** at Floradale Mennonite Church on **Saturday November 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. Come to hear the Songs of Advent and the Birth of Jesus with John B. Miller & Friends. Featuring Steve Martin, Donna McLellan, Joe Orlando and Andrea Weber Steckly. A \$10 cash donation is appreciated at the door. For more information see [www.johnbmiller.ca](http://www.johnbmiller.ca).

Are you aware that as a baptized Catholic you have a calling (or a vocation) in life? This is your unique purpose. That means that vocations are not only for priests and religious sisters! Do you live with this purpose in mind? On **Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>** join Branches Catholic Ministries at the Scotiabank Convention Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario as it hosts **REGENERATED 2019**. Keynote speakers such as Jackie Francois, Matthew Leonard and others will address the responsibility each of us has to discern this and how urgently we must heed the call! **Regenerated Youth** will run concurrently for ages 12 to 18. If you are interested in purchasing tickets or for more information about these Conferences visit [branchesoftheword.org](http://branchesoftheword.org) or call Branches at 905-685-7000.

**WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP SENIORS LUNCH CLUB** – Join us for a hot light lunch and fellowship with old and new friends at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue, Elmira on **Monday, November 25, 2019**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Thursday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

**ST. DAVID CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL GRADE 8 PARENT AND STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT** is on **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Any students who live within the St. David Boundary and are

planning to attend Grade 9 in September 2020 are invited. Please come with your parents to visit St. David and see all of the wonderful programs that we offer. Grade 8 students attending public school are also invited with their parents to this information session.

**COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE** – Join us for an afternoon of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman. The session is being held at the Diocesan Chancery Office, 700 King St. W, in Hamilton on **Sunday, December 1, 2019** from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. The event is FREE of charge. Please call to reserve a seat 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

You are invited to the **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORAL CELEBRATION** featuring Elmira area church choirs on **Sunday, December 8, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. at Woodside Bible Fellowship, 200 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira will be hosting this evening of Christmas songs. Free will offering in support of Woolwich Counselling Centre.

**“SING NOEL” A CHRISTMAS CANTATA** on **December 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at the Centre in the Square, 101 Queen St. N., Kitchener. This event showcases the 125 voice Festival Choir, Children's chorus, soloists and the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra. It features Jacob Moon, guitarist, singer/songwriter and Brandon Leis, tenor and Marion Samuel-Stevens, soprano. This is a benefit concert for Trinity Community Table and Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard. Tickets are available thru the box office and online, [www.centreinthesquare.com](http://www.centreinthesquare.com) or 519-578-1570.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** – The Bible has so many wonderful messages for us, but an excellent example for families is in the Creation Story where we hear that on the seventh day God rested. When do we rest in the family? Do our children see the family as a priority because we make it one, or is family time squeezed in between work, school, sports and/or other activities? These are all wonderful portions of our lives, but when we don't take time to rest and just “be” family, the toll can impact all of us. Teach your children the value of family by making it a priority. God talks to us through the Bible - perhaps he wants you to have the seventh day for rest too?!

#### 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 9/10:	\$2,958.50
Average per envelope:	\$28.43
Electronic funds for the week:	\$1,243.50
(based on 4 Sundays per month)	
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$71,017.15

Thank you!

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