

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

November 19, 2023
Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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
Dianne Brenner Fr. Peter Meyer
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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
519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

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. ✠

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20TH

Tuesday, November 21, 7:05 pm	
6:00 pm	First Reconciliation Session
7:05 pm	+Lorne Glofcheskie ; Ann Bender +Audrey Kuntz ; Wes & Theresa Grosz & Family
<i>A soul that has believed has both conceived and bears the Word of God and declares God's works. Let the spirit of Mary be in each of you, so that it rejoices in God. – St. Bede the Venerable</i>	
Wednesday, November 22, 9:00 am – Maryhill	
<i>If we wish to make any progress in the service of God, we must begin every day of our life with new eagerness. – St. Charles Borromeo</i>	
Thursday, November 23, 12:05 pm	
+Teresa Day ; Marie Snelling +Jack LeBlanc ; Patricia LeBlanc	
<i>By being made partaker of our mortality, Christ made us partakers of his divinity – St. Augustine</i>	
Friday, November 24, 9:00 am – Maryhill	
<i>Christ acts like a loving mother. To induce us to follow him, he gives us himself as an example and promises us a reward in his kingdom. – St. Anthony of Padua</i>	
Saturday, November 25, 5:00 pm	
+Norma Hanley ; Ed & Carol Kieswetter +Danielle Pilon ; Marianne Kieswetter	
Sunday, November 26, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	
9:00 am	Our Parish Community
After Mass Coffee Sunday	
11:00 am	Maryhill
1:00 pm	Baptism

READINGS FOR November 25/26

First Reading: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
 Gospel Reading: Mt 25:31-46

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., November 20	Catholic Youth
Tues., November 21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed., November 22	Deceased Consecrated Brothers and Sisters
Thurs., November 23	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Fri., November 24	Rev. Vincent Kim Van Toan
Sat., November 25	Rev. Robert Bulbrook

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	1:00 pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting - Library
	7:35 pm	Finance Committee Meeting – Library
THU	7:00 pm	R.C.I.A. Session – Library
SUN	7:00 pm	Ecumenical Memorial Service – Church

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 25/26

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve Pond, Kathy Ziegler
 9am Pat Ditner, Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly
 9am John Bruder, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme
 9am Leona Weishar

Commentator

Patsy Pond
 Linda Bruder

Children's Liturgy

Nov 26 Sandi Hutchinson, Linda Bruder

Sign Ministry

Nov 20 Jim McInnis

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Please join us at the Ecumenical Memorial Service here on Sunday, November 26th at 7 p.m. to pray for our loved ones who have died in the past year or two.

This Tuesday is the presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It commemorates a visit by the three-year-old Mary to the Temple in Jerusalem, where she was dedicated to the service of God and left to be raised as a consecrated virgin. This act was done in fulfillment of a sacred promise made by her parents, Saints Anne and Joachim, during their long struggle with childlessness.

Our Christmas Social Dinner and Dance is fast approaching. Make sure to get your tickets after Masses or at the Parish Office.

Fr. Peter

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Hazel Marie Weiss**, daughter of David and Nicole. *We pray that God will help this child to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

The Knights of Columbus “**ANGEL TREE**” event is starting the weekend of November 18, 2023. We ask that parishioners pick a tag from the Angel Tree and return a new unwrapped gift with the tag to the church before **December 10, 2023**.

The **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DINNER & DANCE** is on **Saturday, December 2nd** at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo

Drive, Elmira. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cash Bar will be available at 6:00 p.m. 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 \$30.00; Children 5-10 years \$10.00 and Children 4 & under are free. Last chance to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 29th. A disc jockey will be providing musical entertainment during and after the Christmas Dinner. Please plan to stay and even sneak in a dance or 2! **Buy early! Tickets purchased by end of day Sunday, November 26th will go into a draw to win your meal for free!**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Christmas Social Dinner & Dance on December 1st and 2nd. 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.

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.

Our Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting **JOHN B. MILLER AND FRIENDS ADVENT/CHRISTMAS MUSIC** on **December 8th** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. A perfect way to kick off the Advent/Christmas Season. Reception to follow in the Church Hall. No tickets are needed, freewill offering.

☐St. Teresa of Avila Christmas Pageant☐



Sunday, December 17th after the 9 a.m. Mass with Coffee Sunday to follow. Children of all ages are welcome to participate!

Practices 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the church:

☐**Sunday, November 26th,**

☐**Sunday, December 3rd,**

☐**Sunday, December 10th**

- Children do not need to know lines; they just need to wear the provided costume and look adorable!

Merry Christmas!

-St. Teresa of Avila Children's Liturgy Team

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE — Together, let's support the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro in Honduras! Development and Peace — Caritas Canada is responding to the call from our partner ERIC—Radio Progreso to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain: justice; reparations and protection; the cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits and the restoration of their national park. Sign the petition next week in the narthex to the Honduran ambassador. **"It is urgent to cancel all mining in this area of our park. All the damage caused to our rivers and mountains must be repaired."** — Daniel Márquez, Guapinol defender and former political prisoner.

FUNDSCHIP 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. 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 questions, contact Barb Vodicka at stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com or call 519-497-3162.

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.

POTTERY PAINTING NIGHT on **Friday, November 24th** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira. Register by Tuesday, November 21st to Melanie at melanie.dow@galepresbyterian.com. Please indicate which items you are selecting for yourself. If you are registering more than one person, please provide their names and identify their selections. See the selections on the bulletin board.

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.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE — Real discernment involves sorting through your fears. Some "fears", like the gift of the Holy Spirit we call the fear of the Lord — as we heard in our first reading — are actually a source of tremendous good. Other fears — like the distorted impression the third slave has of his master — can paralyze us and ironically result in the very things we were afraid of. Have you ever talked and had an honest conversation with God about the things you are afraid of? Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS — What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate, religious or consecrated life, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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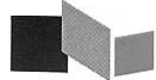
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