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Roman Catholic Church

November 22, 2020

Solemnity of
the Christ King

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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
Deana Pfanner Groves
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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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St. David Catholic Secondary 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. ✠

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23RD

Tuesday, November 24, 7:05 p.m.

+Sharon Soeder; Ruthann Fisher

Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you. – St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday, November 25, 9:00 a.m.

+Bob Raible; Ed, Marg, Rob & Corby Burrows

We must practice modesty, not only in our looks, but also in our dress, our walk, our conversation and all similar actions. – St. Alphonsus Liguori

Thursday, November 26, 12:05 p.m.

+Hilda Cassel; Colleen Weber

O my God, teach me to be generous to serve you as you deserve to be served, to give without counting the cost, to fight without fear of being wounded, to work without seeking rest, and to spend myself without expecting any reward but the knowledge that I am doing your holy will. – St. Ignatius of Loyola

Friday, November 27, 9:00 a.m.

+Herman Termaat; Judy Furlong

By the anxieties and worries of this life Satan tries to dull a person's heart and make a dwelling for himself there. – St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday, November 28, 5:00 p.m.

+Basil Gabriel Markides; Basil & Sue Markides

+Lucy Bertin; Kay Bouzane

Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR November 29/30

First Reading: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9

Gospel Reading: Mk 13:33-37

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 7:35pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - Hall

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., November 23	Rev. Robert Stainsby
Tues., November 24	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Wed., November 25	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ
Thurs., November 26	Very Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Fri., November 27	Rev. Gregory Merkley
Sat., November 28	Rev. Piotr Golinski

MINISTRIES for November 28/29

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly
9:30am Anne & Bill Hanley, Ray Denomme

Lectors

5pm Colleen Weber
9:30am Leona Weishar

Sign Ministry

Nov 23 Ray Denomme

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

Artificial Intelligence - We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit (not pineapple), Hot Cereal and Laundry Detergent

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

On Sunday, December 19th 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 to follow.

On October 4th, Pope Francis signed his newest encyclical called Fratelli tutti (Brothers and Sisters All). It is a call to disrupt our lives and pay attention to the world. The Holy Father wanted to recognize the inspiration he drew from St. Francis; he urges us to dream together, and dispel the dark clouds of conflicts, suffering, and conformism.

Let us pray as we start the One Heart, One Soul Campaign that God will guide us in this new Diocesan endeavour. Our campaign team and I would be glad to answer any of your questions.

Father Peter

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family:

Magdalene Edna Morales, daughter of David and Jeanette and **Parker James Allen Wilson**, son of Matthew and Caitlin. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

The Knights of Columbus **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE** is started. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the Narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with tag by December 6, 2020. Because of Co-vid 19 this year the need is greater for those who are having difficult situations.

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.

The **NEW MISSALS** are ready for purchase at **\$5 each** and are in the narthex. Please place your money in the box provided or drop off at the Parish Office during office hours.

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.

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](http://KofC.org/join-us) and use Promo code MCGIVNEY2020.

COPING WITH CHRISTMAS – ST. MICHAEL PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT – Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to reduce stress while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be brighter days ahead. This event is on **Thursday, December 3, 2020** at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Parish Centre. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Please register for this session by contacting our Parish office by calling 519-884-9311, or emailing parish@stmichaelw.ca. **Please register by Thursday November 23rd** to reserve your spot!

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE IS GONE – Join us for an Online Webinar on Zoom on **Monday, November 30, 2020** from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Participants can join by computer or telephone. It is free of charge. Please call to register at 1-905-528-7988 ext. 2249 or register online at hamiltondiocese.com.

It's again that time of year when we think of the **WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES (WCS) CHRISTMAS GOODWILL HAMPERS**. While the need will be greater, as a result of Covid19, the Hampers will be done somewhat differently. As part of the change there will be **NO DOOR TO DOOR FOOD DRIVE**. Instead funds will need to be raised to replace the food, that would otherwise be put in such hampers, and **WCS** will be replacing the food with Gift Cards for Foodland and Food Basics. **Please remember that you can obtain gift cards from our FUNDSCHIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**. Simply email your order to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com and e-transfer funds to the same email address. During this time they are offering free mailing directly to your home so no need to wait for the first Sunday of the month. We can order anytime and you will receive the cards in the mail! Please see the Fundraiser page on our website for the order forms and all the details!
Before December 5th:

- 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**; to donate please use dropdown under fund as **Christmas Goodwill (Food)** / see **QR Code** below for **WCS**.



The Elmira District Ministerial Association presents **A DRAMATIC READING OF CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL** on **Sunday, December 6, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. This will be broadcast live through YouTube at Gale Presbyterian Church, www.galepresbyterian.com. This is a fundraiser for the Woolwich Counselling Centre. Donate now through CanadaHelps.org. This is an online event, therefore the church will be **CLOSED** to the public during this presentation.

NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – In its capacity as our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church, on our Diocese in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00 p.m. from **November 29th to December 7th** inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8th. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Diocesan covid protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

ADVENT NOVENA 2020 – Due to COVID-19, the ever popular Advent Novena which has been attended by hundreds over the past 40+ years will **NOT** take place this year at St. Agnes Parish. God willing we will be able to resume this tradition in 2021. Blessings of peace, love and good health to all who have supported and been a part of this beautiful tradition in preparation for Christmas in the past years. Hope to see you next year.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 14/15:	\$3,939.75
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$112,849.25

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