

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

November 26, 2023
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
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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

Dianne Brenner Fr. Peter Meyer

Karolina Amos Ken Gallipeau

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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. ✠

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27TH

Tuesday, November 28, 7:05 pm	
6:00 pm	First Reconciliation Session
6:45 pm	Baptism
7:15 pm	+Frank Walter; Estate +Gerri Rose Straus-Moser; Marcella & Judy Furlong
<i>Commitment is doing what you said you would do after the feeling you said it in has passed. – St. Camillus de Lellis</i>	
Wednesday, November 29, 9:00 am – Maryhill	
<i>Only those who have experienced the solitude and silence of the wilderness can know what benefit and divine joy they bring. – St. Bruno</i>	
Thursday, November 30, 12:05 pm	
+Joanne Moser; Jim, Marilyn Moser & Family +Rose Moser; Marie Snelling	
<i>A heart enamoured of God is unconquerable since God is its strength. – St. Catherine of Genoa</i>	
Friday, December 1, 9:00 am – Maryhill	
<i>The soul is in God and God is in the soul. God is closer to us than water is to a fish. – St. Catherine of Siena</i>	
Saturday, December 2, 5:00 pm	
+Vincent Downey; Kay Bouzane +Vivien Anne Smith; Rick & Leona Weishar	
Sunday, December 3, First Sunday of Advent	
9:00 am	Our Parish Community
10:00 – 10:15 am	Christmas Pageant Practice
11:00 am	Maryhill

READINGS FOR December 2/3

First Reading: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
 Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9
 Gospel Reading: Mk 13:33-37

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., November 27	Rev. Roger Yaworski, S.J.
Tues., November 28	Parents & Guardians
Wed., November 29	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ, p.j.c.
Thurs., November 30	Rev. Edward Hampson
Fri., December 1	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Sat., December 2	Rev. David Reilander

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUN	7:00 pm	Ecumenical Memorial Service – Church
MON	7:00 pm	Advent Small Group Reflection –Library
TUE	7:45 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting – Library
THU	7:00 pm	R.C.I.A. Session – Library
FRI	7:00 pm	Set-up for Christmas Dinner – Hall
SAT	6:30 pm	Christmas Dinner - 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 December 2/3

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond
 9am Pat Ditner, Cheryl Dunn, Dianne McGuire

Hospitality

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt, Sharon Both
 9am Sharon & Mike Noel, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
 9am James Ready

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
 Iris Miltenburg

Children's Liturgy

Dec 3 Anna Jakeman, Sandi Hutchinson

Sign Ministry

Nov 27 Ray Denomme

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to those who came and enjoyed the Fish Fry as well as thank you to those who volunteered their time in any way. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting this event. It was a huge success.

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

Join us for the Advent Small Group Reflections that begins on Monday at 7 p.m. in the church library. See the announcement in the bulletin.

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

Fr. Peter

As chairperson for the November 17th Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, I would like to **THANK EVERYONE** who volunteered their time, with a special thanks to the wives, parishioners and young people who helped. Thanks again.

Rick Weishar

ADVENT SMALL GROUP REFLECTIONS

– All parishioners are invited to gather this Advent to read a reflection on the scriptures for the four Sundays of Advent, share our thoughts and experiences, and feed our body and soul as we prepare for Christ's coming. **Mondays, November 27, December 4, 11 and 18, 2023** from 7 - 8 pm in the library, please join us for these small group sessions, followed by a light snack. Hosted by the St. Teresa C.W.L. All are welcome! For more info contact Alice Soeder at alice_soeder@hotmail.com or 519-669-1859.

The Knights of Columbus "**ANGEL TREE**" event has started. 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 Christmas Dinner. Please plan to stay and even sneak in a dance or 2!

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.

C.W.L. NEWS - Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 12th** for Mass at **5:30 pm** followed by our Potluck. Please note the time change! All ladies of the parish are welcome to come and join us!

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

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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – Let's heed the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor and let's act! Pope Francis calls us to hear "the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" (Laudato Si', 49). Yet, since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector have been trying in vain to be heard. In their struggle for justice, defenders are attacked, criminalized, and even killed. Eight defenders were unjustly imprisoned for over two years, and three people have been murdered since January 2023. "The Government of Honduras must act diligently and suspend these extractive activities, which are carried out illegally and with total disregard for the environment." - Elvin Hernández, human rights investigator, ERIC-Radio Progreso. Act now! Sign the petition at the back of the church to the Honduran ambassador to Canada asking her government for protection, justice and reparation for environmental defenders and for Carlos Escaleras National Park.

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

COME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL on **Sunday, December 3, 2023** from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre, 437 Wilson Street East, Ancaster. Fun includes Music, Hot Cocoa, Cookie Decorating, Magic Show, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Crook a Doodle Christmas Ornament Painting, Local Artisans (cash only) and a visit from Santa. Take time to walk in the beautiful gardens. Donations of cash, or non-perishable food items will be collected to benefit the Bishop's Charities. For more information, contact mcmorgan@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988 ext. 2251.

The Elmira District Ministerial Association presents **COMMUNITY CHOIRS & CAROLS** on **Sunday, December 3rd** at 7 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Rd, Floradale. Freewill offering in support of Woolwich Counselling Centre. For more information email office@floramc.org or call 519-669-2861.

The Ignatius Jesuit Centre's OPEN HOUSE –

You are invited to a celebration of Advent on **Sunday, December 3** from 3 – 5 p.m. with friends and staff of the Ignatius Jesuit Centre. This gathering will be held at Loyola House (Ignatius Jesuit Centre), 5420 Hwy 6 N, Guelph. There will be a Welcome & Salutations at 3:45 p.m., as well as light snacks and beverages to enjoy. We hope to see you there! For more information call 519-824-1250 or email reception@ignatiusguelph.ca.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – ...in the end, the only thing that will prove to have really mattered in this life is how we have loved. It sounds easy, but how many of us know how to love? Or, as St. John of the Cross says, how many of us love according to our own ways – rather than how God desires to be loved? One way of looking at your vocation is to see it as your path to eternal life, in other words, how God is calling you to love in this life. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 18/19: \$3,223.55

Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$120,192.30

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