

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

November 28 2021

First Sunday of
Advent

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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
Debbie Yutzi
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar
Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

Knights of Columbus

Frank McGuire

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. ✠

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29TH

Tuesday, November 30, 7:05 pm +Joe Chesla; Paul Shutts & Diane Smith <i>One who desires nothing but God is rich and happy.</i>
Wednesday, December 1, 9:00 am +Frank Walter; Cheryl & Gord Dunn <i>Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve him with great humility. – St. Francis of Assisi</i>
Thursday, December 2, 12:05 pm +Dolly Sales; Rosemary & Darcy Saunders <i>In the twilight of life, God will not judge us on our earthly possessions and human successes, but on how well we have loved. – St. John of the Cross</i>
Friday, December 3, 9:00 am +Yvonne Marie Rettinger; Marcella & Judy Furlong 9:30 – 11:30 am Adoration <i>Speak to them of the great mercy of God. Sometimes people are helped by your telling of your own lamentable past. – St. Francis Xavier</i>
Saturday, December 4, 5:00 pm +Jean Litt; Betty Hinsperger +Bryan Foerster; Anne McKeown
Sunday, December 5, Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Our Parish Community

Lector
 5pm Tom O'Marra
 9:30am Paul Shuttsa

Commentator
 Lisa Denomme
 Larry Glofcheskie

Sign Ministry
 Nov 29 Sandi Hutchinson

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Join with us during the season of Advent, as we prepare for the celebration of the arrival of the Lord into the world through the birth of his Son Jesus Christ. Advent is a time to celebrate light in the midst of darkness. It is also a time to look forward to when Jesus will come a second time.

Join us in the St. Teresa's Take-out Turkey Dinner on Sunday, December 5th. We can enjoy this dinner from our homes while supporting a local business. See the information below on how to order your turkey dinner.

Be assured of my continued support and prayer.

Father Peter

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Hattie Lynn-Marie Shoup**, daughter of Wes and Jessica. *We pray that God will help her to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

The Knights of Columbus would like to **THANK ALL** parishioners who partook in our first event since the start of the pandemic. The take-out version was new to us - hopefully the food was warm enough when it arrived home. We haven't finalized the numbers but a good portion will be donated to the One Heart One Soul campaign which our council is committed to for 3 years.

ST. JOSEPH – Each year of the advent season provides us with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the mystery and role of St. Joseph in the plan of salvation. God in his power and wisdom chose the most perfect man, Joseph, to be the earthly father and protector of our "saviour". The angel announced to Joseph, "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins" and he responded "yes".

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER! Donate to our parish simply by buying and using gift cards for purchases you would be making every day! Gift cards make great Christmas gifts, buy them from us. Simply email your order to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com and e-transfer funds to the same email address. Gift cards will be mailed directly to your home. Please see the Fundraisers page on our website for the long and short order forms and all the details or contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162.

The Knights of Columbus **ANGEL TREE** is starting up on November 20, 2021. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the Narthex and **return** a new, unwrapped gift with tag **by December 11, 2021**. Thank you. Council 8192

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.

READINGS FOR December 4/5

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9
 Second Reading: Phil 1:4-66, 8-11
 Gospel Reading: Lk 3:1-6

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 7:00 pm 9:30 am Choir Practice – Church

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

People Who Suffer from Depression - We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Laundry Detergent, Toothpaste and
 Men & Women's Deodorant

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., November 29	Rev. Tony O'Dell, O.M.I.
Tues., November 30	Rev. Kiwook Kim
Wed., December 1	Discalced Carmelite Fathers
Thurs., December 2	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Fri., December 3	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubeera, C.R.
Sat., December 4	Rev. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.

MINISTRIES for December 4/5

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Peggy Kelly-Kulaga
 9:30am Laura Antonello

Hospitality

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

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA RELIGIOUS

CALENDARS are available for purchase. Cost is \$10 each. There are a limited amount available. First come first serve.

ST. TERESA'S TAKE-OUT TURKEY DINNER is being offered on **Sunday, December 5th** from 4 – 7 p.m. from the Grill on the Green. A different way to eat together on the same evening but in our own homes and do some fundraising at the same time! We've partnered again with The Grill on the Green (at the Elmira Golf Course) who will be offering a Take-Out Turkey Dinner with all the fixings including salad and dessert! Roast Turkey, mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables, stuffing, gravy (you can ask for gravy on the side or pour it on when ordering) cranberry sauce, salad with balsamic on the side and apple crumble pie. Cost is Adult: \$21.99 per dinner plus tax. Children: \$9.99 per dinner plus tax (no salad or dessert included). A portion of each dinner sold will be donated back to our church! Meals must be **pre-ordered by Friday, December 3rd** by calling the restaurant (519-669-1651 extension 27 when they are open) with the number of dinners required, if gravy on the side and the time you will be picking them up. Hours are Monday- Tuesday 11am - 2pm / Wednesday - Friday 11am - 8pm / Saturday - Sunday 10am - 8pm. They will take your payment over the phone. When picking up, please follow the signs and protocols for social distancing. Any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162 or barbvodicka@gmail.com.

C.W.L. LADIES, IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Not a member? This is an invitation for all women of our parish ages 16 and up to join St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League of Canada (C.W.L.)! **Our yearly dues remain at \$25** and can be dropped off in the collection, mailed to the church or paid by etransfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com. More information can be found on the parish website under the C.W.L. page. Any questions please contact Barb Vodicka 519-497-3162. This is an election year! If anyone is interested in being nominated for an Executive position, please contact Barb.

CLEANING OUT YOUR CLOSETS? DOWNSIZING? Canadian Food for Children is a registered charity, completely volunteer operated, which provides clothing, food, medical and educational supplies to the poor in Third World countries. We have a problem and are asking for your consideration. Since Covid began, the donations of used clothing and so many other useful items have almost stopped. We need these donations to help the poor. Can you help? We accept clean clothing in good shape. We accept clothing for every age and every season. We accept unbreakable housewares, bedding, fabric and sewing supplies. We are at 843 Guelph St., Kitchener and are open 12:30 to 3 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you would like further information, please contact Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606.

WILLS AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY on **Tuesday, December 7, 2021** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. An information workshop that will focus on estate planning and the

concepts of legal capacity as well as health care consent. Presented by Shannon Down, Waterloo Region Community Legal Services. As physical distancing measures continue to be followed, Woolwich Community Health Centre is committed to offering health education using the virtual communication platform, Zoom. All sessions are free. Registration is required. To register, email Gebre at gberihuyn@wchc.on.ca, visit the website www.wchc.on.ca and click on the Register Online tab or call 519-664-3794 or 519-656-9025. Once you have registered, you will receive your invitation to participate closer to the date of the presentation. If you do not have internet access, you can attend the program using your telephone.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre presents:

- **COPING WITH LONELINESS Virtual Adult Workshop** on **Wednesday, December 1st** from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **MANAGING THE STRESS OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON Virtual Adult Workshop** on **Wednesday, December 9th** from 7 – 8 p.m.

These workshops are offered at no cost. To learn more and register email info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651 or visit 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, December 2, 2021** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. If you cannot physically attend, would you devote an hour praying? Two metres distancing will be observed. Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call Cathy at 519-742-9025.

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES – The Office for Liturgy, Youth Ministry and Evangelization and Catechesis are providing a resource for families to encourage prayer and celebration in the home during the Advent Season. See <https://hamiltondiocese.com/advent2021/> for resources.

Support the **Woolwich Community Services** ("WCS") Christmas **Goodwill Hampers**. There will be **NO DOOR TO DOOR FOOD DRIVE**. WCS will be replacing the food with Gift Cards for Foodland and Food Basics. Set out below is a brief summary of how this fundraising will be accomplished. At **any time before December 4th** you can make a donation of cash, cheques or gift cards for Foodland or Food Basics will be accepted at WCS' office located at 5 Memorial Ave, Elmira; or online donations may be made at woolwichcommunityservices.org/ or by using the QR Code for WCS; to donate please use dropdown under FUND as Christmas Goodwill (Food).

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Offertory collection for November 13/14:	\$3,039.50
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$68,921.51
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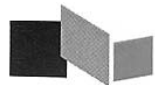
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