

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

November 29, 2020

First Sunday
of Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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
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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
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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 30TH

Tuesday, December 1, No Mass

People go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering.
– St. Augustine

Wednesday, December 2, No Mass

Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God. – St. Teresa of Avila

Thursday, December 3, No Mass

People don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care about them. – St. Francis Xavier

Friday, December 4, No Mass

9:30 am – 11:30 pm Adoration

The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God. – St. John Damascene

Saturday, December 5,

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Confessions

5:00 p.m. +Jean Litt; 5 p.m. Choir

+Rita Graff; Judy & Marcella Furlong

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 5/6

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Second Reading: 2 Pt 3:8-14

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:1-8

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., November 30	Rev. Andrew Czarny
Tues., December 1	Rev. Florian Stasinski, C.R.
Wed., December 2	Disalced Carmelite Fathers
Thurs., December 3	Rev. John Redmond
Fri., December 4	Rev. Phillip Cook
Sat., December 5	Very Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

MINISTRIES for December 5/6**Hospitality**

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marianne Kieswetter
9:30am Anne & Bill Hanley, Ray Denomme

Lectors

5pm Tom O'Marra
9:30am Joan Coutu

Sign Ministry

Nov 30 Sandi Hutchinson

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

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.

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.

Join us in our St. Teresa's Take-Out Dinner on December 12th. Please see the information provided below. I hope you will join me from your homes in celebrating this festive season with a delicious turkey dinner.

Let us pray as we continue with 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. Next weekend we will have Commitment Sunday for our campaign.

Father Peter

CONFESSIONS – Due to the regulations regarding gathering we will have confessions on Saturdays from 4 to 4:30 p.m. beginning Saturday, December 5th or by appointment.

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.

ST. TERESA'S TAKE-OUT TURKEY DINNER is on **Saturday, December 12th** from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Grill on the Green! A different way to eat together on the same evening but in our own homes! We've partnered again with The Grill on the Green (at the Elmira Golf Course) who catered our turkey dinner in the hall last year. They are offering a take-out turkey dinner with all the fixings! Cost is Adult: \$20 per dinner (including tax) Children: \$10 per dinner (including tax) and a portion of each dinner sold will be donated to our One Heart, One Soul Campaign. **Meals must be pre-ordered by Thursday, December 10th** and there are 2 ways to do this.

1. You can call the restaurant (Wed - Sun from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.) with the number of dinners required and the time you will be picking them up. They will take your payment over the phone.

2. You can go online to order and pay. Go to www.tgotg.com and click the Link to Order. Click View menu/order. Click on No. Click St. Teresa's Turkey Dinner Special. Enter the quantity and in Special Instructions type in the time you will be picking up on December 12th. Click on Add to order. Click on Checkout and follow the prompts. When picking up, please follow the signs and protocols for social distancing. This is a great way to support our local business, our parish campaign and have a delicious festive meal during the Christmas season! More details will be posted soon on the Events page of our website and on our Facebook page (like and follow us!) Any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162 or barbvodicka@gmail.com.

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.

November is **FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH**. Is your relationship healthy? Do arguments ever result in you feeling put down or bad about yourself? Do you feel like no matter how hard you try, it's not good enough? Do you ever feel frightened by what your partner says or does? Would you like to talk to someone? Call Virginia at 519-669-5139 or 1-800-661-7918 at the Family Violence Prevention Program Woolwich Community Services. This is free, confidential and transportation is available. If you are in danger, call Police 911 or Anselma House 24 hour crisis line at 519-742-5894. Let's end family violence.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, December 3, 2020** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. We will all observe 2 metres distance from each other. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.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 FUNDScrip GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**. Simply email your order to stteresaelmira@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**.



Woolwich Counselling is pleased to announce that the Elmira District Ministerial Association will be presenting **A DRAMATIC READING OF THE CHARLES DICKENS' CLASSIC STORY: A CHRISTMAS CAROL**. This online event is on **Sunday, December 6, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. via Gale Presbyterian's website: www.galepresbyterian.com. Woolwich Counselling thanks our donors and partners who faithfully and generously support mental health services with our community. Should you wish to donate, this can be done through Canada Helps at: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/woolwich-interfaith-counselling-society/> or by calling the office at 519-669-8651. Please note that the church will be **CLOSED** to the public during this presentation due to the restrictions on gatherings.

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. 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.

The Bereaved Families of Ontario Midwestern Region in partnership with the Woolwich Counselling Centre presents **ANYTHING BUT MERRY**. When you're grieving, the holiday season can seem Anything But Merry. It can be a time of overwhelming emotions and new challenges. Join us at our virtual education session on **December 9, 2020** at 7:00 p.m. where we acknowledge the difficulties the holiday season can bring and share coping strategies to help you through. For more information and to register email info@woolwichcounselling.org or call 519-669-8651.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 21/22:	\$5,541.20
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$113,079.25
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