

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

November 5, 2023
Thirty-First Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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
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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

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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. ✠

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 6TH

<p>Tuesday, November 7, 6:00 pm First Reconciliation Session 6:45 pm Baptism 7:15 pm +Henry Termaat; Judy Furlong +Ronald & Jean Litt; Estate <i>Everyone looks for the good, therefore everyone looks for God. – St. Basil</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, November 8, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>It is not earthly riches that make us happy, but it is God who makes us happy, who is the true riches of our minds. – St. Augustine</i></p>
<p>Thursday, November 9, 12:05 pm In Thanksgiving; Armand Bertin +Diana Vandenberg; Cheryl & Gord Dunn <i>What we ourselves cannot bear, let us bear with the help of Christ. – St. Boniface</i></p>
<p>Friday, November 10, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Christian, remember your dignity. – St. Leo the Great</i></p>
<p>Saturday, November 11, 5:00 pm +Xaver Mettler; Ruth Mettler +Evelyn Markides; Basil & Susan Markides</p>
<p>Sunday, November 12, Stewardship Sunday Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR November 11/12

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16
 Second Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18
 Gospel Reading: Mt 25:1-13

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., November 6	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
Tues., November 7	Consecrated Virgin Candidates
Wed., November 8	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
Thurs., November 9	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
Fri., November 10	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Sat., November 11	St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	7:45 pm	Garden Party Wrap-up Meeting – Library
THU	7:00 pm	R.C.I.A. Session
SAT	11:00 am	Knights of Columbus Exemplification

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 11/12

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Deacon Basil Markides, Judy Furlong
9am	Deacon Basil Markides, Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Sharon Both
 9am Anne Hanley, Ray Denomme, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra
 9am Leona Weishar

Commentator

Lisa Denomme
 Wally Malcolm

Children's Liturgy

Nov 12 Emily Beynon & Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Nov 6 Linda Bruder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to Father Tim Uniack for being our celebrant last weekend.

Every year on November 11th, Canadians pause in a silent moment of remembrance for the men and women who have served and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. We will be recognizing this day at Masses this weekend. Let us pray for those who have served and are serving our country.

Next Sunday is Stewardship Sunday. What is Stewardship? Stewardship is rooted in scripture, recognizing we, as individuals, are not owners of our lives but rather are stewards or managers. Stewardship is recognizing that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God and being grateful and generous with those gifts.

We need new members for the 5 p.m. Choir. Please consider being a part of this important ministry. Call the Parish Office or talk to me if you are interested.

Fr. Peter

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, November 17, 2023** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Advanced tickets are available until November 15th. Purchase your tickets after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry

on **November 16th and 17th**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

If you have any tea towels, dish clothes or brown handled pairing knives that belong to the church hall **please return them**. Thank you.

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.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE is an organization that the Catholic Church supports. The campaign this fall is called **STAND FOR THE LAND**. Since January 2023, three land defenders from the Guapinol region in Honduras have been

murdered for defending their land from mining companies. This fall we are continuing the Create Hope: Stand for the Land campaign. This time, we will be meeting communities in northern Honduras who have been struggling to preserve their land and water since an iron ore mine opened in Carlos Escaleras National Park, and poisoned the rivers on which they depend for their livelihoods. "We live every day with the fear of being killed or having one of our children taken away." – Juana Zuniga, member of the Committee for the Defence of Common and Public Goods of Tocoa, Colon.

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 percentage the church receives from each card is listed beside each retailer on the order form included in the bulletin today. 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. Lots of places to choose from - something for everyone! Gift cards never expire and are easy to include into 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, please contact Barb Vodicka at stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com or call 519-497-3162.

The **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are pleased to invite all parishioners, families, and friends, to a special, in-person, ceremony of admission and advancement, known as an **EXEMPLIFICATION**. This beautiful ceremony harkens back to the simple ceremonies first approved in 1882 by our founder, Father McGivney, and advances new and existing members through the lessons of Charity, Unity and Fraternity required for the third degree.

It is scheduled for **Saturday, November 11th** beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the church, here at St. Teresa. A special Remembrance Day Ceremony with 4th degree Knights in full regalia will also be a part of this service! A social event after the ceremony will be held in the hall so that everyone can meet our council's newest 3rd degree members and their families.

Come see firsthand, the organization that husbands, fathers, brothers, sons and friends are joining — the principles and values they are committing to, and why it matters.

November's C.W.L. General meeting is **Tuesday, November 14th at 7:35 p.m.** We will be voting on our charitable donations and need a quorum present. Please remember it is time to renew your membership. You can e-transfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com indicating "For C.W.L. Membership". If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162 or email h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com.

It's again that time of year when we think of the **Woolwich Community Services ("WCS") Christmas Goodwill Hampers**. The need is always great. Please note there will be **NO DOOR-TO-DOOR FOOD DRIVE**. Gift Cards for Foodland and Food Basics are replacing food donations. .

1. As an alternative at any time before December 2nd, 2023:

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/** or by using the **QR Code** below for **WCS**; to donate please use dropdown under **FUND** as **Christmas Goodwill (Food)**.



The experience of suffering may have us wrestling with common questions: Why would God allow suffering? Does He hear my plea for help? Once again, these "storms" in life invite us into that place of "trust" where sometimes God allows a suffering to bring about a good that we cannot see. Attend the next **ST. AGNES EDUCATON CAFÉ EVENT: "THE STRUGGLE TO FIND MEANING IN SUFFERING"** with guest speaker Fr. Chris Tracey, Chaplain of Hospitals, Prisons, & Palliative Centres in the Diocese of Hamilton, on **Sunday, November 12th** at 2:00 p.m. at St. Agnes, Waterloo.

Theatre of the Beat presents **I LOVE YOU AND IT HURTS**. This takes place during Family Violence Prevention Month. Composed of three short plays, Masculinity, Elder Abuse and Teen Relationships, and using forum theatre, this workshop will offer an effective and unique way to recognize subtle signs of abuse, and to find solutions to change unsafe and unhealthy behaviours. This event is on **Saturday, November 18th** at Emmanuel Evangelical Missionary Church, 2 First Street West, Elmira. Coffee, Conversation and breakfast are from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Theatre of the Beat is from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. Conversation and wrap up is from 11:30 and onwards. This event, including breakfast, is free to attend; however registration is still required. Follow the QR Code on the poster on the bulletin board to register or call Woolwich Community Services at 519-669-5139.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – ...And what does that mean for priests? It means that the measure of a priest is not his outward appearance, knowledge, eloquence, efficiency, or even personal piety. The measure of a priest is simply the degree to which the strong, loving, nurturing Fatherhood of God that Jesus came to reveal becomes tangible to us through His priests. That's why we call priests "Father". Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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