

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of
Advent

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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

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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. ✠

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 2ND

<p>Tuesday, December 3, 6:00 pm St. Teresa's First Reconciliation 7:05 pm +Millie & Andy Schlupp; Marcella & Judy Furlong</p> <p><i>For in truth, no one is really timid and weak who knowingly leans upon the assistance of God. – St. Francis Xavier</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, December 4, No Mass - Maryhill <i>We are led to God by desire, drawn as if pulled by a rope. – St. Gregory of Nyssa</i></p>
<p>Thursday, December 5, 12:05 pm +Evelyn Ward; Deirdre Ward</p> <p><i>Love consists in sharing what one has and what one is with those one loves. Love ought to show itself in deeds more than in words. – St. Ignatius Loyola</i></p>
<p>Friday, December 6, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>The person who fails to comprehend God's grace is blind. After receiving a great pearl, that one throws it away as a common pebble, thereby being deprived of its possession through ignorance of the beautiful. – St. Gregory of Nyssa</i></p>
<p>Saturday, December 7, 5:00 pm +Philip, Karen, Maurice & Rose Downey; The Family Intentions of Lynn Lerardi; Millie & Al Selmenci</p>
<p>Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community Following 9 am Mass Christmas Pageant Practice 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR December 7/8

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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Dec 2	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tues., Dec 3	Rev. Carlos Diaz
Wed., Dec 4	Order of Preachers, Dominican, O.P.
Thurs., Dec 5	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
Fri., Dec 6	Rev. John Van Hees
Sat., Dec 7	Engaged Couples

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SUN 7:00 p.m. **Annual Community Choirs & Carols** – Church & Hall

THU 3:15 p.m. **Altar Server Training** – Church

FRI **Office Closed**

SAT 6:30 p.m. **Christmas Parish Dinner** – Hall

SUN After 9 am Mass **Christmas Pageant Practice**
 7:00 p.m. **Community Choirs and Carols** – Church

MINISTRIES for December 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
 9am Pat Ditner, Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marianne Kieswetter
 9am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Ray Denomme

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
 9am Maria Diemert

Commentator

Patsy Pond
 Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am Shawn, Andrew, Evan

Children's Liturgy

Dec 8 Tessa Heffernan, Emily Beynon

Sign Ministry

Dec 3 Linda Bruder

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For pilgrims of hope – We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Meal Helpers, Condiments & Kraft Dinner

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Next week is the 2nd Week of Advent which focuses on John the Baptist, the Gentiles being included in God's family, Christ's coming in judgment and peace, and the church's hopeful expectation of the completion of his promises. The theme for the Second Sunday of Advent is peace.

We welcome Mr. Brandon Rego to our parish as our seminarian.

Our Christmas Parish Dinner is next Saturday. We hope to see you there.

Father Peter

The Knights of Columbus "**ANGEL TREE**" event has begun. Please pick up a tag from the 'Angel Tree' in the narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with the tag by **December 14, 2024**. Thank you.

Council 8192

There will be 2 remaining training sessions for **NEW ALTAR SERVERS** on **December 5th and 19th** at 3:15 p.m. for about an hour at the church. If you still need a form, call or email the church and we will send one.

BECOME A C.W.L. MEMBER! Ladies 16 or older, our membership drive goes until the end of the year. We would love to have you join our sisterhood of women here at St. Teresa's which is a part of the National League that is Canada wide! Our Memorial Mass last Sunday is a sample of the good works we do! Join today! Membership is \$40. Indicate your name, address, phone number and email address and either place it in the collection with your fee or etransfer to our Treasurer at dunnfam1@rogers.com indicating C.W.L. membership.

C.W.L. CHRISTMAS MASS AND POTLUCK: Tuesday, December 10th with Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner in the hall. All ladies of the parish (members and non-members) are invited! Please bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages will be supplied. Remember to bring your own dishes and cutlery. We are also hosting a jewelry party which will be set up in the hall if you are interested in some pre-Christmas shopping.

OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER is on **Saturday, December 7th** in the Church Hall. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. Turkey dinner with all the trimmings, beverages and dessert all included! Please sign up after the weekend Masses or through the Parish Office, Tuesday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 519-669-3387. Meal prices are: Adults \$30.00; Children 6-12 years \$15.00 and Children 5 & under are free. Take-out is available for the same cost - to be picked up between 6:00-6:15 p.m. You can pay by cash, cheque or e-transfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com. Last chance to sign up is Monday, December 2nd. Come out and enjoy a parish community meal together during this festive season!

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – Join us for the Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 22nd** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

CONFESSIONS – **Saturday, December 14th** – 4:00 – 4:45 p.m., **Saturday, December 21st** – 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – St. Teresa
Sunday, December 22nd – Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – St. Teresa
Tuesday, December 24th – 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – St. Boniface
Tuesday, December 24th – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES – St. Teresa
Tuesday, December 31st – 4:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES – St. Boniface
Wednesday, January 1st – 11:00 a.m.

The **NEW MISSALS** are now ready for purchase. They are **\$6.00 each** and can be found in the library. Please place your money in the box provided or drop off at the Parish Office during office hours.

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League **CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER!** Pack of 8 religious cards only \$15.00! Cards are designed by the 2023 winners of the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" art contest held at St. Teresa of Avila School. Funds raised are for the Parish Fund. For more information, contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162.

You are invited to the **ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHOIRS AND CAROLS event**, an evening of Advent and Christmas Music presented by Elmira area churches on **Sunday, December 1st** at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Admission is free and there will be a free-will offering in support of the Woolwich Counselling Centre. Following the concert, you are invited to the church hall for a reception. Everyone welcome!

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE – There are cards available to sign asking the House of Commons to adopt human rights and environmental due diligence legislation. We invite you to sign the cards and return them to the church where we will mail them as a group. **Thank you to those who have signed the cards.**

Guelph & Area Right to Life presents **A PATTERN OF NONCOMPLIANCE** with Alexander Raikin on **Monday, December 2nd, 2024** at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Gain insight into Ontario's euthanasia practices and the crucial issues of oversight and accountability. Join the zoom meeting. The meeting ID is 892 1990 6090 and the passcode is 350965.

VATICAN II GROUP STUDY – In 2025, the universal Church will celebrate a Jubilee Year. We will also mark 60 years since the conclusion of the 2nd Vatican Council, and Pope Francis has asked that we prepare for the Jubilee by rediscovering the teachings of Vatican II, in particular the four Constitutions, and by praying. The Diocese of Hamilton is offering a five-part study of the Constitutions to parishes and other communities to assist them in their preparation for the Jubilee year and take up Our Holy Father's invitation to become a synodal Church, a church of communion, participation, and mission. The study sessions and a downloadable study guide can be found at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vatican-ii/>. Fr. Irenaeus would like to offer a special opportunity to gather together and do the study as a community. Meetings will likely take place on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month in the morning, beginning in early Advent. This study will only be possible if there are a sufficient number of people interested. Please email or call the office ASAP to register.

Join us for the **ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CONCERT** on **Friday, December 13th** at 7 p.m. at St. Louis Church. Featuring the St. Louis Yule Band (Donna, Steve, Joe, Carolyn & Shannon). There will be a freewill offering in support of the C.W.L. and St. Vincent de Paul. A reception will follow in the large hall.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Advent is a season of waiting - an active, expectant waiting for the Lord. Today's Gospel encourages us to stay vigilant during this time. In the same way, discerning your vocation demands patience and trust in God's timing. If you find yourself feeling impatient in your discernment process, could this Advent be an opportunity to embrace waiting as a sacred period of growth and preparation? How might you use this time to fully respond to God's call?
Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.,
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life." Are worldly cares dragging you down? Be a follower of the Master. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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