

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of  
Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer

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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer

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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  
Ken Gallipeau Michele Way

### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
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### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka  
h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com

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Rick Weishar  
gk8192@ontariokofc.ca

### Vocations

Contact [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)  
or [resurrectionists.com/vocations](http://resurrectionists.com/vocations)

### 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](http://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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday, December 17, 5:00 pm**

+Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate

*Belief and faith are proved by works, not by simply saying that one believes, but by real actions, which are kept up, and by a heart burning with love – St. John Chrysostom*

**Wednesday, December 18, 9:00 am – Maryhill**

*Anger never travels alone. It is always accompanied by plenty of other sins. – St. John Mary Vianney*

**Thursday, December 19, 12:05 pm**

+Karen Bertin; John & Linda Bruder

*If you want to be always in God's company, you must pray regularly and read the Scriptures regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. – St. Isidore of Seville*

**Friday, December 20, 9:00 am - Maryhill**

*Beware of a babbling tongue and of itching ears. – St. Jerome*

**Saturday, December 21, 5:00 pm**

+Theresa Hahn-Siemon; Leroy Siemon

+Vincent & Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis

**Sunday, December 22, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:00 am Our Parish Community

Following 9 am Mass Christmas Pageant

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR December 21/22

First Reading: Mt 5:1-4a

Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10

Gospel Reading: Lk 1:39-45

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Dec 16 Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.

Tues., Dec 17 Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.

Wed., Dec 18 Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)

Thurs., Dec 19 Rev. Ilija Petkovic

Fri., Dec 20 Rev. Vinko Nenadic

Sat., Dec 21 Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

**SUN** After 9 am Mass Christmas Pageant – Church

Following Pageant Coffee Sunday – Church

MINISTRIES for December 21/22

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Tim Baillargeon, Kathy Ziegler

9am Pat Ditner, Carol Kieswetter, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly

9am Mike & Sharon Noel, Paul Shutsa

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis

9am Iris Miltenburg

Commentator

Lisa Denomme

Joan Coutu

Altar Servers

9am Hannah, Xander, Libby

Children's Liturgy

Dec 22 Sandi Hutchinson, Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Dec 17 Jim McInnis

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**For pilgrims of hope** – We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens 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

Thank you to Barb Vodicka for organizing, to all who helped and those who attended the Parish Christmas Dinner. It was an enjoyable evening with good food.

Next week, on the fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the final purple candle which symbolizes peace. This candle is called the "Angels Candle" reminding us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Lighting this last candle is a time when we truly feel that peace, the frantic pace of the busy preparation season is winding down and the thought of the Lord being with us soon gives us an inner peace—a peace that our busy and battered world craves and truly needs.

I always appreciate your ongoing generosity to/for me. This Christmas I humbly ask for no baked goods or snacks this year. Only if you like to a gift card would be nice. I continue to always appreciate your prayers and support.

Father Peter

There will be 1 remaining training session for **NEW ALTAR SERVERS** on **December 19<sup>th</sup>** at 3:15 p.m. for an hour at the church.

**CONFESSIONS – Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup>** – 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT –

Join us for the Christmas Pageant on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – St. Teresa

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – St. Teresa

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – St. Boniface

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES – St. Teresa

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – 4:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES – St. Boniface

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – 11:00 a.m.

For those who wish to make donations that will be part of your 2024 donation receipt, **all monies must be received by December 29<sup>th</sup>**. The Parish Office will be closed from December 25<sup>th</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>.

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 519-497-3162.

**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 which is a part of the National League that is Canada wide! 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 e-transfer to our Treasurer at dunnfam1@rogers.com indicating C.W.L. membership.

Join us for a Live Multimedia Show **CHRISTMAS IS REAL** on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish, 760 St. David St. N., Fergus. Cost is \$10 per person. Come and get into the holiday spirit! Sing and dance along with Critical Mass. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the parish and to Chalice.ca to support the less fortunate.

**JUBILEE OF HOPE, 2025** – The Diocese of Hamilton joins the celebration of the Global Church in this Ordinary Jubilee Year, 2025, as "Pilgrims of Hope"! We are all invited to journey through this year drawing closer to God through prayer, service and experiences of renewal. Six churches have been designated as pilgrimage sites across the Diocese, welcoming you as a visitor over the course of the Jubilee to come and pray. Resources, information and locations of the pilgrimage sites are all made available on the Diocesan Website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com).

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter's in Rome on Christmas Eve, inaugurating the Jubilee Year. In cathedrals around the world and in our Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the Holy Year will be inaugurated on December 28-29, 2024, the Feast of the Holy Family. The year will be officially launched in each Parish in the Diocese on this same day. The Jubilee Year of Hope will conclude on January 6, 2026.

*"In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring... may the Jubilee be an opportunity to be renewed in hope."*

*Pope Francis, Spes non confundit.*

Mark your calendars for the **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR!** CNOY is an amazing event in our community

that raises funds for Woolwich Community Services for those who are hurting, hungry or homeless. Start thinking about gathering your team! For more information contact Melissa at 519-669-5139. Get ready for CNOY on **February 22, 2025!**

**HEARTACHE TO HEALING** - Grief Support Group at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo - Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. **A monthly informal drop-in support** is available at St. Michael Parish on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Parish Resource Centre/Library.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** – December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. December is also the month we prepare for Christmas during Advent! Advent, by definition, means we are preparing for something important, which is the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ's coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE** - The people didn't just ask for advice; they were ready to respond. Discerning a religious vocation means not only asking God, "What should I do?" but also having the courage to follow through. Like those who came to John the Baptist, you must be willing to take concrete steps: find a spiritual director, serve those in need, commit to regular prayer. Will you find the courage to move from questioning into a commitment?

Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.,  
resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Offertory collection for December 7/8</b>	<b>\$ 3,692.25</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$94,270.76</b>
<b>Thank you!</b>	

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