

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 22, 2024

Third 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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Vocations

Contact hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/
or 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

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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 23RD

Tuesday, December 24, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 4:00 pm Maryhill 6:00 pm Our Parish Community 8:00 pm Our Parish Community
Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 am Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 10:00 am Our Parish Community 10:00 am Maryhill
Thursday, December 26, No Mass <i>All for God and for God's glory. In whatever you do, think of the glory of God as your main goal. – St. John Bosco</i>
Friday, December 27, No Mass - Maryhill <i>The journey to God follows many routes. So let each person take to the end and with no turning back the way that was chosen. – St. John Cassian</i>
Saturday, December 28, 5:00 pm +Kyle Kelly; Kelly Family +The Walter Family; The Family
Sunday, December 29, Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR December 28/29

First Reading: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel Reading: Lk 2:41-52

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Dec 23	Rev. Jerek Scherber, L.C.
Tues., Dec 24	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
Wed., Dec 25	Christmas Day – The Nativity of the Lord
Thurs., Dec 26	Rev. Jerry Punassery, C.M.I.
Fri., Dec 27	Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.
Sat., Dec 28	The Holy Innocents

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

OFFICE CLOSED – December 25th – January 5th

MINISTRIES for December 28/29

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Kieran Kelly, Judy Furlong
9am	Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality

5pm	Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt
9am	Pat & Linus Ditner, Ron Stemmler

Lector

5pm	Lisa Denomme
9am	Leona Weishar

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
Linda Bruder

Altar Servers

9am	Divine, Isabelle, Nathan
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Children's Liturgy

Dec 29	No Children's Liturgy
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Sign Ministry

Dec 24	Ray Denomme
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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

May God bless you and your families this Christmas Season. From my staff and I, we hope this season will bring all of us light where there is darkness. May the Lord Jesus, who we celebrate as a baby during the Christmas Season, continue to watch over us. I ask Our Lord to continue to hold and guide both you and your families.

I always appreciate your ongoing generosity 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

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.

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.

Pope Francis will open the Holy Door of the Basilica of St. Peter 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.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, January 2nd** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite 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. Any queries, contact Cathy at cmlamers@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

CHRISTMAS YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – During the Christmas Season, Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.), social with food (7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on **Saturday, January 4th** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially toward our spouses. This year make a conscious

decision to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighbourhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week, make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Are you a man 18 years of age or older who is a practicing Catholic and interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and growing in our faith? Then why not join our **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** council. Become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world, supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values and a shared desire to be the man



God has called us to be. Please email us at: gk8192@ontariokofc.ca and help put faith in action.

STRUGGLING AFTER AN ABORTION? Your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help – you can heal from the pain. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, to find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850. Your call is important to us.

VOCATION SEEDS – Are you called to carry the Good News of God's great Love as a priest, deacon or religious to follow in the footsteps as Mary did? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

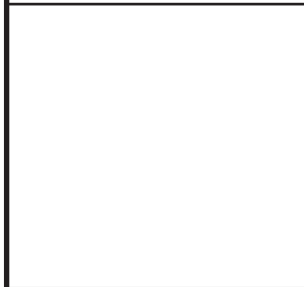


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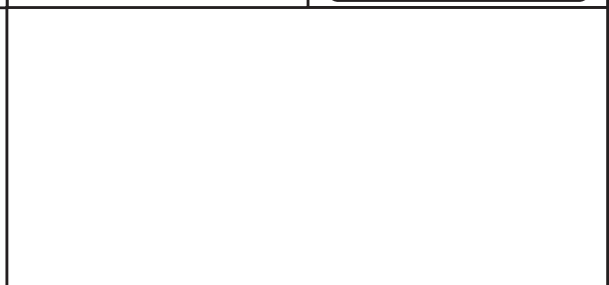
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