

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

December 29, 2024

Feast of  
the Holy Family

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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

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### 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

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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. ✠

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY & THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Tuesday, December 31,</b> <b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> <b>4:00 pm</b> +Rita Klein; Marcella & Judy Furlong
<b>Wednesday, January 1, 11:00 am - Maryhill</b>
<b>Thursday, January 2, 12:05 pm</b> <b>12:05 pm</b> William & Betty Walter; Estate <i>Prayer draws into the soul the Holy Spirit and raises us to heaven. – St Ephrem of Syria</i>
<b>Friday, January 3, 9:00 am - Maryhill</b> <i>If you are healthy and rich, alleviate the need of the one who is sick and poor; if you have not fallen, help the one who has fallen and lives in suffering; if you are happy, console the one who is sad; if you are fortunate, help the one who has been bitten by misfortune. – St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>
<b>Saturday, January 4, 5:00 pm</b> +Theresa Manion; Barb & Peg Kelly +Betty Furlong; Margaret & Richard Read
<b>Sunday, January 5,</b> <b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Our Parish Community <b>11:00 am</b> Maryhill

#### READINGS FOR January 4/5

First Reading: Is 60:1-6  
 Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
 Gospel Reading: Mt 2:1-12

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

Mon., Dec 30	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Tues., Dec 31	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Wed., Jan 1	Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God
Thurs., Jan 2	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.
Fri., Jan 3	Rev. Piotr Machnacki, S.A.C.
Sat., Jan 4	Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**OFFICE CLOSED – December 31<sup>st</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### MINISTRIES for January 4/5

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond  
 9am Ron Stemmler, Ken Gallipeau, Barb Vodicka

##### Hospitality

5pm Greg & Sue Goetz  
 9am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Adrian Miltenburg

##### Lector

5pm Judy Furlong  
 9am Linda Bruder

##### Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter  
 Mike Noel

##### Altar Servers

9am Evan, Shawn, Andrew

##### Children's Liturgy

Jan 5 Theresa Grosz, Anna Jakeman

##### Sign Ministry

Dec 31 Sandi Hutchinson

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Tuesday, January 7, 7:05 pm</b> +Garton & Keane Family; Pat Garton <i>Let us do all things with the conviction that God dwells in us. – St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>
<b>Wednesday, January 8, 9:00 am - Maryhill</b> <i>Faith gives wings to prayer; and without it no one can fly upward to heaven. – St. John Climacus</i>
<b>Thursday, January 9, 12:05 pm</b> +Karen Bertin; Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>Let us, therefore, have charity and humility and give alms because it washes the stains of our sins from our clothes. For, although people lose everything they leave behind in this world, they, nevertheless, carry with them the rewards of charity and the alms they have given for which they will receive a reward and a fitting repayment from the Lord. – St Francis of Assisi</i>
<b>Friday, January 10, 9:00 am - Maryhill</b> <i>Hope prevents us from clinging to what we have and frees us to move away from the safe place and enter unknown and fearful territory – Henri J M. Nouwen</i>
<b>Saturday, January 11, 5:00 pm</b> +Greg Kelly; Kelly Family +Vreny Richardson-Aschwanden; Theresa Wuersch
<b>Sunday, January 12, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</b> <b>9:00 am</b> Our Parish Community <b>11:00 am</b> Maryhill

#### READINGS FOR January 11/12

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11  
 Second Reading: Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7  
 Gospel Reading: Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

Mon., Jan 6	Rev. Joseph Ahilan, C.R.S.P.
Tues., Jan 7	Rev. Benedict T. Insigne, C.R.S.P.
Wed., Jan 8	Diocesan Priests
Thurs., Jan 9	Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.
Fri., Jan 10	Rev. David Avila
Sat., Jan 11	Married Couples

#### MINISTRIES for January 11/12

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Tim Baillargeon, Kathy Ziegler  
 9am Pat Ditner, Carol Kieswetter, Cheryl Dunn

##### Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly  
 9am Rick & Leona Weishar, Ray Denomme

##### Lector

5pm Connie Kaster  
 9am Paul Shutsa

##### Commentator

Judy Furlong  
 John Bruder

##### Altar Servers

9am Hannah, Xander, Allyson

##### Children's Liturgy

Jan 12 Linda Bruder, Anna Jakeman

##### Sign Ministry

Jan 7 Kieran Kelly

### 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

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Within an earthly family, Jesus acquired human knowledge, worked with his hands, and experienced the fullness of human society. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph make up a sacred family, the Holy Family. Today's feast continues our Christmas Day celebration, falling within the octave of Christmas that culminates January 1 with the Solemnity of the Mother of God.

January 5<sup>th</sup> is the Epiphany. It is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, gifts and thoughtfulness over the Christmas Season. May God continue to grow and be more alive in your lives, families and other activities.

I would like to thank all those involved for putting on the Christmas Pageant this year. It was very inspiring to all attendees.

Father Peter

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 would like to **THANK OUR PARISHIONERS** for their generous support of the St. Teresa of Avila "Angel Tree" program. Merry Christmas and remember to keep "Christ" in Christmas.

**BECOME A C.W.L. MEMBER!** 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 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](http://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.*

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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](mailto: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 their 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 4<sup>th</sup>** at Annunciation of Our Lord (280 Limeridge Road West, Hamilton). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations). For info, please contact: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

**THE REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** is excited to release our dates for the 2025 season. Our films this year focus on hope and the personal stories that give voice to those that often go unheard. Themes include women's empowerment, refugees, youth, Indigenous justice, and environmental care. We start the season on **January 23, 2025** with **She Rises Up**, a revealing look at the power of women's economic participation. The film follows radically different women from Sri Lanka, Peru, and Senegal who are fighting to build businesses, create job opportunities for women, and contribute to the reduction of poverty in their communities. Film Director Maureen Castle Tusty and Executive Producer James Tusty will join us as guest speakers. In 2008, they founded Sky Films Inc. to produce documentary films that inform, uplift, and inspire. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace. Film screenings are shown online, once a month from January to May. You can view our full film lineup at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>. We hope you can join us!

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!**

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