

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 8, 2024

Second 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. ✠

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 9TH

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| <p>Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 pm +Betty Furlong; St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League <i>It is difficult to conceive God, but to define God in words is an impossibility. – St. Gregory of Nazianzus</i></p> |
| <p>Wednesday, December 11, 9 am – Maryhill 11:00 am – Heritage House +Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate <i>A true Christian may almost be defined as one who has a ruling sense of God's presence within. – St. John Henry Newman</i></p> |
| <p>Thursday, December 12, 12:05 pm – St. Teresa's School Mass +Geraldine Runstedler; Iris Miltenburg <i>The more one is humbled, the more one is exalted. – St. John Chrysostom</i></p> |
| <p>Friday, December 13, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>Let us therefore give ourselves to God with a great desire to begin to live thus, and beg him to destroy in us the lie of the world of sin, and to establish his life within us. – Sgt. John Eudes</i></p> |
| <p>Saturday, December 14, 5:00 pm +Art Moser; Cecilia Moser Intentions of Madin O'Reilly; Granddad</p> |
| <p>Sunday, December 15, Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community Following 9 am Mass Christmas Pageant Practice 11:00 am Maryhill</p> |

Altar Servers

9am Nathan, Allyson, Isabelle

Children's Liturgy

Dec 15 Nikki Totten, Leona Weishar

Sign Ministry

Dec 10 Pat Ditner

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

Thank you to all those who helped to organize and who attended the Annual Community Choirs and Carols that our parish hosted. Despite the weather, we had a good turnout.

Next week is the 3rd Week of Advent, a time to focus on joy, and is also known as Gaudete Sunday. It is a time to reflect on the first half of Advent, while also looking ahead to the final weeks.

Pope Francis says we always think of Jesus when He preaches, when He heals, when He travels, walks along the street, even during the Last Supper. But we aren't used to thinking about Jesus smiling, joyful. Jesus was full of joy, full of joy. It is His internal joy, the interior joy that He gives to us.

Father Peter

READINGS FOR December 14/15

First Reading: Zep 3:14-18

Second Reading: Phil 4:4-7

Gospel Reading: Lk 3:10-18

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

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| Mon., Dec 9 | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Tues., Dec 10 | Rev. Lawrence Parent |
| Wed., Dec 11 | Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer |
| Thurs., Dec 12 | National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples |
| Fri., Dec 13 | Rev. John Ha |
| Sat., Dec 14 | Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M. |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 6:00 p.m. **C.W.L. Mass & Potluck**
FRI **Office Closed**

MINISTRIES for December 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy & Steve Pond
 9am Ken Gallipeau, Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme

Hospitality

5pm Greg & Sue Goetz
 9am Rick & Leona Weishar, John Bruder

Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra
 9am Wally Malcolm

Commentator

Judy Furlong
 Iris Miltenburg

As most of you are aware, our son was in a horrific car accident earlier this year. We want to **THANK EVERYONE** for their prayers and monetary support. We truly believe that God has given Anthony a second chance. For us it is a miracle. The power of prayer is remarkable.

Wayne and Donna Vollmer

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 1 remaining training session for **NEW ALTAR SERVERS** on **December 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 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 e-transfer 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.

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.

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.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering a **FREE VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS** on **Wednesday, December 11th** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register, call 519-669-5139. If you are registered with our food programs, you are eligible for a meal kit with all the needed items. Join us for a festive ZOOM cooking class.

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.

The HUB presents **HOLIDAY PARTY** at Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue South, Elmira on **December 14, 2024** from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. R.S.V.P. to wcsyouthhub@gmail.com. Let the spirit of the holidays bring us together for a day of joy, laughter and good cheer!

Food and drinks will be provided. Celebrate holiday traditions around the world. We will be trying new foods and making a special holiday craft.

Join us for an **ADVENT SUNDAY RETREAT** on **Sunday, December 15th** at 12:30 p.m. at the St. Michael Parish, 80 University Avenue, Waterloo in the parish hall. The theme is Emmanuel: Hope for the Hope Challenged led by Fr. Pawel Jamroz. Refreshments and pizza will be provided.

Join us for a Live Multimedia Show **CHRISTMAS IS REAL** on **Tuesday, December 17th** 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.

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.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE - It's easy for us to feel stuck, like nothing we do makes any difference. But the word "Advent" comes from the Latin words "ad", and "venire", which means "to come to". But who is coming to whom? We often think that we have to come to God, and perhaps we feel stuck there too. But the good news is: it is the Advent of the Lord. God is coming to us. That makes a big difference. Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R., resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com.

VOCATION SEEDS – Could God be calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother, or sister to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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