

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

**November 17, 2024**  
**Thirty-third Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

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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  
**Sacramental Preparation:** Iris Miltenburg  
**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  
Karolina Amos Ken Gallipeau  
Michele Way

### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar  
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### Catholic Women's League

Deirdre Ward  
h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com

### Knights of Columbus

Rick Weishar  
gk8192@ontariokofc.ca

### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://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](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. ✠

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Tuesday, November 19, 7:05 pm</b> <b>+John Shutsa;</b> Paul Shutsa & Diane Smith <i>We should always remember that Christ himself said that by gentleness we inherit the earth. – St. Vincent de Paul</i>
<b>Wednesday, November 20, 9:00 am - Maryhill</b> <i>May the God of love and peace set your hearts at rest and speed you on your journey. – St. Raymond of Penafort</i>
<b>Thursday November 21, 12:05 pm</b> <b>+Xaver Mettler;</b> Ruth Mettler <i>When we handle the sick and the needy, we touch the suffering body of Christ. – St. Teresa of Calcutta</i>
<b>Friday, November 22, 9:00 am - Maryhill</b> <i>Our Lord and Saviour lifted up his voice and said with incomparable majesty: 'Let all people know that grace comes after tribulation. Let them know that without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace.' – St. Rose of Lima</i>
<b>Saturday, November 23, 5:00 pm</b> <b>+Helena Olesiuk;</b> Joanna Olesiuk & Family <b>+Betty Furlong;</b> Mike & Doris Snelling
<b>Sunday, November 24, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> <b>9:00 am +Deceased Members of the C.W.L.;</b> St. Teresa's C.W.L. <b>Our Parish Community</b> <b>Following 9 am Mass Coffee Sunday</b> <b>11:00 am Maryhill</b>

### Children's Liturgy

Nov 24 Sandi Hutchinson, Tessa Heffernan

### Sign Ministry

Nov 18 Kieran Kelly

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**For anyone who has lost a child** – We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Kraft Dinner, Pasta, Pork & Beans, Tuna, Chunky Soup

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Solemnity of Christ the King reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. As we gather in our eucharistic communities next weekend, let us support one another in our belief that Jesus is Christ the King, and give thanks to God for Jesus' true and humble leadership.

Father Peter

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Jack Murphy Arthur Soeder**, son of Russell and Blaire. *We pray that God will help this child to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

The Knights of Columbus "**ANGEL TREE**" event is starting on **November 16/17, 2024**. 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 3 training sessions for **NEW ALTAR SERVERS** on **November 28<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**AN INVITATION-** Father Peter is inviting parishioners to join our Parish Council. This is an important service for our church community. If interested, please email the church.

**OUR PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER** is on **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** 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 stteresafund@gmail.com. Last chance to sign up is Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come out and enjoy a parish community meal together during this festive season!

The **NEW MISSALS** are now ready for purchase. They are **\$6.00 each** and can be found in the library. Please place

### READINGS FOR November 16/17

First Reading: Dn 7:13-14

Second Reading: Rv 1:5-8

Gospel Reading: Jn 18:33b-37

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Nov 18	Rev. Archange Kebe
Tues., Nov 19	Rev. Fernand Pierre
Wed., Nov 20	Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters
Thurs., Nov 21	Catholic Young Adults
Fri., Nov 22	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
Sat., Nov 23	Rev. John Schnurr

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE** 10:00 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Library  
 6:15 p.m. **First Reconciliation Preparation** – Hall

**SUN** After 9 am Mass **Coffee Sunday** – Hall

### MINISTRIES for November 16/17

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond

9am Cheryl Dunn, Barb Vodicka, Carol Kieswetter

#### Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Kieran Kelly

9am Debbie Yutzi, Anne Hanley, Linda Bruder

#### Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme

9am Leona Weishar

#### Commentator

Kevin Dupuis

Iris Miltenburg

#### Altar Servers

9am Xander, Allyson, Isabelle

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your money in the box provided or drop off at the Parish Office during office hours. Lectors receive a free copy. Please pick up your copy in the library.

Join us for the **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** that will be held on **Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League **CHRISTMAS CARD FUNDRAISER** coming soon! 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.

**C.W.L. MEMBERS** - Please plan on attending our C.W.L. Memorial Mass on Sunday, November 24th at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, followed by coffee and refreshments in the hall. We honour all our sisters who sleep in Christ but especially the following members who have died in the past 3 years: **Norma Hanley, Gloria Schoenhals, Jean Adams, Danielle Pilon, Teresa Day, Marian Haid, Elaine Forler, Betty Furlong, Theresa Cassel, Doris Runstedler, Rita Klein and Helma Mayne.**  
*Eternal rest, grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May our sisters rest in peace. Amen.*

You are invited to the **ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SING**, an evening of Advent and Christmas Music presented by Elmira area churches on **Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>** 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 Counseling Centre. Following the concert you are invited to the church hall for a reception. Everyone welcome!

During the month of November, the **BOOK OF LIFE** is set up in the Church. Please remember to add the names of your deceased loved ones to the list so they will be remembered at the Masses during November.

**DEVELOPMENT & PEACE** – This week there will be 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.**

Support Woolwich Community Services by purchasing your **HOLIDAY SMILE COOKIES** from **November 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>**. Elmira Tim Hortons has partnered with Woolwich Community Services! WCS has been selected as the recipient of the proceeds from the Holiday Smile Cookie. 100% of proceeds from these uniquely decorated cookies are donated to WCS and Tims Camps. You can order cookies in bulk.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre presents **COPING WITH WORRIES FOR SENIORS** on **Tuesday, November 19, 2024** from 1 – 2 p.m. at Gale Presbyterian Church. This workshop is presented by Janessa Bauman, (BSW/RSW),

Woolwich Counselling Centre Clinical Program Coordinator. This 1-hour workshop will support you in learning practical strategies for how to cope with the uncertainties we encounter as we age. Join us for lunch at 12:15 p.m. and stay for the workshop (lunch R.S.V.P. is needed by November 15<sup>th</sup>) or just join for the free workshop at 1 p.m. (no R.S.V.P. needed). For ham and scalloped potatoes lunch, R.S.V.P. to 519-669-2852 opt 3 or email richard.mcfadden@galespresbyterian.com. For dine-in arrive at 12:15 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person for lunch.

**COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE!** See the website [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) (under "Events").  
**Eating for Tomorrow: The Ecology & Politics of Food Weekend Retreat – Nov 22-24**  
**The Creative Path: A One-Day Art Retreat – Nov 23**  
**Advent 2024 Weekend Retreat – Nov 29- Dec 1**  
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As Catholic Christians our faith assures us that death is not the end...life has changed, not ended. As faithful Catholics, there are important spiritual matters we should include in our final wishes, for time of illness and when death occurs - particularly the importance of a Catholic Funeral. But what makes it a "Catholic Funeral"? Attend the **ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ: THE CATHOLIC VIEW OF DEATH & THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FUNERAL** on **Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** from 2-3:30 p.m.

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** – On November 1st the Church celebrates the feast of All Saints. On that day, we celebrate with all those who have died and are now with God in heaven. There are many saints and those we are named after are our patron saints. In a world in need of positive and faithful mentors for our children, saints fit the need. November is a great month to explore the lives of saints each family member is named after, or saints who your children might be curious about, perhaps names of other relatives. Talk about how saints' lives were not always easy, but they did good and difficult things because they trusted and loved God. Our children grow and learn by the examples of others they see and hear about. Who better to imitate than the saints in heaven! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE** - The Gospel speaks of watchfulness, a quality essential in discernment. When discerning our vocation, we need to be attentive to God's signs in our lives - through prayer, the words of others, or a growing sense of inner peace. Just as we must watch for Christ's return, we must be vigilant in discerning God's call. Are you keeping watch in your heart for what God wants to reveal about your vocation?  
Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.,  
[resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com).

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