

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

November 24, 2024
Christ the King

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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 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. ✠

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25TH

Tuesday, November 26, 7:05 pm +Norbert Downey; Agnes Downey & Barry Norris <i>Whatever you do, think not of yourself, but of God. – St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Wednesday, November 27, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>A humble person can do great things with an uncommon perfection because they are no longer concerned about incidentals, like their own interests and their own reputation, and therefore they no longer need to waste their efforts in defending them. – Thomas Merton</i>
Thursday November 28, 12:05 pm +Joanne Moser; Jim & Marilyn Moser & Family <i>Whoever lives in the strong faith that nothing happens without the knowledge and will of God is not easily disconcerted by astonishing occurrences or upset by the hardest of blows. – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>
Friday, November 29, 9:00 am - Maryhill <i>We shall never learn to know ourselves except by endeavouring to know God; for, beholding his greatness, we realize our own littleness; his purity shows us our foulness; and by meditating upon his humility we find how very far we are from being humble. – St. Teresa of Avila</i>
Saturday, November 30, 5:00 pm +Anne Gadzella; Connie Voll +Millie Schlupp; Vera & Joe Csizmar +Csizmar Family; Vera & Joe Csizmar
Sunday, December 1, First Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community Following 9 am Mass Christmas Pageant Practice 11:00 am Maryhill

Lector	5pm Judy Furlong 9am Will Jakeman	Commentator Marianne Kieswetter John Bruder
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Altar Servers
9am Divine, Hannah, Libby

Children's Liturgy
Dec 1 Linda Bruder, Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry
Nov 26 John Bruder

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

Next week begins the Church's Advent Season. Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes hope and is known as the "Prophecy Candle". The theme of hope is central to Advent and prepares people to believe that Jesus is coming and that light will overcome darkness.

Let us welcome Seminarian Brandon J. Rego.
Father Peter

READINGS FOR November 30/December 1

First Reading: Jer 33:14-16
 Second Reading: 1 Thes 3:12-4:2
 Gospel Reading: Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Nov 25	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Tues., Nov 26	Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel
Wed., Nov 27	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ (p.j.c.)
Thurs., Nov 28	Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.
Fri., Nov 29	Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C.
Sat., Nov 30	Very Rev. David Walter

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	6:15 p.m. First Reconciliation Preparation – Hall
THU	3:15 p.m. Altar Server Training – Church
SUN	After 9 am Mass Christmas Pageant Practice 7:00 p.m. Community Choirs and Carols – Church

MINISTRIES for November 30/December 1

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Kathy Ziegler, Tim Baillargeon
9am	Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

5pm	Geoff Kelly, Marilyn Hurlburt
9am	Pat & Linus Ditner, Adrian Miltenburg

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Ava Lynn Rabley**, daughter of Luke and Amanda. *We pray that God will help this child to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

The C.W.L. **THANKS EVERYONE** who came out to the Saturday Soups On' last weekend! It was wonderful to share a simple meal with everyone and to support outreach to the homeless through Tiny Home Takeout at St. Mary's, Kitchener. Thank you to those who supplied the rolls, cookies and butter, and the Knights for setting up the tables and chairs! The freewill donations totalled \$830.00! If you missed this one, mark your calendars for the next Soups On Supper on Saturday, January 25, 2025 following Mass. Donations will go to Marillac Place. Thanks to all. Fr. Peter

We extend our **heartfelt thanks** for your participation in the 2024 Diocesan Mission Co-operative Program. Your remittance of \$3,210.77 on behalf of the mission group from the **MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL (NIGERIA)** is gratefully acknowledged.

Frank Cappelli

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

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

There will be 3 training sessions for **NEW ALTAR SERVERS** on **November 28th, December 5th and 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.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help at the **Christmas Dinner**. Please see the sign up sheets in the narthex.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – Children of all ages are welcome to participate! Practices are from 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. in the church on **Sundays, December 1st, 8th, and 15th**.

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

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.

You are invited to the **ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHOIRS AND CAROLS event**, an evening of Advent and Christmas Music presented by Elmira area churches on **Sunday, December 1st** 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 Counselling Centre. Following the concert you are invited to the church hall for a reception. Everyone welcome!

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.**

November is **FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH**. Is your relationship healthy? Do arguments ever result in you feeling put down or bad about yourself? Do you feel like no matter how hard you try, it's not good enough? Do you ever feel frightened by what your partner says or does? Would you like someone to talk to someone? For

more information call Virginia or Lauren at 519-669-5139 or 1-800-667-7918 at the Family Violence Prevention Program at Woolwich Community Services. This is free and confidential.

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – COPING WITH CHRISTMAS – Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones, who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment trusting that there will be bright days ahead. Join us on **Wednesday, December 4th, 2024** from 7 – 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at St. Michael Parish Centre in the basement, 80 University Avenue W., Waterloo. For information and to register, phone or email 519-884-9311 / parish @stmichaelw.ca.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – There is much written these days about the positive effects on people, emotionally, mentally and physically, when they learn to develop an attitude of gratitude. This is true for marriage as well. When we learn to see our spouses as those we have a high regard for, we look at our spouse with a different set of eyes. We place great value in their attributes, those things they bring to the family and to us, and we learn to find moments every day of thankfulness for their gifts and presence in our lives. Life is about choices, choose gratitude for your spouse (on purpose) and life will be so much happier for both of you. From Teresa Harnett, Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – The word "vocation" comes from the Latin root word "vocare", which means "to call". It's from where we get the English word "voice" from. If you want to know your vocation, you have to be open to hearing the voice of Jesus – which He tells us in today's Gospel, is what we hear whenever we hear the truth. If we can humbly listen to the truth about ourselves, we will recognize the voice of Jesus and what He is calling us to, which will be our vocation.
Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – Today we hail Christ as our King. He is the Victor over the power of death Who loves us and freed us from our sins by His own blood, and Who by Baptism has made us a royal nation of priests in the service of His Father and our God. He Who is King continues to choose men and women to serve as priests, sisters, brothers or deacons, so that the faithful may know Him, love Him and serve Him as well. If you feel God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

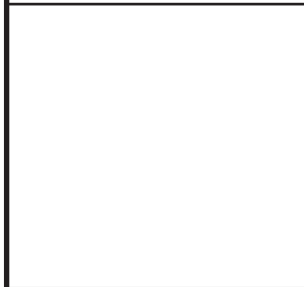
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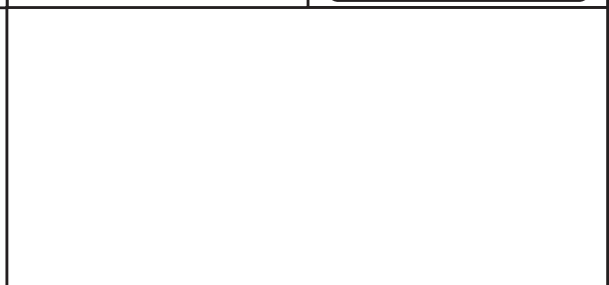
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