

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 19 2021

Fourth Sunday of
Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:30am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,
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

Annamae Elliott
Deana Pfanner Groves
Debbie Yutzi
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

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

Barb Vodicka

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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

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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 13TH

<p>Tuesday, December 21, 9:00 am +Joanne Dillon; Mary Jane & Robert Yaeger 7:30 pm Advent Reconciliation Service <i>God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. – St. Ambrose</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, December 22, 9:00 am +Frank Walter; Estate <i>Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. – St. Ambrose</i></p>
<p>Thursday, December 23, 12:05 pm +Clare Downey; Jeannette, Kimberly, Edward, Jeffrey, Carolyn & Families <i>Rejoice and be glad that so great and good a Lord, on coming into the Virgin's womb willed to appear despised, needy, and poor in this world, so that all who were in dire poverty and suffering great need of heavenly food might be made rich in him. – St. Clare of Assisi</i></p>
<p>Friday, December 24, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 4:00 pm Our Parish Community 6:00 pm Our Parish Community 8:00 pm Our Parish Community</p>
<p>Saturday, December 25, 9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community</p>
<p>Sunday, December 26, Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 9:30 am Our Parish Community</p>

READINGS FOR December 26

First Reading: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
 Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
 Gospel Reading: Lk 2:41-52

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 7:00 pm **9:30 am** **Choir Practice** – Church

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

CATECHISTS - Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 20	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Tues., December 21	Rev. Ronald Voisin
Wed., December 22	Voluntas Dei Institute (i.v.Dei.)
Thurs., December 23	Rev. Miskel Abib Aibu, O.F.M.
Fri., December 24	Rev. Miro Grubisic, O.F.M.
Sat., December 25	Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit, Canned Ham
 and Canned Vegetables (kernel corn preferred)

MINISTRIES for December 26

Eucharistic Ministers

9:30am Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

9:30am Ray Denomme, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector

9:30am Wally Malcolm

Commentator

Liinda Bruder

Sign Ministry

Dec 20 Linda Bruder

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

“O sweet Child of Bethlehem, grant that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas. Put into the hearts of men and women this peace for which they sometimes seek so desperately and which you alone can give to them. Help them to know one another better, and to live as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father. Reveal to them also your beauty, holiness and purity. Awaken in their hearts love and gratitude for your infinite goodness. Join them all together in your love. And give us your Heavenly peace. Amen.

Pope John XXIII



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COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:
 Tues., December 21st, 7:30 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira

My Dear Parishioners,

During this Advent and Christmas Season you are in my special prayers. From Iris, Donna, Theresa, Deacon Basil and me we hope for God's blessings for all of you during this season. In these colder days we ask our Lord and Saviour to continue to guide and care for us. May the Lord Jesus who we celebrate as a baby at the Christmas Season and who came to us as a vulnerable child continue to watch over us. Be assured that your concerns and intentions will be offered to God during my Christmas Masses.

The Christmas Mass at St. Teresa's will be uploaded to YouTube on Christmas Day.

The phone will be checked during the holidays.

*In Jesus' Love,
Fr. Peter*

ST. JOSEPH: During this Octave of Christmas we can reflect on Joseph's role in God's plan of our salvation. At the annunciation the angel told Joseph not to be afraid because Mary will give birth to a son conceived by the Holy Spirit. You will name him Jesus because he will save his people from their sins. Joseph is now the guardian of our Redeemer.

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Council 8192 here in Elmira, we would like to wish everyone in the parish a **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**. Please Remember to stay safe and healthy during these trying times.

Grand Knight Frank McGuire

CATHOLIC MISSIONS IN CANADA RELIGIOUS CALENDARS are available for purchase. Cost is \$10 each. There are a limited amount available. They are in the library.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER!

Donate to our parish simply by buying and using gift cards for purchases you would be making every day! Gift cards make great Christmas gifts, buy them from us. Simply email your order to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com and e-transfer funds to the same email address. For those wanting to pay by cheque please make the cheque out to Barb Vodicka. Gift cards will be mailed directly to your home. Please see the Fundraisers page on our website for the long and

short order forms and all the details or contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162.

C.W.L. LADIES, IT IS TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

This is an invitation for all women of our parish ages 16 and up to join St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League of Canada (C.W.L.)! **Our yearly dues remain at \$25** and can be dropped off in the collection, mailed to the church or paid by e-transfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com. More information can be found on the parish website under the C.W.L. page. Any questions please contact Barb Vodicka 519-497-3162. This is an election year! If anyone is interested in being nominated for an Executive position, please contact Barb.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Intentional divorce and conscience uncoupling are two terms becoming popular in North American vernacular, but what we should be promoting is intentional marriage and conscience coupling. The research is clear that couples can take steps to remain and even deepen their love. Consciously making the decision to spend time together, to share our deepest feelings (good and bad), to use touch throughout the day, to make date-night (however that looks) a priority will build your couple relationship. Looking for moments of gratitude and thanking your spouse will increase the loving bond between you. This Christmas make conscience coupling your gift to each other; it may be the best gift you will ever receive!

THE 2021–2023 SYNOD OF BISHOPS brings an invitation from Pope Francis to embark on a journey together. How can you get involved? Offer your thoughts on how we can deepen our communion in the Lord and how all members of the Church can participate more fully in its mission. More will be done in the parish in the new year. Visit <https://hamiltondiocese.com/synod/#about>.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for December 11/12:	\$3,587.25
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$70,671.51

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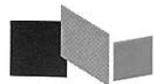
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