

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of
Advent

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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 (4th 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
Frank McGuire
Fr. David Lewis
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Leona Weishar
Lisa Denomme

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Adrian Miltenburg

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
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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. ✠

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 3RD

<p>Tuesday, December 4, 7:05 p.m. +Pam Wiebe; Maurice Downey <i>Accustom yourself continually to make many acts of love, for they enkindle and melt the soul. – St. Teresa of Avila</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, December 5, 10:30 a.m. – Heritage House +Kazimiera Poczatek; Estate <i>In the liturgy of Advent, the present and the future of Christian salvation are mysteriously interwoven. The incarnation of the Word of God took place in the past and still continues in the present. – Karl Rahner</i></p>
<p>Thursday, December 6, 12:05 p.m. +Norm Jones; Danielle Pilon <i>It is the role of the Church to gather into itself all that is human in the people's cause and struggle, above all in the cause of the poor. – St. Oscar Romero</i></p>
<p>Friday, December 7, 9:00 a.m. +Joanne Bowman; Louise Roe & Family 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adoration <i>Let go of your plans. The first hour of your morning belongs to God. Tackle the day's work that he charges you with, and he will give you the power to accomplish it. – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)</i></p>
<p>Saturday, December 8, 5:00 p.m. +Philip Downey; Linda & Murray Buchan +Karen Downey; The Family +Rose Downey; The Family</p>
<p>Sunday, December 9, Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community</p>

READINGS FOR December 8/9

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9
 Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
 Gospel Reading: Lk 3:1-6

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED	3:15pm	Children's Choir Practice - Church
	7:00pm	5:00 p.m. Choir Practice – Church
	7:00pm	9:30 a.m. Choir Practice – Seminar
THU	10:45am	Scripture Study – Rectory
	7:00pm	Christmas Dinner Set-up - Hall
FRI	6:00pm	Christmas Dinner – Hall

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Dec 3	Rev. Octavio Cidado
Tues., Dec 4	Rev. Jose Edson Moreira
Wed., Dec 5	Discalced Carmelite Sisters, O.C.D.
Thurs., Dec 6	Rev. Peter Raymond
Fri, Dec 7	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Sat., Dec 8	Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.

MINISTRIES for December 8/9

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Peggy Kelly, Phil Milan, Erl Andersen
 9:30am Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg, Matthew Griffin

Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Jodi Sereres, Greg & Brent Goetz
 9:30am Paul & Diane Shuttsa, Rick & Leona Weishar

Altar Servers

5pm Patsy Pond
 9:30am Katelyn Grosz, Evan Grosz, Ailah Kauk, Lana Lauk

Lectors

5pm Armand Bertin
 9:30am Morgan Glofcheskie
 Barry Glofcheskie

Commentator

Colleen Weber
 Larry Glofcheskie

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 9 Stewart Logan

Sign Ministry

Dec 3 Pat Ditner

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 5 Marianne Kieswetter

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Shampoo, Deodorants (men and women), Kleenex

BAPTISMS – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Avery Grace Hubbard**, daughter of Andrew and Erica and **Caleb Christopher Hubbard**, son of Andrew and Erica. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS – If you know of someone who **needs a warm winter coat** who is in Grades 1 – 8, girl or boy, please contact either Donna at the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or Adrian Miltenburg at 519-669-1414.

The **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS DINNER** is on **Friday, December 7th** at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. The turkey dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased through the Parish Office, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or by calling 519-669-3387. Ticket prices are: Adults \$20.00; Children 6-12 years \$10.00 and Children 5 & under are free. Those who have purchased take-out tickets can pick their meals up at 5:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on a 50/50 draw and gift baskets! Last chance to purchase tickets is Monday, December 3rd. Funds raised from this event will go towards the Building Maintenance Project.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED at St. Teresa's Christmas Dinner taking place on **Friday, December 7th**. Please check out the **sign-up sheets in the Narthex**.

The **NEW MISSALS** are ready for purchase at **\$5 each** and are 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.

The Knights of Columbus **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE** has begun. Please return a new, unwrapped gift with tag by December 9, 2018.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:

Tues., December 11th, 7 p.m., St. Agatha, St. Agatha
Thurs., December 13th, 7 p.m., St. Clements, St. Clements
Tues., December 18th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira

We need your **HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Sunday, December 23rd** at 11:15 a.m. There will be Coffee Sunday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass where we can have Christmas goodies. The decorating will begin after the Coffee Sunday as there is a Baptism after Mass. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th – 5:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

December 31st – 5:00 p.m.
January 1st – 10:00 a.m.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS: The C.W.L. is bringing back the Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets! These magnets can be used on your car, fridge, mailbox, front door or any metal surface. They will be available after Masses (or in the library any time) for a cost of only \$5.

Have you noticed the big thermometer on the wall in the Narthex? Its tracking our progress for the Building Maintenance Project! Have you noticed the stars right beside it? **You can BE OUR STAR!!** There is a coloured star for each donation that qualifies in each of the levels!

Star Levels:

Platinum \$2000 +
Gold \$1000 - \$1999
Silver \$ 500 - \$ 999
Bronze \$ 100 - \$ 499

However what is unique about this opportunity is that YOU CAN make a difference for as little as \$20. Tax receipts will be provided for the full donation regardless of the amount. Envelopes are in the pews on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Watch the thermometer rise as donations are received and watch the numbers change on the stars. Every little bit makes a big difference! Thank you for your generosity.

C.W.L WARMTH & COMFORT PROJECT (homeless theme) – Directive for this new campaign is for C.W.L. councils to collect socks – for men, women and children and collect jars of peanut butter and boxes of crackers to donate to homeless shelters and needy in our own community. The project runs from October 1st – December 31st, 2018. The goal is to collect from all C.W.L. councils in Ontario 2,019 socks for 2019! We need your help! Donations can be put in the homeless boxes that are in the coatroom. Thank you for your support!

Join us at the **COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE** on **Sunday, December 2nd** at 7 p.m. at Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur Street North, Elmira. The service is for those grieving any kind of loss (loss of a loved one, loss of a job, of health...) and anyone who simply needs an oasis of peace and quiet reflection.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, December 6, 2018** from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in front of 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 kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com.

ADORATION FOR LIFE on **Thursday, December 6th** from 11 a.m. – 12 noon at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows, 56 Duke Street, Kitchener with Mass at 12:10 p.m., **Thursday, December 6th** at 6 p.m. followed by Mass at 7 p.m. at St. Agnes R.C. Church, 75 Bluevale Street North, Waterloo, or **Friday, December 7th** from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. at St. Teresa's Church Adoration Chapel, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener with Mass following. Call K-W Right to Life for information at 519-746-5433.

The 40TH ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA - AN INVITATION TO PREPARE WELL FOR CHRISTMAS:

Nine daily Masses at 6:30 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo, **Friday, December 7th to Saturday, December 15th**. There will be breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on Saturday, December 15th. A free will offering will be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Note exception: Sunday, December 9th you are welcome to attend your own church on this day or St. Agnes at 9 or 11 a.m. Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years. Bring along a friend! Everyone is welcome! Plenty of time to get to work afterwards! Coffee and fellowship following each Mass celebration.

You are invited to the **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORAL CELEBRATION** featuring Elmira area church choirs on **Sunday, December 9, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. This year Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Road, Floradale is hosting this evening of Christmas songs. Free will offering in support of Woolwich Counselling Centre.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."

Offertory collection for November 17/18:	\$2,681.60
Average per envelope:	\$25.54
Offertory collection for November 24/25:	\$2,043.45
Average per envelope:	\$21.61
Electronic funds for the week:	\$1,151.25
(based on 4 Sundays per month)	
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:	\$44,990.00
Thank you!	

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