

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 1, 2019

First Sunday
of Advent

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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
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Leona Weishar
Lisa Denomme

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
Jason Adams Kris Kauk
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar
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Catholic Women's League

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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. ✠

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 2ND

Tuesday, December 3, 7:05 pm +Leona Ellig; Mrs. Dianne Zettler <i>Speak to them of the great mercy of God. Sometimes people are helped by your telling of your own lamentable past. – St. Francis Xavier</i>
Wednesday, December 4, No Mass <i>The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God. – St. John of Damascus</i>
Thursday, December 5, 12:05 am +Laura Logel; Pat Garton 7:00 pm First Reconciliation <i>To be a servant of Christ is to be truly free. – St. Agatha</i>
Friday, December 6, 9:00 am 9:00 am +Darlene Birmingham; Maurice Downey 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Adoration <i>In Advent we rediscover the beauty of all being on a journey...across the paths of time. – Pope Francis</i>
Saturday, December 7, 5:00 pm +Philip Downey; The Family +Rose Downey; The Family +Karen Downey; The Family
Sunday, December 8, Second Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 7/8

First Reading: Is 11:1-10
 Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9
 Gospel Reading: Mt 3:1-12

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	7:35pm	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg - Library
WED	7:00pm	9:30 a.m. Choir Practice – Church
THU	10:30am	Small Group Gathering – Library
	7:00pm	First Reconciliation – Church
	7:00pm	Set-up for Christmas Dinner - Hall
FRI	6:00 pm	Christmas Turkey Dinner - Hall

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 2	Rev. Michael Vanderbeek, L.C.
Tues., December 3	Rev. Todd Arsenault, L.C.
Wed., December 4	Diocesan Priests
Thurs., December 5	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Fri., December 6	Rev. Thomas Flynn, L.C.
Sat., December 7	Very Rev. John Van Hees

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Juice and Canned Fruit (not pineapple)

MINISTRIES for December 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Stewart Logan, Kieran Kelly, Kathy Ziegler
 9:30am Sharon Both, Isabella Maher, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Jane Goll, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss
 9:30am Ray Denomme, Paul & Diane Shuttsa, John Bruder

Altar Servers

5pm Patsy Pond
 9:30am Heike Elliott, Amber Elliott, Caleb Antonello

Lectors

5pm Peggy Kelly
 9:30am Dianne McGuire
 James Ready

Commentator

Phil Milan
 Wally Malcolm

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 8 Debbie Yutzi

Sign Ministry

Dec 2 Sandi Hutchinson

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 4 Tom O'Marra

SINCERE THANKS TO YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY for welcoming the mission group from Fervent Daughters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Your remittance of \$1,025.00 genuinely affirms your generosity and interest in the mission work of the Church.

Frank Cappelli

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – FALL ACTION

CAMPAIGN: Today in the bulletin, please take home **YOUR COPY OF THE FALL ACTION SHEET** entitled: **“For our common home”** and a copy of the **solidarity letter**. Next Sunday we will be signing that solidarity letter to the peoples featured in the action sheet. These defenders of the Amazon are extremely vulnerable to intimidation, persecution, criminalization and violence. The situation is particularly alarming in Brazil, where a new government is derecognizing indigenous rights and deregulating resource exploitation. Check out the parish website announcement as well.

There will be a **CELEBRATING THE WORD SMALL**

GROUP GATHERING each Thursday to enhance preparation for the Masses during Advent. The next gathering is **Thursday, December 5th** from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All welcome!

C.W.L. POT LUCK SUPPER – Tuesday, December 10th

after the 6:00 p.m. Mass - don't forget your secret sister! ALSO please remember to bring your own plate, cutlery & mug. We are in need of a few volunteers to help set up the hall. Anyone who is available, please meet in the hall on December 10th at 4:00 p.m.

The **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS DINNER** is on **Friday, December 6th** at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. Cash Bar will be available. A limited number of 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 \$21.00; Children 6-12 years \$10.00 and

Children 5 & under are free. Last chance to purchase tickets is Monday, December 2nd. We will be having our Gift Basket Raffle and our popular 50/50 draw as well. Our very own local band - No Request - will be providing musical entertainment during and after the Christmas Dinner. Please plan to stay and even sneak in a dance or 2! 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 6th**. Please check out the **sign-up sheets in the Narthex**. Set up, servers, dishwashers, bartenders and clean up help all needed! Contact Barb Vodicka for more information 519-497-3162.

The Knights of Columbus **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE** is now set up. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the Narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with tag by December 8, 2019.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:
Wed., December 18th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira**

Your **HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Sunday, December 22nd**. 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. 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. & 8:00 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.

There is a **COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE** on **Sunday, December 1st** at 7:00 p.m. at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira. It is a peaceful worship with an opportunity to remember loved ones and friends who have recently passed away.

ADORATION FOR LIFE – Join us on **Thursday, December 5th** from 11 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows R.C. Church, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener with Mass at 12 Noon, **Thursday, December 5th** at 6 p.m. followed by the 7 p.m. Mass at St. Agnes R.C. Church, 75 Bluevale Street North, Waterloo or **Friday, December 6th** from 6 to 7 p.m. at St. Teresa R.C. Church Adoration Chapel, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener. Mass is at 7 p.m. Call K-W Right to Life for more information at 519-746-5433.

There is an **OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** on **Saturday, December 7th** and **Sunday, December 8th** at

Elmira Pentecostal Assembly, 290 Arthur St. S., Elmira. There are three shows each day; 6:00, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

You are invited to the **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORAL CELEBRATION** featuring Elmira area church choirs on **Sunday, December 8, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. Woodside Bible Fellowship, 200 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira will be hosting this evening of Christmas songs. Free will offering in support of Woolwich Counselling Centre.

“SING NOEL” A CHRISTMAS CANTATA on **December 8th & 9th** at 7:30 p.m. at the Centre in the Square, 101 Queen St. N., Kitchener. This event showcases the 125 voice Festival Choir, Children's chorus, soloists and the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra. It features Jacob Moon, guitarist, singer/songwriter and Brandon Leis, tenor and Marion Samuel-Stevens, soprano. This is a benefit concert for Trinity Community Table and Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard. Tickets available through the box office/online, www.centreinthesquare.com or 519-578-1570.

On **Saturday, December 21st** at 2:30 p.m. and **Sunday, December 22nd** at 2:30 p.m. the St. Jacobs Mennonite Church presents, **“THE WORST BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER”**. A hilarious one-hour Christmas comedy for the whole family, including grandparents! Free refreshments follow. Tickets are on sale SJMC Office by calling 519-664-2268 or by email at administrator@sjmc.on.ca. Cost is Child/Youth \$5.00 and Adult \$10.00. General Admission Seating. The website is www.sjmc.on.ca for more information. Proceeds go to Woolwich Community Services.

PARENTING TIP - Helping our children to become less focused on themselves and more interested in their neighbour is an essential role of every parent and caregiver. Children do not often think of others before themselves in the early years of their lives, so from a young age be sure to set clear limits on their behaviour and the “things” they get, so they don't become entitled; praise them whenever you witness an unselfish act, no matter how small; model unselfish behaviour both within and outside the home by sharing time, goods and talents. Children thrive in relationships, show less anger and aggression and feel good about themselves when they look outward, not inward. Jesus himself taught that next to loving God, loving neighbour is our most important role in this world.

MARRIAGE TIP – It is important every now and then that spouses deliberately consider the needs and/or desires of their partner over their own, even if it may not be their first choice of action. Acknowledging a spouse in this manner, in a variety of different circumstances, tells them that you are listening when they express their feelings/desires, puts their needs above your own and makes them feel both cared for and listened to by the one they love. When both remember to act in this manner, couples feel closer, see less anger in their relationship and experience the satisfying feelings of being cared for.

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