

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday
of Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,
1851.

Pastor: Rev. David Lewis
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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
any 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

Andrea Visneskie
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Fr. David Lewis
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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
registration package in the church foyer.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

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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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 12TH

Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 pm +Debbie Powell; St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L.
Wednesday, December 14, No Mass
Thursday, December 15, 12:05 pm +Donald Downey; Maurice Downey
Friday, December 16, School Mass 10:00 am +John Schill; Louise Roe & Family 6 – 9 pm Adoration
Saturday, December 17, 5 pm +Members of the Morrissey & Basler Families; The Morrissey/Basler Family Intentions of Theresa Cassel; The Family
Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:30 am Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 17/18

First Reading: Is 7:10-14
Second Reading: Rom 1:1-7
Gospel Reading: Mt 1:18-24

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	6:00 pm	C.W.L. Mass & Potluck
WED	10:00 am	School Penance - Church
	7:00 pm	5 p.m. Choir Practice – Church
	7:00 pm	9:30 a.m. Choir Practice – Seminar
THU	10:45 am	Quest Scripture Study – Library
	6:45 pm	K of C Executive Meeting – Library
	7:30 pm	K of C General Meeting - Library

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., December 12	Rev. Mariusz Durbajlo
Tues., December 13	Rev. Michael Downey
Wed., December 14	Benedictines
Thurs., December 15	Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.
Fri., December 16	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Sat., December 17	Rev. Peter Ciallella, c.s.

MINISTRIES for December 17/18

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Stewart Logan, Tim Baillargeon, Judy Furlong
9:30am Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme, Sharon Both

Hospitality

5pm Jane Goll, Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss
9:30am Diane & Paul Shutts, Anne & Bill Hanley

Altar Servers

5pm Joseph Ditner, Felicia Groechel
9:30am Felicia Groechel, Ellen Siebel-Achenbach, Michèle
Siebel-Achenbach

Lectors

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

Commentator

Patsy Pond
Joan Couto

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 18 Mary Mercey

Sign Ministry

Dec 12 Pat Ditner

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 21 Tom O'Marra

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit and Canned Meats

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over and that the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness, and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

THANK YOU for supporting the Christmas Fundraising Dinner last weekend. **THANK YOU** to Pat Ditner for overseeing the delicious meal and for all those who donated items for the gift baskets and their time. It would not be such a successful event without the generous time given by all of the volunteers. The camaraderie was enjoyed by all.

ADORATION will be on **Friday, December 16th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.** There is a sign-up sheet. Plan to set aside some time in adoration.

We need your **HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Wednesday, December 21st** from 9 a.m. to Noon. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:

Wed., December 14th, 7 p.m., St. Agatha, St. Agatha
Thurs., December 15th, 7 p.m., St. Clements, St. Clements
Tues, December 20th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira

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.

All women of the parish are invited to the **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, December 13th** for fun, fellowship, prizes and food. We begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. and potluck to follow. This year we will have Anne Jamieson from the Diocese as a speaker, and her topic will be "What Can Be Brought to Life in You". Please bring your favourite dish, your plate, cup and cutlery. If you wish, you can also bring a gift for Woolwich Community Services. Don't forget your Secret Sister.. There will NO meeting in January, but we will see you on Tuesday, February 14th.

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 25TH ANNIVERSARY in our present location we have calendars for sale. They are \$10 each. They can be purchased after Masses or during Parish Office hours.

We are having a **RHEO THOMPSON MINT SMOOTHIE FUNDRAISER** to help offset the cost of the new roof. Mint smoothies are available for purchase after Mass and during office hours. Each mint smoothie is \$2.00. No advance orders are needed as the mint smoothies are available for purchase.

LIONA BOYD, A WINTER FANTASY, IN CONCERT on **Sunday, December 11, 2016** at 2:30 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, Arthur & Wyatt Streets, Elmira. Tickets are \$35 per adult, \$30 per senior and \$25 per child or student. You can obtain tickets from eventbrite.ca, The Window Box at 8 Arthur St. South and at St. James Church Office in the mornings. Proceeds to support St. James' building restoration work. Refreshments and Christmas Bake Sale hosted by St. James Youth.

Come and see a **SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY FILM 'OVER 18'** on **Sunday, December 11th** at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the screening starts at 7:00 p.m. This film highlights the issue of internet pornography, its prevalence in our society and its health effects, specifically on children and teenagers. It is produced by Canadian charity Hope for the Sold. Director Jay Brock will be present to give a short presentation and host a Q&A session. Cost is by donation. For more information visit www.over18doc.com.

Join us for a **MEXICAN ADVENT CELEBRATION** at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Linwood on **Sunday, December 18th** for La Posada, as we celebrate the arrival of St. Mary and St. Joseph in Bethlehem with songs, a Mexican dinner and piñatas. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Scotiabank, Linwood and arrival at St. Mary's Church will be by 5:30 p.m. For more information contact by email jacob_wall@angels-and-saints.org or by telephone 519-698-0523.

Mags, a 3 time Canadian Gospel Music Association nominee, invites you to join her for an **EVENING OF CHRISTMAS JOY**. The concert is on **Tuesday, December 20th** at 7 p.m. at Hope Fellowship, 25 Benjamin Rd, Waterloo (2nd floor of the outlet mall). Admission is \$10.

LONGEST NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE – If Christmas is a sad time for you because of your loss of a loved one, please consider attending this ecumenical service on **Wednesday, December 21st** at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave., Kitchener. This will be an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with all who have gone home to Jesus and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. If you have any questions please call 519-745-7301.

EUTHANASIA/ASSISTED SUICIDE – DID YOU KNOW? The Government of Canada passed legislation in June 2016, legalizing euthanasia/assisted suicide. Despite wording intended to protect doctors and facilities, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario is forcing

health care workers to arrange for the killing of their patients. No other country does this. Provinces across Canada do not do this. Yet, Ontario refuses to protect doctors who object to ending the life of their patients. Please visit www.CanadiansforConscience.ca to learn more and write directly to your elected Member of Provincial Parliament.

See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” **ARE YOU ONE TO BE SENT?** If God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton by telephone at 905-528-7988 or by email at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or check out www.hamiltonvocations.com.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Most parents want their children to be happy and spend a great deal of their energies trying to ensure this is the case for their children. A new study released by the World Leisure Journal suggests that it may be much simpler than we believe. A variety of leisure activities, including hiking, board games and visiting local tourist attractions, can be combined with time spent at home undertaking activities as a family. Being together produces feelings of satisfaction and happiness. Simple undertakings can be the best way to bond as a family and feel connected with each other. Combine activity with attending weekly Mass and praying together each day and your children will benefit in numerous ways! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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HEALING AFTER AN ABORTION: IT IS POSSIBLE Caring hearts are available to help you deal with the difficult feelings that often come after an abortion. At Project Rachel we offer a confidential service allowing people to work through their feelings and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

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 December 3/4:	\$2,494.25
Average per envelope:	\$23.67
Electronic funds for the week: (based on 4 Sundays per month)	\$1,028.75
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00

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