

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 13, 2015
Third Sunday of Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,
1851.

Pastor: Fr. David Lewis
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Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

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 required.

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.

Parish Contacts Parish Pastoral Council

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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.

St. Teresa of Avila 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. ✠

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 14TH

Tuesday, December 15, 12:05 pm Intentions of Armand & Lucy Bertin; Kay Bouzane 7:00 pm St. Teresa's Advent Penitential Service
Wed., December 16, 10:30 am – Chartwell Intentions of Edna Zinger; Ursula Hahn
Thurs., December 17, 12:05 am +Jeffrey Cassell; Mildred Bauman
Friday, December 18, 8:30 am Intentions of Marion O'Grady; Annie Donkers 9 am – 1 pm Adoration
Saturday, December 19, 5:00 pm +Deceased Members of the Ruth & Basler Families; John & Alice Basler +George Pfanner; Dan & Gerelda Hirschberger
Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Our Parish Community 12:15 pm Baptisms

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)
Dec 20 Stewart Logan

Sign Ministry
Dec 14 Pat Ditner

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister
Dec 16 Tom O'Marra

FOODBANK NEEDS
Cookies & Crackers

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving and that families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus, a sign of certain hope.

The World Youth Day Pilgrims **THANK YOU** for supporting the Christmas Dinner & Concert last weekend with your presence. **THANK YOU** to Mags for sharing her gift of music. The opportunity for fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

READINGS FOR December 19/20

First Reading: Mt 5:1-4a
Second Reading: Heb 10:5-10
Gospel Reading: Lk 1:39-45

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON 7:00pm **9 a.m. Choir Practice** – Church
TUE 1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting** - Library
WED 9:30am **Pre-School Wednesday** – Seminar
7:30pm **11 a.m. Choir Practice** – Church
THU 7:00pm **K. of C. Christmas Dinner** - Legion

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., December 14 Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Tues., December 15 Rev. Laszlo Amaszka, O.F.M. Conv.
Wed., December 16 Benedictines
Thurs., December 17 Rev. Niaz Toma
Fri., December 18 Rev. Gary Schlack
Sat., December 19 Rev. Piotr Jurzyk

MINISTRIES for December 19/20

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond, Tim Baillargeon
9am Janet & Guy Wakutz, Sandi Hutchinson
11am Sharon Both, Ray Denomme

Hospitality

5pm Barb Grosz, Moira Foerster, Jane Goll, Debbie Yutzi
9am Mary Jane & Robert Yaeger, Ron & Joyce Stemmler
11am Peter Antonello, Jodi Sereres, Danielle Pilon, Frank McGuire

Altar Servers

5pm Natalie Pfanner Groves, Joseph Ditner
9am Owen Lucier, Sarah Lucier, Evan Lucier
11am Ailah Kau, Lana Kau, Thomas Kraemer

	Lectors	Commentator
5pm	Kevin Dupuis	Jim Goll
9am	Leona Weishar Jack Soeder	Barry Glofcheskie
11am	Dianne McGuire	Marianne Kieswetter

We would like to take a minute to say **THANK YOU** for your participation in this year's **40 Days for Life Campaign**. Your efforts have helped to spare the lives of 552 babies all around the world (especially in North America) bringing the total number of children spared the fate of death to 10,883 since 2007!! Also, 121 abortion workers have quit because of your peaceful presence and 64 abortion centres have closed their doors!

This campaign would not have been as successful as it has been without your help and dedication! Whether rain or shine YOU were there praying and witnessing to the atrocity of abortion and lack of a law protecting the unborn.

We hope to see you next year!

~40 Days for Life KW Organizing Committee~

SYRIAN REFUGEE - Our parish is committed to bringing in a Syrian family in 2016. Please consider picking up a pledge / committee form and helping us. Forms can be picked up in the Narthex and returned on the collection plate or to the office until December 31, 2015.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2016, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING – We will meet on **Tuesday, December 15th** at 1:00 p.m. in the library. Any new knitters or crocheters are welcome. If you need a ride please contact Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606. If you are in the process of making a shawl, bring it along. We can talk and work at the same time!

PRAYER SHAWLS – If you or anyone close to you is seriously ill or experiencing difficult times, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls and blankets which have been blessed and could provide comfort to any who could use supportive prayer. If you wish to have a shawl for this reason, please

call Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606 or the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

We need your **HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Wednesday, December 23rd** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE FOR ADVENT:
Tues, December 15th, 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 – 7:00 p.m.
December 24th - 9:00 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.

ONGOING WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Pick up your **RHEO THOMPSON MINT SMOOTHIE** after Masses or during office hours. Each mint smoothie is \$2.00. No advance orders are needed as the mint smoothies are available for purchase.

ANNUAL CARMELITE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at the Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Rd, St. Agatha beginning **First Sunday of Advent to December 23rd** from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Come and see the Homemade Jams, Jellies, Honey, Homemade Loaves, Honey, Christmas cards, articles and crafts. All are welcome to come and visit our Chapel.

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY – As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 13, 2015** at 7 p.m. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

Christmas is a wonderful season of the year. Family and friends gather, homes are decorated with lights and trees, gifts, cards, and greetings are exchanged. The song "I'll Be Home for Christmas" is in the air. But you realize that someone will not 'be home for Christmas' this year. This will be a very different Christmas for you – "**A NOT SO JOLLY CHRISTMAS.**" Join us on **Monday, December 14th** from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at St. Francis Church, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener, where we will come together to find ways to survive the season. Dr. Bill Webster's video will be

used along with other materials from our Bereavement Support Program. For more information please call Barbara Diemert at 519-744-8955 or email bdiemert@rogers.com.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION - It is with great joy that we announce that **Deacon Scott Whitfield will be ordained a priest** by Bishop Douglas Crosby on **December 19, 2015**, at 10 a.m. The Ordination Mass will be celebrated at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Waterdown, where Deacon Whitfield has been ministering for the last six months. All are invited to join us for this joyful occasion as we welcome our newest Diocesan priest.

Join us for a **MEXICAN ADVENT CELEBRATION** at St. Mary's R.C. Church, Linwood on **Sunday, December 20th** 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.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE - At this time of year the darkness of grief can be overwhelming. Join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Ave. Kitchener, on Monday, December 21st at 7 p.m. for an evening of prayerful reflection in solidarity with our loved ones who have passed away, and those who grieve their loss. A reception will follow. Open to all.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - The word family by its very definition is a collective term, one that unites those associated with a particular family on many levels, during many different shared moments and occasions. Investing time with your family is hands down the best investment you will ever make. You will reap the benefit of children who have stronger bonds with their families, have better academic success, are more mentally and emotionally stable and who will ultimately learn the skills needed to be better parents themselves. Pope Francis recently encouraged parents to "waste time with their children," specifically, I believe, because time with your children is anything but wasted! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

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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 5/6: \$3,857.25
Average per envelope: \$30.98
Electronic funds for the week: \$907.50
(based on 4 Sundays per month)
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00

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