

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 18, 2016

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 (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

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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. ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 19TH

Tuesday, December 20, 8:45 am Intentions of Marion O'Grady; Annie Donkers 7:00 pm Penitential Service
Wednesday, December 21, 10:30 am Intentions of Theresa Cassel; Danielle Pilon
Thursday, December 22, 12:05 pm Intentions of Michael Bertin; Armand & Lucy Bertin
Friday, December 23, 8:45 am +Henry Donkers; Annie Donkers & Family 9:15 am - Noon Adoration
Saturday, December 24, 5:00 pm Our Parish Community 7:30 pm Our Parish Community
Sunday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 10:00 am Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 24/25

First Reading: Is 52:7-10
Second Reading: Heb 11-6
Gospel Reading: Jn 1:1-18

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 7:00 pm **Penitential Service** - Church
WED 9 am – Noon **Decorating for Christmas** - 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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., December 19 Rev. James Link, C.R.
Tues., December 20 Rev. Michael McHugh
Wed., December 21 Consecrated Men and Women
Thurs., December 22 Rev. Michael Sullivan
Fri., December 23 Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Sat., December 24 Rev. Jeff Bergsma

MINISTRIES for December 24/25

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)
Dec 25 Jane Goll

Sign Ministry
Dec 19 Ray Denomme

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.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:
Tues, December 20th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2017, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

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.

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

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

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.

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.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, January 12th** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Kathleen Barsoum, Waster Co-ordinator, Waste Management Division, Region of Waterloo will speak on "Changes in Trash Talk" Open to all ages in the community as changes in waste management are coming very soon to residents of

Waterloo Region. For info contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@xplornet.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS - "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife... When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Are you willing to respond as Joseph did? 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 at 905-528-7988 or by email at mking@hamiltondiocese.com or check out the website at www.hamiltonvocations.com

DIRECTED RETREATS at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph

January 23 – 31, 2017 (8-Day Directed Retreat) or February 8 – 16, 2017 (8-Day) - half-price for new retreatants. A directed retreat provides you with individual direction in an environment of silence and prayer, facilitating a deepening of your relationship with God. Cost: 8-Day \$792. Register online at www.loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext 266.

HENRI NOUWEN: LIFE & LEGACY WEEKEND

RETREAT at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph from **February 3 – 5, 2017.** Facilitated by Michael W. Higgins. This weekend retreat on Nouwen's aching into holiness seems ideal for searchers keen on understanding his tireless quest for the Beloved. There will be readings from various of his texts with a focused reflection on how life and spirituality were one, deeply incarnational, riven, but with an abiding thirst for joy. Cost is \$260 for live-in or \$160 for commuters.

EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH OUR ENRICHING RESOURCES!

The Diocesan Library provides audio-visual and print materials to assist our Catholic community in its faith journey. All are welcome to benefit from our resources. The library is located at the Chancery Office, 700 King Street West, Hamilton and is open Monday to Friday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are unable to access the library during our hours please contact the Librarian, Ms. Dominy Williams at 905-528-7988 ext. 2252 or by email at dwilliams@hamiltondiocese.com to make other arrangements. For a listing of the library's holdings visit the online catalogue at www.hamiltondiocese.com.

DISTRESS CENTRE – Feeling sad/anxious? Feeling isolated? Had a recent loss? The trained volunteers

and staff of the Canadian Mental Health Association for Waterloo Wellington and Dufferin are here to support you. Contact 519-745-1166 for help. Be Mind Full, Champions for positive Mental Health since 1918.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - As a member of a couple it is important to decide which is more important to you: being right or being connected. When it comes to conflict, which exists in every relationship, it is important to see the other's view, decide where compromises are possible and together come up with a solution that works for both of you. With a "we" attitude in all you do, including conflict resolution, you can feel more deeply connected and content. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

BIRTHRIGHT is unique. We provide non-judgmental support and love to pregnant women and their unborn children. Our focus is on loving the mother, and helping her help herself. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** You can work as an office volunteer, a director, a co-director or secretary to the board. All are welcome to apply. If you are unsure of what we do, call us at 519-579-3990 (Tuesday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. or Tuesday 2 to 5 p.m.) or email us at kitchener@birthright.org.

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.



This is a reminder that there is an **EYEGGLASS COLLECTION BOX** in the cloakroom. Please donate any used eyeglasses you may have, as these will be forwarded to people locally and in third world nations unable to afford them. Please note: eyeglass cases cannot be accepted as they cannot be sanitized. This effort is a project of your local Lions clubs. Thank you.

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 10/11:	\$3,763.45
Average per envelope:	\$33.20
Electronic funds for the week:	\$1,028.75
(based on 4 Sundays per month)	
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00
Thank you!	

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