

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 27, 2015

Feast of the Holy Family

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,
1851.

Pastor: Fr. David Lewis
Parish Secretary: Donna Vollmer
Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

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

Al Vodicka
Alan Diemert
Andrea Visneskie
Dan Ziegler
Fr. David Lewis
Marianne Kieswetter
Patsy Pond
Peggy Kelly
Tim Baillargeon

Building & Finance Committee

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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
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. ✠

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 28TH

Tuesday, December 29, No Mass
Wednesday., December 30, No Mass
Thursday, December 31, 5 pm +Cyril Stortz; Joe & Beryl Stortz
Friday, January 1, 10:00 am Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Our Parish Community
Saturday, January 2, 5:00 pm +Margaret Szabo; The Family +Dennis Lackner; Paul & Barb Grosz
Sunday, January 3, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Our Parish Community

MINISTRIES for January 2/3

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Peggy Kelly, Tim Baillargeon
 9am Iris Miltenburg, Sharon Soeder, Charlotte Mueller
 11am Dianne & Frank McGuire

Hospitality

5pm Mike & Doris Snelling, Geoff & Kieran Kelly
 9am Linus & Pat Ditner, Ed & Carol Kieswetter
 11am Ray Denomme, Anne Hanley, Marianne Kieswetter, Jodi Sereres

Altar Servers

5pm Patsy Pond
 9am Jordyn Kelly, Daniel Kelly, Katelyn Grosz
 11am Lisa Denomme, Isabella Maher

Lectors

5pm Armand Bertin
 9am Matthew Griffin
 Tracy Kroetsch
 11am Colleen Weber

Commentator

Judy Furlong
 Alex Glofcheskie
 Ann Staines

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Jan 3 Mary Mercey

Sign Ministry

Dec 28 Pat Ditner

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Jan 6 Millie Schlupp

READINGS FOR January 2/3

First Reading: Is 60:1-6
 Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel Reading: Mt 2:1-12

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON, WED, THU, FRI Office Closed

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., December 28 Rev. Raymond Reitzel, C.R.
 Tues., December 29 Rev. Jim Valk, C.R.
 Wed., December 30 Ordo Canonorum Regularium
 Sanctae Crucis
 Thurs., December 31 Rev. Ambroise Tshiaba Ntumba
 Fri., January 1 Rev. Gregory Michel
 Sat., January 2 Rev. Robert Love

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 4TH

Tuesday, January 5, 7:05 pm +Daniel Furlong; Marcella Furlong & Family
Wed., January 6, 10:30 am – Heritage House +Kazimiera Poczatek; Estate
Thursday, January 7, 12:05 pm +Madeline Shelley; Kay Bouzane
Friday, January 8, 8:30 am +Jan Johnston; Pat McCormick 9 am – 1 pm Adoration
Saturday, January 9, 5:00 pm +Greg & Mary Kelly; The Family +Phyllis Moser; Al Moser
Sunday, January 10, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am +Pat Wintermeyer; 11 a.m. Choir

MINISTRIES for January 9/10

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy & Steve Pond, Kevin Dupuis
 9am Robert & Mary Jane Yaeger, Matthew Griffin
 11am Peter Antonello, Agnes Downey

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Jane Goll, Moira Foerster, Barb Grosz
 9am Joyce & Ron Stemmler, Guy Wakutz, Adrian Miltenburg
 11am Danielle Pilon, Frank McGuire, Paul & Diane Shuttsa

Altar Servers

5pm Joseph Ditner
 9am Connor Kroetsch, Cody Kroetsch, Makenna Kroetsch
 11am Rachel Wittie, Thomas Kraemer

Lectors

5pm Pat Kehn
 9am Tom Fahey
 Maria Diemert
 11am Dianne McGuire

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
 Iris Miltenburg
 Colleen Weber

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Jan 10 Trudy & Ray Denomme

Sign Ministry

Jan 4 Bob Rongits

READINGS FOR December 26/27

First Reading: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11
 Second Reading: Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7
 Gospel Reading: Lk 3:15-15, 21-22

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON 7:00pm **9 a.m. Choir Practice** – Church
TUE 7:35pm **C.W.L. Executive Meeting** - Library
WED 7:00pm **11 a.m. Choir Practice** – Church

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., January 4 Rev. Donald Wilhelm
 Tues., January 5 Rev. Aurimas Rudinskas, O.P.
 Wed., January 6 Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, C.M.I.
 Thurs., January 7 Rev. Wallace Metcalf
 Fri., January 8 Rev. David Wilhelm
 Sat., January 9 Rev. Robert Stainsby

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 **Catholic Women's League** will be holding its **EXECUTIVE MEETING** on **Tuesday, January 5th** after Mass and the **GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, January 12th**. Mark your calendars now and plan on attending.

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.

Join us on **Saturday, February 6, 2016** from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at **St. Teresa of Avila Parish** for our **3RD ANNUAL COUPLE'S ENRICHMENT DINNER**. The evening begins with dinner, followed by a keynote address by Teresa Hartnett, Director of Family Ministry for the Diocese of Hamilton. Watch the bulletin for more information regarding tickets and who to contact. This promises to be a fun evening for all!

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.

ONGOING WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING EVENTS
The **RHEO THOMPSON MINT SMOOTHIES** will continue to be available for purchase in the Parish Office until supplies run out. Each mint smoothie is \$2.00.

EXPLORING MERCY: A STUDY IN SCRIPTURE – A SENIOR ADULT WORKSHOP SERIES for 7 Wednesday afternoons, **starting January 6, 2016** from 1:30- 3:30 p.m. at Notre Dame Convent in Waterdown. The theme of Mercy in the Old Testament we hope to understand better why Pope Francis is calling us to the virtue of Mercy in our lives today. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND and David Dayler. The cost is \$75 which includes the textbook and other resources. To register and for information please contact Monica at 905-528-7988 ext. 2238 or mverin@hamiltondiocese.com or check the website, www.hamiltondiocese.com.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, January 7, 2016** 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.

DIRECTED RETREATS at Loyola House, Ignatius Jesuit Centre, Guelph
January 15, 2016 – January 20, 2016 (5-Day)

January 27, 2016 - February 4, 2016 (8-Day)
February 9, 2016 – February 17, 2016 (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: 5-Day \$495; 8-Day \$792. Register online at www.loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or by calling 519-824-1250 ext 266.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, January 14, 2016** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Rick Cober Bauman, Executive Director for Mennonite Central Committee will speak on "Where can I find some Mennonites to take down my barn and other questions we get at MCC". For more information contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@xplornet.ca.

WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP SENIORS LUNCH CLUB - Join us for a hot light lunch and fellowship with old and new friends at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue, Elmira on **Monday, January 25th**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Friday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. The cost is \$6. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

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.

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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 12/13: \$4,871.85
Average per envelope: \$35.15
Electronic funds for the week: \$907.50
(based on 4 Sundays per month)
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00

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