

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

**December 3, 2017**  
**First Sunday of**  
**Advent**

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,  
 1851.



**Pastor:** Rev. David Lewis  
**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer  
**Sacramental Preparation:** Iris Miltenburg

**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  
 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

Andrea Visneskie  
 Barb Vodicka  
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 Leona Weishar  
 Lisa Denomme  
 Marty Merlihan  
 Peggy Kelly  
 Phil Milan

### Building & Finance Committee

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### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://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

75 First St. W., Elmira  
 519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

### St. David Catholic Secondary 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. ✠

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>

### Tuesday, December 5, 7:05 pm

+Annamae Eckert; Marcella & Judy Furlong

*When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand. – Henri Nouwen*

### Wednesday, December 6, No Mass

*What has he done for me? He has loved me and given me his whole self. What shall I do for him? I shall love him and give myself to him without reserve. – St. Ignatius of Loyola*

### Thursday, December 7,

**12:05 pm** +Laurance Pilon; Danielle Pilon

**7:00 pm** First Reconciliation

*It is a better thing to save souls for the Lord than to save treasures. He who sent forth his apostles without gold had not need of gold to form his Church. The Church possesses gold, not to hoard, but to scatter abroad and come to the aid of the unfortunate. – St. Ambrose*

### Friday, December 8,

**9:00 am** +Ted Teahen; Hilda Cassel

**9:30 am – 12:30 pm** Adoration

*Direct all your actions and your sacrifices to this end: that they may all serve to make you more happy and content in paradise. – St. John XXIII*

### Saturday, December 9, 5:00 pm

+Philip Downey; Linda & Murray Buchan

+Rose Downey; The Family

+Karen Downey; The Family

### Sunday, December 10, Second Sunday of Advent

**9:30 am** Our Parish Community

## Altar Servers

5pm Natalie Pfanner Groves

9:30am Katelyn Grosz, Evan Grosz, Isabella Maher

## Lectors

5pm Peggy Kelly

9:30am Joan Coutu

Tom O'Marra

## Commentator

Patsy Pond

Iris Miltenburg

## Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 10 Marianne Kieswetter

## Sign Ministry

Dec 4 Kieran Kelly

## Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 6 Marianne Kieswetter

## LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

## FOODBANK NEEDS

Family-Sized Juices and Crackers

We need your **HELP TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

Our fundraising campaign needs you! **BE OUR STAR!** A coloured star for each donation that qualifies in each of the areas would be put on the thermometer (no names). We can watch the stars multiply.

### Star Levels

Platinum \$2000 +

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Bronze \$100 - \$499

However, what is unique about this opportunity is that **YOU CAN** make a difference for as little as \$20. **You decide what you want to give.**

Be sure to use the blue Building Maintenance Fund envelope and include your name and address or your envelope number on it. Tax receipts will be provided for your full donation regardless of the amount.

Please pick up a tag from the **CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE** in the Narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with the tag **by December 10, 2017**. All gifts collected will be delivered by the Knights of Columbus to Woolwich Community Services.

## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:

Thurs., December 7th, 7 p.m., St. Clements, St. Clements

**Tues, December 19th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira**

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS:** The C.W.L. is sponsoring the sale of a very limited number of Keep Christ in Christmas car magnets. They will be available after Masses for a cost of only \$5. These magnets can be used on your car, fridge, mailbox, front door or any metal surface.

## READINGS FOR December 9/10

First Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-12

Second Reading: 2 Pt 3:8-14

Gospel Reading: Mk 1:1-8

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE** 7:35pm **Parish Pastoral Council Mtg** – Library

**WED** **Office Closed**

7:00pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church

7:00pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar

**THU** 10:45am **Scripture Study** – Library

## HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 4 Rev. Charlie Jordan  
Tues., December 5 Rev. Mark Sullivan  
Wed., December 6 Discalced Carmelite Sisters, O.C.D.  
Thurs., December 7 Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis  
Fri., December 8 Rev. Edward Mahony  
Sat., December 9 Rev. Peter Ciallella

## MINISTRIES for December 9/10

### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Phil Milan, Erl Andersen, Stewart Logan

9:30am Dianne McGuire, Carol Kieswetter, Charlotte Mueller

### Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly, Doris & Mike Snelling

9:30am Leona & Rick Weishar, Linus & Pat Ditner

Proceeds will be donated to the Woolwich Community Services to supplement their Christmas hampers.

**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.

Join us at the **COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE** on **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the Elmira Mennonite Church from 7 – 8 p.m. This service is an opportunity for people who have lost loved ones during the past year, or for anyone who has a deep grief or painful loss, to gather in prayer, remembrance and hope at the beginning of the Christmas season. Sponsored by the Elmira and Area Ministerial and the Dreisinger Funeral Home.

**DIAL IT DOWN – ANXIETY!** Drug Free Tips to Decrease Anxiety Session will be held at the Woolwich Community Health Centre, 10 Parkside Drive, St. Jacobs on **Tuesday, December 5, 2017** from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. To register to attend, call either 519-664-3794 or 519-656-9025. Kathy Somers from the University of Guelph's Stress Management and High Performance Clinic will be the facilitator.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, December 7, 2017** 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](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

The next **COMMUNITY CAN DINE** is on **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at Trinity United Church Fellowship Hall, 21 Arthur St. N., Elmira with a Christmas Turkey Dinner from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Pay what you can. For more information contact 519-669-5560 or [triuited@golden.net](mailto:triuited@golden.net).

The next **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** is on **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at Vanstone Lecture Hall, Academic Centre, St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, from St. John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota, will help us to consider the profound insights that artists such as calligraphers and illuminators can offer us, especially with regard to the illuminations in The Saint John's Bible. This lecture is available on a complimentary basis. Please register at: [www.sju.ca/lce](http://www.sju.ca/lce).

**39<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ADVENT NOVENA - AN INVITATION TO PREPARE WELL FOR CHRISTMAS:** Nine daily Masses at 6:30 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, 75 Bluevale St. N. Waterloo, Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. A free will offering will

be taken for St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hampers. Note exception on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. You are welcome to attend your own church on this day or St. Agnes at 9 or 11 a.m. Make this Advent a special time of preparation for Christmas by joining your Twin-City friends who have been keeping this Advent tradition for many years.

Greetings from **KW BIRTHRIGHT!** Birthright is a faith-founded, love-motivated crisis service run by compassionate volunteers and supported by faithful donors. We come alongside women and men with acceptance, friendship, local resources, free infant and maternity wear to give hope and encouragement to those facing an unexpected pregnancy. Can you HELP to make a difference as a volunteer or with financial contributions? Call 519-579-3990 or email [kitchener@birthright.org](mailto:kitchener@birthright.org). Please join us at our **CHRISTMAS RECEPTION AND OPEN HOUSE** on **December 9<sup>th</sup>** from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at 96 Highland Rd. West, Kitchener.

On **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. breathtaking images of handcrafted illuminations from the Saint John's Bible will be projected as the Grand Philharmonic Choir sings **HANDEL'S MESSIAH**. In addition, six of the seven volumes of this Bible will be on display in the lobby of the Centre in the Square, courtesy of the Diocese of Hamilton. There will be a pre-concert presentation by Fr. Eric Hollas, OSB, St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, MN. Tickets are available from the Centre in the Square Box Office.

Join us at the **COMMUNITY CHOIR & CAROL SING** on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira. Admission is free. There will be a free-will offering in support of the Woolwich Counselling Centre. Please join us as we come together in fellowship and song.

The **ANNUAL ADVENT HYMN FESTIVAL** with the Diocesan Choir will take place on **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King at 7 p.m. Special guest choir is St. Michael Spanish Choir (Oakville).

**COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS...WHEN YOU HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE** – Join us for an evening of reflection and strategies for coping at Christmas, facilitated by Dr. Wendy Hofman, at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, 16 Cooper Street, Cambridge on **Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** from 7 – 8 p.m. The event is free of charge. Please call to reserve a seat at 519-658-4443. If you haven't registered you are still free to attend.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."**

<b>Offertory collection for November 25/26:</b>	<b>\$2,435.00</b>
<b>Average per envelope:</b>	<b>\$24.20</b>
<b>Electronic funds for the week:</b>	<b>\$1,143.75</b>
<b>(based on 4 Sundays per month)</b>	
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,632.00</b>

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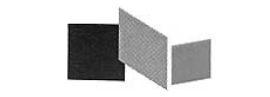
  
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