

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 31, 2017

Feast of
the Holy Family

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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
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

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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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St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo
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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 JANUARY 1ST

Sunday, December 31, 5 p.m. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God +Beatrice Walter; Peggy Kelly
Monday, January 1, 10 a.m. Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Our Parish Community
Tuesday, January 2, No Mass <i>He who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. – St. Basil the Great</i>
Wednesday, January 3, St. Jacobs Place +Kasimiera Poczatek; Estate <i>Do something, get moving, risk new things, stick with it, get on your knees, then be ready for big surprises. – St. Angela Merici</i>
Thursday, January 4, No Mass <i>To love someone is to show to them their beauty, their worth and their importance. – Jean Vanier</i>
Friday, January 5, 9:00 a.m. Mass & No Adoration +Kay Logel; Theresa Cassel <i>God loved us before he made us; and his love has never diminished and never shall. – Julian of Norwich</i>
Saturday, January 6, 5 p.m. +Anton Kretz; Mike & Marlene Brenner +Kocon Rozalia; Vera & Joseph Csizmar
Sunday, January 7, 9:30 a.m. Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Our Parish Community

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)
 Jan 7 Marianne Kieswetter

Sign Ministry
 Jan 8 Kieran Kelly

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister
 Jan 3 Cheryl Dunn

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

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES – Please pick up your box of Offertory Envelopes for the Year 2018, which are available in the hallway. If you wish to receive a box of envelopes place your name and address in the collection basket.

FREE COMMUNITY FAMILY SKATE on Thursday, January 4, 2018 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at Woolwich Memorial Centre, Elmira. Skate with players from the Elmira Sugar Kings and have a free hot chocolate. This event is sponsored by Lutherwood and the Waterloo Region Suicide Prevention Council. Building a connected, caring community.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, January 5, 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.

ADORATION FOR LIFE – Come, let us adore Jesus in the Eucharist – Console His Heart Wounded by abortion and sins against the Sanctity of Life. Come join us on **Friday, January 5th, 2018** from 8:45 to 10 a.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Roman Catholic Church, 44 Leonard Street, Kitchener and **Saturday, January 6th, 2018** from 11 a.m. – 12 noon at St. Mary Our Lady of Seven Sorrows Roman Catholic Church, 56 Duke Street West, Kitchener (side entrance). Call KW Right to life for more information at 519-746-5433 or how you can start an Adoration for Life at your church. Prayer and fasting are the first and most effective weapons against the forces of evil. Mt 4:1-11

POPE FRANCIS TO ATTEND WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN – The Diocese of Hamilton is

READINGS FOR January 6/7

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-FRI Office Closed

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 1	Rev. Thomas Vermiglio, M.C.C.J.
Tues., January 2	Rev. Gabriel Morais Catarino
Wed., January 3	Holy Cross Fathers, C.S.C.
Thurs., January 4	Rev. Octavio Cidado
Fri., January 5	Rev. Jose Edson Moreira
Sat., January 6	Rev. Peter Raymond

MINISTRIES for January 6/7

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Erl Andersen, Stewart Logan, Tim Baillargeon
 9:30am Ken Gallipeau, Agnes Downey, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Jody Sereres, Greg & Brent Goetz
 9:30am Bill & Anne Hanley, Carol & Ed Kieswetter

Altar Servers

5pm Phil Milan
 9:30am Isabella Maher, Casey Dronick, Jordyn Kelly, Daniel Kelly

Lectors

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9:30am Morgan Glofcheskie
 Barry Glofcheskie

Commentator

Judy Furlong
 Wally Malcolm

planning a trip to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland, which **takes place Aug. 21 – 26, 2018**. This international event is designed to be significant to people of all ages at all stages of life. Every keynote address and workshop will be based on Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*, or The Joy of Love. This is a family event with workshop streams for those 18 and older, 6 – 17 years and day care for those 5 and younger. The Diocese of Hamilton has booked a block of rooms for anyone interested in attending, **but** registration for the conference portion and travel are to be booked by each individual participant. Conference Registration can be found at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>. For more information or to book accommodation at our hotel, the Maldon Hotel Tallaght, go to <https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/wmof-2018> or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2250 (Teresa Hartnett). **Diocesan accommodation must be booked by mid-January, so contact us soon if you are interested.**

DIOCESAN WIDE R.C.I.A. MEETING - The Liturgy Office will be hosting a Diocesan-wide R.C.I.A. Meeting on **Thursday, January 18, 2018** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown. There will be two sessions available to choose from: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The theme of the meeting is *Working Towards the Church's Vision of Initiation: A Fresh Look at the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*. Please see the [Liturgy Office](#) website for more details or contact the Liturgy Office to register at 905-528-7988 ext. 2336.

MULTICULTURAL MASS - The Diocese of Hamilton will be hosting our annual Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, January 21, 2018** at 1:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. This is sure to be a beautiful celebration. All are welcome to join us for the Mass and the social event which will take place in McNally Hall after the celebration. There will be performances by various ethnic groups, as well as a chance to sample some delicious foods from around the world.

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 22, 2018**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Thursday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. The cost is \$6. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

COME, RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE – Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? See the website at loyolahouse.com for more information on these upcoming retreats and programs. **8-DAY DIRECTED RETREATS** are on **January 22nd to 30th** and on **February 7th to 15th** (1/2 price for new retreatants).

COME JOIN US TO FIND THE “KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS” - “Keys” is a nine week video-based program meant for anyone (married or single) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better “me” in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. **starting January 23rd**, at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kitchener. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

KW Right to Life **CHARITY DINNER GALA** - Culture vs. Christ: In Search of Authentic Love with Jonathon Van Maren on **February 8, 2018** at the Polish Legion Hall, 601 Wellington St. N., Kitchener. Dinner is at 6 p.m. The speakers begin at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar and silent auction. Tickets are \$40. You can obtain tickets at kwrtl.ticketleap.com/love or KW Right to Life Office at 519-746-5433.

VOCATION SEEDS – By Baptism we are God's holy family. Pray today for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext 2246 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.



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 16/17: \$7,081.50
Average per envelope: \$63.25
Electronic funds for the week: \$1,143.75
(based on 4 Sundays per month)
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,632.00
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project: \$20,585.00

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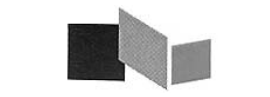
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