

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

December 8, 2019

Second 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 (3rd 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 a
registration package at the church entrance.

Bulletin Deadline

Written submissions by Monday noon.

St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira

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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.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 9TH

Monday, December 9, 9:00 am, Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary +Gerry Runstedler; Maurice Downey <i>The Immaculate Conception shines like a beacon of light for humanity in all the ages. – St. John Paul II</i>
Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 pm, C.W.L. Mass & Potluck +Laura Logel; St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. <i>Jesus loves hidden souls. – St. Faustina</i>
Wednesday, December 11, 12:05 pm +Ron Weber; Tom & Audrey & Family <i>Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God who became a child. – Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI</i>
Thurs., December 12, 10:00 am – School Advent Mass +Isobel Gallipeau; St. Teresa of Avila School Staff <i>Am I not here who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Are you not in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need? - Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>
Friday, December 13, 9:00 am 9:00 am +Frank Walter; Louise Roe 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Adoration <i>Those whose hearts are pure are temples of the Holy Spirit. – St. Lucy</i>
Saturday, December 14, 5:00 pm Our Parish Community
Sunday, December 8, Third Sunday of Advent +Dan Logel; Barb, Jeremy, Dana, Becky & Families

READINGS FOR December 14/15

First Reading: Is 35:1-6a, 10
 Second Reading: Jas 5:7-10
 Gospel Reading: Mt 11:2-11

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 6:00pm **Children's Choir Practice** - Church
 7:00pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Church
THU 11:15am **Small Group Gathering** – Library

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., December 9 Very Rev. Con O'Mahony
 Tues., December 10 Rev. Felix Nwatu
 Wed., December 11 Sisters of St. John the Baptist
 Thurs., December 12 Rev. Czeslaw Kolasa, S.A.C.
 Fri., December 13 Rev. Ranjan D'Sa, O.C.D.
 Sat., December 14 Rev. Louis Lenssen, C.R.S.P.

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Juice and Canned Fruit (not pineapple)

MINISTRIES for December 14/15

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Peggy Kelly, Steve & Patsy Pond
 9:30am Dianne McGuire, Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler

Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Jodi Sereres, Greg & Brent Goetz
 9:30am Sharon Both, Rick & Leona Weishar, Adrian Miltenburg

Altar Servers

5pm Phil Milan
 9:30am Katelyn Grosz, Evan Grosz, Rachel Grosz

Lectors

5pm Tom O'Marra
 9:30am Linda Bruder
 Tom Fahey

Commentator

Judy Furlong
 Lisa Denomme

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 15 Marianne Kieswetter

Sign Ministry

Dec 9 Nancy Lucier

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 18 Colleen Weber

THANK YOU for participating in our FALL FOOD DRIVE.

Our continued support and generosity to Woolwich Community Services is such a blessing and shows how much you care for our community. Together over 13,000 pounds of food was donated to the Food Bank. This will help keep our shelves stocked in the next couple months. Thank you. We truly are grateful for your kindness and support. Thanks for caring.

Lisa, Woolwich Community Services

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE – FALL ACTION

CAMPAIGN: Today in the bulletin, you will find inserted a **PRAYER CARD written by Pope Francis**, for us to pray about the earth, our common home. How can we respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor in this territory of the Amazon? Today after Mass, we will sign a **SOLIDARITY LETTER** in support of the peoples defending the Amazon.

There will be a CELEBRATING THE WORD SMALL

GROUP GATHERING each Thursday to enhance preparation for the Masses during Advent. The next gathering is **Thursday, December 12th** from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. All welcome!

C.W.L. POT LUCK SUPPER – Tuesday, December 10th

after the 6:00 p.m. Mass - don't forget your secret sister! ALSO please remember to bring your own plate, cutlery & mug. We are in need of a few volunteers to help set up the hall. Anyone who is available, please meet in the hall on December 10th at 4:00 p.m.

For the past several decades, the Pope has blessed the Baby Jesus figurines from Nativity Scenes that belong to families, and the families themselves, in St. Peter's Square in Rome. The blessing takes place on **GAUDETE SUNDAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**, and is known as **BAMBINELLI SUNDAY**. The blessing of the 'Bambinelli' – as they are known in Rome – reminds us that the Nativity scene is a school of life where we can learn the secrets of true joy.

All are invited to bring your Baby Jesus figures **from your homes to the Masses on the weekend of December 14th/15th to be blessed** as we too celebrate our own Bambinelli Sunday. After the blessing you are encouraged to take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap the box and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift you open on Christmas Day – as you lay Jesus in the Manger, allow this moment to be a reminder of the great blessing we receive at Christmas.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:
Wed., December 18th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira**

Your **HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS** on **Sunday, December 22nd**. There will be Coffee Sunday following the 9:30 a.m. Mass where we can have Christmas goodies. The decorating will begin after the Coffee Sunday. If you can help, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

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. & 8:00 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.

There is an **OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** on **Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th** at Elmira Pentecostal Assembly, 290 Arthur St. S., Elmira. There are three shows each day; 6:00, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.

You are invited to the **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CHORAL CELEBRATION** featuring Elmira area church choirs on **Sunday, December 8, 2019** at 7:00 p.m. Woodside Bible Fellowship, 200 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira will be hosting this evening of Christmas songs. Free will offering in support of Woolwich Counselling Centre.

"SING NOEL" A CHRISTMAS CANTATA on **December 8th & 9th** at 7:30 p.m. at the Centre in the Square, 101 Queen St. N., Kitchener. This event showcases the 125 voice Festival Choir, Children's chorus, soloists and the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony Orchestra. It features Jacob Moon, guitarist, singer/songwriter and Brandon Leis, tenor and Marion Samuel-Stevens, soprano. This is a benefit concert for Trinity Community Table and Historic St. Paul's Community Cupboard. Tickets available through the box office/online, www.centreinthesquare.com or 519-578-1570.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors is on **Thursday, December 12, 2019** at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Edward Denyer,

Coffee enthusiast from Eco Café in St. Jacobs, will talk about "Nothing Makes Sense Before Coffee". Ed plans to bring fair-trade coffee for purchase – ideal for Christmas giving. For information contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@netflash.net.

On **Saturday, December 21st** at 2:30 p.m. and **Sunday, December 22nd** at 2:30 p.m. the St. Jacobs Mennonite Church presents, **"THE WORST BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER"**. A hilarious one-hour Christmas comedy for the whole family, including grandparents! Free refreshments follow. Tickets are on sale SJMC Office by calling 519-664-2268 or by email at administrator@sjmc.on.ca. Cost is Child/Youth \$5.00 and Adult \$10.00. General Admission Seating. The website is www.sjmc.on.ca for more information. Proceeds go to Woolwich Community Services.

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, December 23, 2019**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cost of the lunch is \$7.00. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Thursday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

VOCATION SEEDS – "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." Could God be calling you to be a priest in order to help our world of today to truly "prepare the way of the Lord"? If God is calling you to be a priest, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – At Christmas we gather with loved ones to share gifts, eat great food and build joyful memories. Sometimes we get caught up on the glitter and glam of the season and forget to take time as a couple to decide how much money, time and energy we can expend during the season. This year why not sit down in advance and decide how much you can do as a couple/family. Weave into your plans time for the two of you to take a quiet moment with each other. During Advent and Christmas, take time to pray and share important faith moments with each other. Trying these initiatives could make this Christmas your best yet!

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 Nov 30/Dec 1: \$2,353.00
Average per envelope: \$21.84
Electronic funds for the week: \$1,243.50
(based on 4 Sundays per month)
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,724.64
Total to Date Building Maintenance Project: \$76,502.15
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