

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

January 1, 2017  
Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God

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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  
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

Andrea Visneskie  
Barb Vodicka  
Dan Ziegler  
Fr. David Lewis  
Lisa Denomme  
Marianne Kieswetter  
Marty Merlihan  
Peggy Kelly  
Phil Milan  
Tim Baillargeon

#### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. David Lewis  
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#### Catholic Women's League

Mary Jane Yaeger

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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

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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. ✠

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 2<sup>ND</sup>

<b>Tuesday, January 3, 7:05 p.m.</b> +Leo Furlong, Marcella & Judy Furlong
<b>Wednesday, January 4, 10:30 am – Heritage House</b> +Gladys Doherty; Estate
<b>Thursday, January 5, 12:05 pm</b> +Ron Weber; Colleen Weber
<b>Friday, January 6,</b> <b>8:45 am</b> +Brian French; Ann & John Staines <b>9:15 am – Noon</b> Adoration
<b>Saturday, January 7, 5:00 pm</b> +Cyril Stortz; Bob & Barb Tone +Margaret Logel; Ann O'Grady
<b>Sunday, January 8, 9:30 am</b> <b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b> Our Parish Community

### READINGS FOR January 7/8

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 Office Closed**  
**WED Office Closed**  
7:00 pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church  
7:00 pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar  
**FRI Office Closed**

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., January 2 Rev. Mark Sullivan  
Tues., January 3 Rev. Bernard (Mike) Francis  
Wed., January 4 Holy Cross Fathers, O.C.D.  
Thurs., January 5 Rev. Edward Mahony  
Fri., January 6 Rev. Peter Ciallella  
Sat., January 7 Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

### MINISTRIES for January 7/8

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kieran Kelly, Kevin Dupuis, Kathy Ziegler  
9:30am Lisa Denomme, Isabella Maher, Cheryl Dunn

#### Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Jodi Sereres, Mike & Doris Snelling  
9:30am Ron & Joyce Stemmler, Linus & Pat Ditner

#### Altar Servers

5pm Patsy Pond  
9:30am Joseph Ditner, Rori Schaefer, Jaylyn Schaefer

#### Lectors

5pm Connie Kaster  
9:30am Tom O'Marra  
Leona Weishar

#### Commentator

Judy Furlong  
Iris Miltenburg

### Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Jan 8 Trudy & Ray Denomme

### Sign Ministry

Jan 2 Sandi Hutchinson

### Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Jan 4 Ann Staines

### 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.

### The SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE HOLY MOTHER

**OF GOD** is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. The English title "Mother of God" is a translation of the Latin title *Dei Genetricis*, which means "She Who Generated God", as the corresponding Greek title Θεοτόκος (*Theotokos*) means "She Who Gave Birth to God". This title was dogmatically adopted at the First Council of Ephesus (431) as a way to assert that Jesus is God, and that his mother can therefore be called Mother of God. The title that the January 1<sup>st</sup> feast celebrates is thus not only Mariological but also Christological.

**Beginning in the New Year** we will be offering **SESSIONS COVERING THE FUNDAMENTALS OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH** for those who would like to explore the possibility of being Baptized and/or Confirmed in the Catholic faith. These sessions would be especially helpful to those who often attend Mass with their families and would like to receive Communion with them. No commitment is called for to begin. The sessions are offered as an opportunity to explore. All of the teachings are summaries of the essentials of our new Catechism. If you are interested please speak to Father David or pick up a registration form from Donna in the parish office.

**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.

**IN CELEBRATION OF OUR 25<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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](mailto:kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com).

Pauline Books & Media are hosting a **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY TRAINING** on **January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2017**. Each class runs from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and each week has different talks. The cost is \$40 for the 4-Saturday-course. Registration is required. Please call 416-781-9131 ext. 224 or email [srhellenaburns@gmail.com](mailto:srhellenaburns@gmail.com).

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:jehaid@xplornet.ca).

**LAUDATO SI IS A CALL TO CONVERSION** - Come and spend an evening exploring Pope Francis' encyclical on The Environment and Human Ecology with Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB, CEO of Salt and Light Television. “Past popes have written on the importance of protecting the environment, but [Laudato Si] is a major piece of work and an ardent call from one of our world’s major leaders for us to work together to address this existential problem. ... To use religious language, what the Pope is calling for is conversion.” (Fr. Tom Rosica, CSB) Join us **Wednesday, January 11, 2017** at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener. Sponsored by the Catholic Women’s League.

**EMBRACING THE WISDOM OF MONKS & MYSTICS - A Senior Adult Workshop Series** that runs 6 Wednesday afternoons, **starting January 11, 2017** from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the Chancery Office in Hamilton. This 6 part workshop/study session will explore the lives of twelve great monks & mystics from the Christian tradition in new and creative ways. This course will be facilitated by Sister Mary Heather MacKinnon SSND. The cost will be \$35 and includes the text, *Illuminating the Way*, by Christine

ValtersPaintner. Please register. For further information please contact Monica at [mverin@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mverin@hamiltondiocese.com) or 905-52807988 ext. 2238 or check the website, [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com) for more information.

KW Right to Life sponsors the **STOP CENSORSHIP TOUR** on **Saturday, January 14, 2017**. Why Abortion Statistics Matter featuring Mike Schouten from WeNeedaLaw.ca and John Sikkema Lawyer at ARPA Canada at the Knights of Columbus Centre, 145 Dearborn Place, Waterloo. It is Fish and Chip Dinner at 5:00 p.m. for \$10 with the social beginning at 4:30 p.m. The speakers will begin at 6:00 p.m. There will also be a Silent Auction . All proceeds go the Stop Censorship Initiative. Please call 519-746-5433 or email [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca) to reserve your place or table.

Join us at the **SEMINAR OF HOPE**. This seminar will teach you how to pray for your sons, daughters and loved ones. This is a Free Live Seminar by Vernon Robertson as seen on EWTN. This seminar is being held at St. Anthony Daniel Catholic Church, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener on **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Bring a Bag Lunch. Love offering will be taken. As parents do you suffer because of the spiritual condition of your children? Have your loved ones stopped practicing the faith? Do they no longer believe in God? Then this seminar is for you. A free participant manual will be given at the Seminar. For more information or to register email Pat or Rita at [paddy@golden.net](mailto:paddy@golden.net) or call at 519-748-5548. View Promo Video at [www.seminarofhope.org](http://www.seminarofhope.org).

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Mary treasured all that God had done for her, and pondered these things in her heart. Do you treasure God and ponder what He wants from you? You may have a vocation to a life in the Church serving Christ. 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 at [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com) or check out the website at [www.hamiltonvocations.com](http://www.hamiltonvocations.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.”**

<b>Offertory collection for December 17/18:</b>	<b>\$3,792.45</b>
<b>Average per envelope:</b>	<b>\$36.49</b>
<b>Electronic funds for the week:</b>	<b>\$1,028.75</b>
<b>(based on 4 Sundays per month)</b>	
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,632.00</b>
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