

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

January 7, 2018
The Epiphany of
Our Lord

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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

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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. ✠

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 8TH

Tuesday, January 9, 7:05 p.m. +Gerry Schultz; Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>Do not be disheartened by your imperfections, but always rise up with fresh courage. – St. Francis de Sales</i>
Wed., January 10, 8:30 a.m. - St. David's High School +Bernard Dietrich; Estate <i>Act today in such a way that you need not blush tomorrow. – St. John Bosco</i>
Thursday, January 11, 12:05 p.m. +Pat Stahlbaum; Ursula Voisin <i>It is people who are important, not the masses. – Dorothy Day</i>
Friday, January 12, 9:00 a.m. Marion O'Grady; Annie Donkers 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Adoration <i>Our Lady's love is like a stream that has its source in the eternal fountains, quenches the thirst of all, can never be drained, and ever flows back to its source. - St. Marguerite Bourgeoys</i>
Saturday, January 13, 5 p.m. +Gregg Kelly; The Family +Stan Klein; The Family
Sunday, January 14, 9:30 a.m. Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord +Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

READINGS FOR January 13/14

First Reading: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19
Second Reading: 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Gospel Reading: Jn 1:35-42

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., January 8	Baptism of Our Lord
Tues., January 9	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Wed., January 10	Consecrated Men and Women
Thurs., January 11	Rev. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.
Fri., January 12	Rev. Stanley Zaryczny, C.R.
Sat., January 13	Rev. Brendan McGrath

MINISTRIES for January 13/14

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly, Kevin Dupuis
9:30am Cheryl Dunn, Sharon Both, Lisa Denonmme

Hospitality

5pm Doris & Mike Snelling, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss
9:30am Peter Antonello, Sharon Both, Linus & Pat Ditner

Altar Servers

5pm Natalie Pfanner Groves
9:30am Katelyn Grosz, Evan Grosz, Joseph Ditner, Caleb Antonello

Lectors

5pm Peggy Kelly
9:30am Leona Weishar
Tom O'Marra

Commentator

Patsy Pond
Dianne McGuire

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Jan 14 Mary Mercey

Sign Ministry

Jan 8 Kieran Kelly

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Jan 17 Tom O'Marra

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Toilet Paper and Canned Fruit (not pineapple)

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.

HOMELESSNESS IN OUR AREA? HOW CAN I HELP?

Join us on **Wednesday, January 10th** at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Hall, 49 Blueridge Avenue, Kitchener for Mass at 7 p.m. followed by speaker Rev. Michael Hackbusch, Spiritual Director at the House of Friendship at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. This event is hosted by St. Francis of Assisi C.W.L.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors is on **Thursday, January 11, 2018** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Scott McNair, Project Manager for the Region of Waterloo, will talk about "All Aboard for the LRT". For information contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@netflash.net.

Join us for **VISITING SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA**, an evening with Melissa Seyler, PRC on **Thursday, January 11th** from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Barnswallow Place Care Community Central Activity Room, main floor, 120 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira. As the dementia journey progresses, sometimes it can become difficult to engage with your loved one. Your visits start to take new life. We need to learn how to adapt as our loved one's disease process changes. Please come join us to learn some new strategies and techniques to help you have more meaningful visits.

POPE FRANCIS TO ATTEND WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN

– The Diocese of Hamilton is 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.

St. Anthony Daniel Youth Ministry presents **AN EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP** with Chris Bray, singer and songwriter, on **Friday, January 19th** at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Drive, Kitchener. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Life Centre. Cost is \$5 per person.

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 and 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.

Join us for **GUELPH & AREA RIGHT TO LIFE LIGHT CHAIN** on **Sunday, January 28, 2018** at 7 p.m. All are invited to gather for prayer and witness in front of Guelph City Hall, marking the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that struck down Canada's abortion law. With a striking display of numbers, this event will raise awareness of the nearly four million lives that have been lost through abortion in Canada. Please take an hour to remember and help our community realize the value of each and every human life! This event will include a time of interdenominational prayer. For more information, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or info@guelphforlife.com.

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 – The Son of God was first manifested to the world through the visit of the magi. Today, God's Son is brought into the world and is present to the world through His Church. If you think that God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext 2246 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com.

PARENTING TIP – January begins a new year, a perfect time to reflect on your parenting role. Ask yourselves what you are doing well; what you might improve on and where you may need some supports. Assess whether you are spending enough quality and quantity time with your children because both matter. Reflect on whether you are providing a strong faith foundation and a strong connection to the Church community, since both have positive health and spiritual impacts. Now with a clearer vision, set some family goals for the coming year!

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 23/24:	\$2,916.00
Average per envelope:	\$26.25
Offertory collection for December 24/25:	\$8,308.80
Average per envelope:	\$57.98
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:	\$20,975.00

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