

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

November 27, 2016

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  
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  
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Peggy Kelly  
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### Building & Finance Committee

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### Catholic Women's League

Mary Jane Yaeger

### Knights of Columbus

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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. ✠

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27TH

<b>Tuesday, November 29, 7:05 pm</b> +Tom Logel; Laverne & Laura Logel
<b>Wednesday, November 30, No Mass</b>
<b>Thursday, December 1, 12:05 pm</b> +John Schill; Charlotte & Carl Mueller
<b>Friday, December 2,</b> <b>8:45 am</b> +John Donald Fuhrman; Wendy & Mike Hicknell <b>9:15 am – Noon</b> Adoration
<b>Saturday, December 3, 5 pm</b> +Elgin Cassel; Imelda Schelter +Alma Moser; Marie Snelling
<b>Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Our Parish Community

### READINGS FOR December 3/4

First Reading: Is 11:1-10  
Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9  
Gospel Reading: Mt 3:1-12

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>WED</b>	<b>Office Closed</b> 7:00 pm <b>5 p.m. Choir Practice</b> – Church 7:00 pm <b>9:30 a.m. Choir Practice</b> – Seminar
<b>THU</b>	10:45 am <b>Quest Scripture Study</b> – library 7:00 pm <b>Set-up for Christmas Dinner</b> – Hall
<b>FRI</b>	6:00 pm <b>Christmas Fundraising Dinner</b> – Hall
<b>SUN</b>	9:30 am <b>Community Carol Sing</b> - Church

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., November 28	Rev. Pablito Labado
Tues., November 29	Rev. Robert Dunn
Wed., November 30	Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Thurs., December 1	Rev. Scott Whitfield.
Fri., December 2	Very Rev. Ian Duffy
Sat., December 3	Rev. Joseph Durkacz

### MINISTRIES for December 3/4

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Peggy Kelly, Phil Milan  
9:30am Iris Miltenburg, Peter & Laura Antonello

#### Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly, Mike & Doris Snelling  
9:30am Adrian Miltenburg, Pat & Linus Ditner, Ray Denomme

#### Altar Servers

5pm Patsy Pond, Rachel Wittie  
9:30am Heike Elliott, Jordyn Kelly, Daniel Kelly

#### Lectors

5pm Kevin Dupuis  
9:30am Sheila Bauman  
Maria Diemert

#### Commentator

Colleen Weber  
Wally Malcolm

#### Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 4 Jane Goll

#### Sign Ministry

Nov 28 Lucier Family

#### Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 7 Cheryl Dunn

## FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fruit and Family Sized Juice

## LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity and that within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family, **Blaire Marie Durrer**, daughter of Justin & Sarah, **Jack Thomas McKee**, son of William & Sara, **Leah Joan Roth**, daughter of Jason & Tiffany, **Paige Emily Roth**, daughter of Jason & Tiffany, **Claire Lindsay Schott**, daughter of Jordan & Janessa and **Noah Xavier Stemmler**, son of Adam & Samantha. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

Join us for the **QUEST SCRIPTURE STUDY REFLECTION** on the upcoming Sunday readings on Thursdays during Advent, **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. There is an outline of the sessions for anyone who may be interested in having a look. Please let us know if you plan on attending.

We are having a **RHEO THOMPSON MINT SMOOTHIE FUNDRAISER** for the roof. Purchase your mint smoothies after Masses or during office hours. Each mint smoothie is \$2.00. No advance orders are needed as the mint smoothies are available for purchase.

The St. Teresa of Avila **CHILDREN CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE** is starting this month. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the Narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with the tag **before December 11, 2016**. All gifts collected will be delivered by the Knights of Columbus to Woolwich Community Services.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE NEWS:

- All women of the parish are invited to our **CHRISTMAS POTLUCK & GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** for fun, fellowship, prizes and food. We begin with Mass at 6:00 p.m. and potluck to follow. This year we will have Anne Jamieson from the Diocese as a speaker, and her topic will be "What Can Be Brought to Life in You". Please bring your favourite dish, your plate, cup and cutlery. If you wish, you can also bring a gift for Woolwich Community Services. Don't forget your Secret Sister.
- Campbell's Soup labels will no longer be collected. Campbell's has stopped their education program at this time. If they start another program, we will inform you.
- ADVENT STATIONS** will be led by the Catholic Women's League on **Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. ALL PARISHIONERS are welcome to attend.
- There will **NO** meeting in January, but we will see you on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING DINNER** is on **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>** at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, Elmira. The meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. Tickets can be ordered through the Parish Office Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. by calling 519-669-3387 or after Masses. Ticket prices are: adults \$16.00; children 6-12 years \$8.00 and children 5 & under are free. There will be a limited number of tickets available. Those who have purchased take-out tickets can pick their meals up at 5:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on gift baskets! Last chance to purchase tickets is Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome! Don't miss out on this delicious Christmas dinner. Funds raised for this event will go towards the new roof.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED** at St. Teresa's Fundraising Christmas Dinner taking place on **Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Please check out the **sign-up sheets in the Narthex**.

You are invited to the **ANNUAL COMMUNITY CAROL SING**, an evening of Advent and Christmas Music presented by Elmira area churches on **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Admission is free and there will be a free-will offering in support of the Woolwich Counseling Centre. Following the concert you are invited to the church hall for a reception. Everyone welcome!

**COMMUNITY MEMORIAL SERVICE** on **Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, 60 Arthur Street South, Elmira. When grief is fresh, the celebration of any holiday is difficult. You are invited to share with others who sorrow. Together we put the loss into the context of the Christmas season with a service of healing.

**DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: THE EUTHANASIA DECEPTION** will be held on **Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m., at the Basilica of Our Lady Parish Hall, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph. All are welcome to attend a screening of this important documentary, featuring a Q&A with Alex Schadenberg of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. Coffee and sweets will be provided.

**THE DEMOCRACY DEFENCE INITIATIVE** - A call for participants willing to show support for freedom of conscience at Queen's Park and the office of the College of Physicians and Surgeons for Ontario. *The time for action is now* for an important demonstration of support for freedom in Canada on **Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. \* \*\*A bus has been provided and will leave from St. Louis Church, 53 Allen St. E., Waterloo at 9 a.m. and return at 3 p.m. (lower parking lot - spaces 31-41). Please contact KW Right to Life to reserve your seat by email at jane@kwrtl.ca or call 519-746-5433. Bring a lunch. A washroom is on the bus. Our hope is to use this opportunity to galvanize resistance to efforts to crack down on freedom of conscience. We know that a single demonstration alone won't change the world, but we have to start somewhere! You can be sure that those seeking to eliminate basic freedoms in Canada devote themselves, their time and their treasure endlessly to their goal. Are those of us who prefer freedom unwilling to make an equivalent effort?

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, December 1, 2016** 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)

**ST. DAVID GRADE 8 STUDENT AND PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT** is on **Thursday, December 1, 2016** from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be Information Booths in the Foyer from 6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Any students who live within the St. David Boundary and are planning to attend Grade 9 in September 2017 are invited. Come with your parents and see all of the wonderful programs and facilities that we offer.

**38TH 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**. There will be breakfast in the Parish Centre following Mass on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. A free will offering will be taken for SVDP Christmas Hampers. Note exception: **Sunday, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> Mass is at 9:00 a.m. or 11 a.m.** You are welcome to attend your own church on this day. 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. Bring along your family and friends! Everyone is welcome!

**BREAKFAST WITH SAINT NICHOLAS** on **Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (join us before the Christmas parade) at Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur St. N., Elmira. There will be pancakes and sausage. Cost is \$6.00 per person and children under 5 are free. Tickets available and walk-ins are welcome. For information call Trinity office, Monday to Friday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at 519-669-5560 or Brad Fisher at 519-669-9067.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, December 8<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. Carol Barnhardt, 4Gs Guelph Go-Go Grandmothers and the Stephen Lewis Foundation, will speak on "Walking in the Shoes of a Ugandan Grandmother". For info contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or [jehaid@xplornet.ca](mailto:jehaid@xplornet.ca).

#### 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 19/20</b>	<b>\$2,794.80</b>
<b>Average per envelope:</b>	<b>\$23.89</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>

**Thank you!**



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