

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

November 29, 2015
First Sunday of Advent

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,
1851.

Pastor: Fr. David Lewis
Parish Secretary: Donna Vollmer
Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

Office Hours:
Monday to Friday 9:00am-1:00pm



Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am

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 required.

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.

Parish Contacts

Parish Pastoral Council

Al Vodicka
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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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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 30TH

Tuesday, December 1, 7:05 pm Intentions of Ron & Colleen Weber; Marianne Kieswetter
Wed., December 2, 10:30 am – Heritage House +Kazimiera Poczatek; Estate
Thursday, December 3, 12:05 pm +John McFerran; Pat Garton 7:00 pm First Reconciliation
Friday, December 4, 8:30 am +Norma & Jerome Schumacher; Verna & Gord Walz 9 am – 1 pm Adoration
Saturday, December 5, 5:00 pm +Dawnia McLeod; Terry & Nancy Morrison +Jack Morrissey; Morrissey Family
Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Our Parish Community

READINGS FOR December 5/6

First Reading: Bar 5:1-9
 Second Reading: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
 Gospel Reading: Lk 3:1-6

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	7:00pm	9 a.m. Choir Practice – Church
TUE	7:35pm	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg – Library
	7:35pm	C.W.L. Executive Meeting - Seminar
WED	9:30am	Pre-School Wednesday – Seminar
	7:30pm	11 a.m. Choir Practice – Church
FRI	7:00pm	Set-up for Christmas Dinner & Concert
SAT	6:30pm	Christmas Dinner & Concert - Hall

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR:

Mon., November 30	Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.
Tues., December 1	Rev. Mark Pisarek, O.M.I.
Wed., December 2	Society of the Catholic Apostolate
Thurs., December 3	Rev. Msgr. Daniel Hinsperger
Fri., December 4	Rev. Jeff Bergsma
Sat., December 5	Rev. Paul Boucher

MINISTRIES for December 5/6

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Armand Bertin, Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Mary Jane & Robert Yaeger, Iris Miltenburg
11am	Frank & Dianne McGuire

Hospitality

5pm	Jane Goll, Debbie Yutzi, Moira Foerster, Barb Grosz
9am	Adrian Miltenburg, Guy Wakutz, Bill & Anne Hanley
11am	Peter Antonello, Paul & Diane Shuttsa, Sharon Both

Altar Servers

5pm	Natalie Pfanner Groves, Joseph Ditner
9am	Rori Schaefer, Jaylyn Schaefer, Felicia Groechel
11am	Lisa Denomme, Isabella Maher

Lectors

5pm	Peggy Kelly
9am	Morgan Glofcheskie Barry Glofcheskie
11am	Colleen Weber

Commentator

Patsy Pond
Alex Glofcheskie
Marianne Kieswetter

Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)

Dec 6 Trudy & Ray Denomme

Sign Ministry

Nov 30 Bob Rongits

Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister

Dec 2 Cheryl Dunn

FOODBANK NEEDS

Kleenex & Shampoo

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own and that pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family, **Shea Robert Berscht**, son of Thomas & Justina, **Tobias Gerry Riemer**, son of Chris & Sarah and **Liam Corry David Weiss**, son of Dave & Nicole. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

ORANGE & GRAPEFRUIT ORDERS arrive on Thursday, December 3rd. For those who have placed orders please **pick up your order on Thursday, December 3rd from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** Thank you for your support of the World Youth Day Pilgrims.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES FOR ADVENT:

Wed., December 9th, 7 p.m., St. Agatha, St. Agatha
 Thurs., December 10th, 7 p.m., St. Clements, St. Clements
Tues, December 15th, 7 p.m., St. Teresa of Avila, Elmira

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for the Christmas and New Year's Masses. Please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or by email at StTeresaofAvila.Elmira@rogers.com if you are able to help.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

December 24th – 7:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.
 December 25th – 10:00 a.m.

DECEMBER 26TH (BOXING DAY) – NO MASS

NEW YEAR'S MASS TIMES

December 31st – 5:00 p.m. & January 1st – 10:00 a.m.

The **Catholic Women's League** will be holding its **EXECUTIVE MEETING** on **Tuesday, December 1st** after Mass and the **POTLUCK DINNER AND GENERAL MEETING** on **Tuesday, December 8th after the 6 p.m. Mass**. Join us for food, fun, fellowship, prizes and bring along one of the other ladies from our parish. Please bring your favorite 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. Dues are still only \$25.00 and there is an envelope in your envelope box to drop in the collection plate or bring to the meeting. To join our great group of ladies for faith, fun and fulfillment, or volunteer for

a position on our executive, call Agnes Downey, President 519-669-8085.

The **ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHILDREN CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE TOY DRIVE** has begun. Please **pick up a tag** from the Angel Tree in the narthex and **return** a new unwrapped gift with the tag before **December 13, 2015**. All gifts collected will be delivered by the Knights of Columbus to Woolwich Community Services.

OUR CHRISTMAS DINNER & CONCERT, hosted by the World Youth Day Pilgrims, will be held at St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall, Elmira on **Saturday, December 5th**. The meal will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Christmas Concert featuring Mags. 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 6:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets on gift baskets and there will be door prizes! Last chance to purchase tickets is Thursday, December 3rd. All are welcome! Don't miss out on this delicious Christmas dinner and wonderful chance to share in the music of the Christmas season.

ONGOING WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

- Orders for **TIMOTHY SCHMALZ STATUES** will be taken until mid-December.
- Pick up your **RHEO THOMPSON MINT SMOOTHIE** after Masses or during office hours. Each mint smoothie is \$2.00.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OF HEALING on **Sunday, November 29th** at 7:30 p.m. at Woodside Bible Fellowship, 200 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira. When grief is fresh, the celebration of any holiday is difficult. This is a special invitation to you and your family to share with others who sorrow. Together we put the loss into the context of the Christmas season.

Millennium Choral Organization presents **THE CHRISTMAS QUILT CONCERT** on **Sunday, November 29th** at 2 p.m. at Calvin Presbyterian Church, Kitchener, **Wednesday, December 2nd** at 7:30 p.m. at Steinman Mennonite Church, Baden or **Saturday, December 12th** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kitchener. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students and \$10 for children under 12. Purchase tickets through choir members or at www.millenniumchoralorganization.com. Raffles at each show.

Join us on **Friday, December 4, 2015** for the next St. Jerome's University 150th Anniversary Lecture, **"BREAKING THE CYCLE OF VIOLENCE AND CREATING DEEPLY CARING COMMUNITIES"**. Barbara Coloroso, internationally recognized speaker on parents and bullying, will explore the social conditions of violence, the role of reconciliatory justice and the power of

forgiveness to create compassionate communities. Join us at C. L. Siegfried Hall, St. Jerome's University at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Free Admission. The facility is wheelchair accessible. Refreshments provided. No registration is required.

If you are interested in learning more about vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life please join our monthly **DISCERNMENT GATHERINGS**: Mass, Holy Hour, Discussion, and Lunch. Next gathering is on **Saturday, December 5th** at St. Michael's Church in Waterloo (9 a.m.-12 noon). More details at www.HamiltonVocations.com.

Come and join us for **THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT – AN EVENING OF CHOIRS AND CAROL SINGING** hosted by Elmira Mennonite Church, 58 Church Street West, Elmira on **Sunday, December 6th** at 7 p.m.

The next **NEW HORIZONS PROGRAM** for Zoomers, Boomers and Seniors, is on **Thursday, December 10, 2015** from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Maryhill Community Centre, 58 Charles Street East, Maryhill. Admission is \$2 per person. Josie d'Avernas, Vice President of Schlegel Research Institute for Aging, will speak on "How Research is Enhancing Life for older adults". For information contact Joan Haid at 519-648-2742 or jehaid@xplornet.ca.

The next **COMMUNITY CAN DINE** is on **Friday, December 11th** at Trinity United Church, 21 Arthur Street North, Elmira from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with turkey dinner. Pay what you can. For more information please call Kelly at Woolwich Community Services 519-669-5139 or Trinity Office at 519-669-5560.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH will be on **Saturday, December 12th** at 7:30 p.m. at the Centre in the Square, Kitchener. Tickets are \$25 to \$75 / \$14 for students and under-30s / \$5 high school and younger. For tickets telephone 519-578-1570 or check out www.centreinthesquare.com.

BLESSING AND OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY – As the extra-ordinary Holy Year of Mercy begins join Bishop Crosby and parishioners from across the Diocese for the celebration of the blessing and opening of the Door of Mercy at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton on **Sunday, December 13, 2015** at 7 p.m. The celebration will begin in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral Basilica) and then move to the doors for the blessing and opening, and then into the Cathedral for the rest of the celebration of the Word.

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 November 21/22:	\$2,947.30
Average per envelope:	\$24.77
Electronic funds for the week:	\$907.50
(based on 4 Sundays per month)	
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,632.00
Thank you!	



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