

St. Teresa of Avila

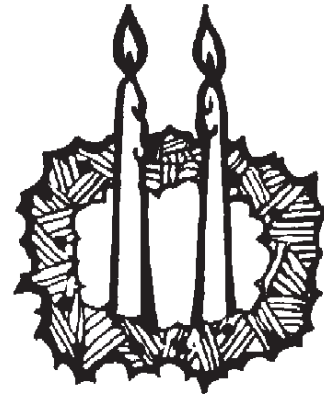
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December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of
Advent



SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Pastor: Rev. Peter Meyer
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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides
Office Administration: Donna Vollmer
Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg
Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses
see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.,
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

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi
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John Bruder Ken Gallipeau

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Vocations

Contact hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/
or resurrectionists.com/vocations

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

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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 8TH

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| Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 pm – C.W.L. Mass & Potluck +Charlotte Wilson; Carol & Ed Kieswetter <i>Let us have clean hearts ready inside us for the Lord Jesus, so that he will be glad to come in. – St. Clement of Alexandria</i> |
| Wednesday, December 10, 10:30 am – AgeCare Mass +Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate <i>The first thing I recommend to you for Advent is to keep yourself in the presence of God deep within your heart, just as the Blessed Virgin, before the birth of our Lord, adored him within herself. – Ven. Emmanuel d'Alzon</i> |
| Thursday, December 11, 10:00 am – St. Teresa School Mass +Alan Bruce Jakeman; Iris & Adrian Miltenburg <i>If you wish to draw the Lord to you, approach him as disciples to master, in all simplicity, openly, honestly, without duplicity, without idle curiosity. He is simple and uncompounded. And he wants the souls that come to him to be simple and pure. Indeed, you will never see simplicity separated from humility. – St. John Climacus</i> |
| Friday, December 12, 9:45 a.m. – St. Boniface School Mass <i>The Guadalupe event meant the beginning of evangelization with a vitality that surpassed all expectations. Christ's message, through his Mother, took up the central elements of the indigenous culture, purified them and gave them the definitive sense of salvation. – The Mexican Bishops</i> |
| Saturday, December 13, 5:00 pm +John Basler; Debra Basler & Donna & John Markarian +Howard Meyer; Fr. Peter Meyer Intentions of Marie Snelling; The Family |
| Sunday, December 14, Third Sunday of Advent 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill |

READINGS FOR December 6/7

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

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

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| Mon., Dec 8 | The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Tues., Dec 9 | Rev. Ronald Voisin |
| Wed., Dec 10 | Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer |
| Thu., Dec 11 | Catholic Young Adults |
| Fri., Dec 12 | Our Lady of Guadalupe National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples |
| Sat., Dec 13 | Rev. Michael McHugh |

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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| TUE | 6:00 p.m. C.W.L. Mass & Potluck – Church & Hall |
| WED | 3:15 p.m. Altar Server Training – Church |
| THU | 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. – Library |
| FRI | Office Closed |
| | 7:00 p.m. Youth Group |

MINISTRIES for December 13/14

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Tim Baillargeon
 9am Iris Miltenburg, Ron Stemmler, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Pat Stortz
 9am John Bruder, Mike & Sharon Noel

Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra
 9am William Laurin

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Joan Coutu

Altar Servers

9am Breea, Scarlett, Allyson

Children's Liturgy

Dec 14 Linda Bruder, Isabelle Lauzon

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fish and Mayonnaise

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For Christians in areas of conflict – Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace. Like the first candle, it is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," the second Advent candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus.
 Fr. Peter Meyer

C.W.L. CHRISTMAS MASS AND POTLUCK: Tuesday, December 9th with Mass at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner in the hall. All ladies of the parish (members and non-members) are invited! Please bring your favorite dish to share. Beverages will be supplied. Remember to bring your own dishes and cutlery.

St. Teresa School students have designed beautiful **CHRISTMAS CARDS** now available for purchase! Each pack includes 6 unique cards for \$15. Quantities are limited so pick up a set today and share the joy of the season. Proceeds support the good works of the Knights of Columbus.

The **PHOTO DIRECTORIES** are now ready for pick-up. You can pick them up after Masses or at the Parish Office. Please make sure to initial beside your name on the list when you pick up your book.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA "ANGEL TREE" EVENT is run by the Knights of Columbus. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with the tag by December 14th.

The **LAST ALTAR SERVER TRAINING MEETING** will be on **Wednesday, December 10th** at 3:15 p.m.

The **NEW MISSALS** are now ready for purchase. They are **\$6.00 each** and can be found in the library. Please place your money in the box provided or drop off at the Parish Office during office hours. Lectors receive a free copy. Please pick up your copy in the library.

CONFESSIONS – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 20th** or by appointment.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Join us for the Children's Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 21st** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass. **Reminder to children:** Practices are from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the church. **ALL AGES ARE WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US!** Dates of practices are November 30th, December 7th and December 14th.

Each Advent the National Office for Evangelization and Catechesis produces a **FOUR-WEEK SERIES ON THE SUNDAY GOSPELS THROUGHOUT ADVENT** with reflections from one of our Canadian Bishops. This year, our very own Auxiliary, His Excellency, Bishop Wayne Lobsinger provides the video series for us. Please share these reflections on the Gospel of Matthew with your communities through bulletin announcements, and/or the parish website. You can find all information, at: <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

You are invited to the **ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHOIRS AND CAROLS event**, an evening of Advent and Christmas Music presented by Elmira area churches on **Sunday, December 7th** at 7 p.m. at Gale Presbyterian Church, Elmira. Admission is free and there will be a free-will offering in support of the Woolwich Counselling Centre. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Everyone welcome!

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES CHRISTMAS GOODWILL HAMPERS FOOD FUND DRIVE

It is again that time of year when we think of the Woolwich Community Services ("WCS") and its Christmas Goodwill Hampers. The need is always great. Donations are required to enable WCS to place Gift Cards for Foodland and Food Basics in the Goodwill Hampers so that needy community members can provide their families with a festive Christmas meal. Please note there will be **NO DOOR-TO-DOOR FOOD DRIVE**.

As an alternative at any time before December 12th,
A. donations of cash, cheques or gift cards for **Foodland** or **Food Basics** will be accepted at **WCS'** office located at 5 Memorial Ave, Elmira; or

B. online donations may be made at **woolwichcommunityservices.org**;

or by using the **QR Code** below for **WCS**; to donate please use the dropdown under **FUND - "Christmas Goodwill (Food)"**.



HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP – COPING WITH CHRISTMAS – Grieving the loss of a loved one at any time is difficult but it can seem all the worse as we approach the Christmas season. This time of year often reminds us of our loved ones who are no longer with us along with feelings of loss and sadness. We may begin to worry about our sense of belonging and how we are going to cope without our loved one. Join us as we watch a video and discuss ways to cope while still being able to find joy in each moment, trusting that there will be brighter days ahead, on **Wednesday, December 10, 2025** from 7 – 8:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at St. Michael Parish Centre, basement, 80 University Ave. W., Waterloo. For more information and to register, please phone or email the Parish office (519-884-9311 / parish@stmichaelw.ca).

St. James Lutheran in Elmira is hosting a **LONGEST NIGHT/BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE** on **Sunday, December 21st** at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and encouraged to invite those for whom this year's season might be especially difficult.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! A CLOSING MASS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on **Sunday, December 28th** at 3 p.m. It will also be the Mass of Thanksgiving offered for my 15-years of service as Bishop of Hamilton. Priests, Deacons and Parishioners are invited to join in this time of prayer! Thank you for this blessed moment.

MARRIAGE TIP – Marriage is a journey that two people undertake with a plan to navigate life together. When researchers investigate what makes the journey both long and happy, many things come into play, but a strong one is repeated by most: "I married my best friend." It is good to ask yourself then, are you being a good friend to your spouse? Do you spend time together, share parts of your day, invite them to share in an event with you, watch a movie together, or even a series that can become together time? Do you call once in awhile to say hello during the time you are not together and plan time for your spouse in your agenda – everyday? Are you patient when they make a mistake, are not perfect, or let you down? Friendships thrive and last in this kind of environment, so make friendship a foundation of your marriage. From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – John the Baptist's vocation reminds us of the distinctiveness and transformative potential of every vocation. Because God calls us, our response, modest as it may be, can open hearts and produce surprising results. We invite and welcome others into a relationship with Christ and his Church, because Christ extended the same call to us first. Fr. Eric Wagner, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 29/30: \$ 5,235.80
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