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Roman Catholic Church

November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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.

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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.

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4 High Street, Waterloo
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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. ✠

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23RD

Tuesday, November 24, 7:05 pm
Intentions of a Friend; Linda & John Bruder
Truth suffers, but never dies. – St. Teresa of Avila

Wednesday, November 25, 12:05 pm
+Wayne Vollmer; Patsy & Steve Pond
A word or smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul. – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Thursday, November 26, 12:30 pm
+Doreen & Jim Walker; Rick DeCaire & Family
Love aright and you will never be sad. Embrace God's will and you will be filled with joy and peace. – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Friday, November 27, 9 am - Maryhill
Nowhere other than looking at oneself in the mirror of the Cross can one better understand how much one is worth. – St. Anthony of Padua

Saturday, November 28, 5:00 pm
+Art Moser, Marlene Moser & Cheryl Lenover; The Family

Sunday, November 29, First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am Our Parish Community
11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR November 29/30

First Reading: Is 63:16b-17, 19b, 64:2-7
Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel Reading: Mt 13:33-37

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Nov 23	Rev. Tom Moisan
Tues., Nov 24	Rev. James Swanson, L.C.
Wed., Nov 25	Pallottine Fathers, S.A.C.
Thurs., Nov 26	Widows
Fri., Nov 27	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
Sat., Nov 28	Rev. Pablito Labado

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	7:40 p.m.	**Parish Pastoral Council Mtg** - Library
WED	3:15 p.m.	**Children's Choir Practice –** Church
THU	2:00 & 7:00 p.m.	**Book Club** - Library
	After School	**Altar Server Training** - Church
	7:00 p.m.	**R.C.I.A.** – Library
SAT	1:00 p.m.	**First Reconciliation Retreat** – Hall

MINISTRIES for November 28/29

Eucharistic Ministers
5pm Tim Baillargeon, Mary Forcier
9am Pat Ditner, Iris Miltenburg, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality
5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly
9am Mike & Sharon Noel, Adrian Miltenburg

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Alannah Bell	Patsy Pond
9am	Jennifer Drinkwater Maria Diemert	John Bruder

Altar Servers
9am Ella, Matilda, Libby

Children's Liturgy
Nov 29 Anna Jakeman, Tessa Heffernan

FOODBANK NEEDS

Jam, Peanut Butter and Crackers

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the proper use of wealth – Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is Christ the King Sunday (officially the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe), celebrated on the final Sunday of the liturgical year (the last Sunday before Advent) to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the supreme ruler of all creation, history, and human hearts. It was created to counter secularism. Pope Pius XI established the feast in 1925 to respond to dictatorships. In the aftermath of World War I and the rise of totalitarian regimes, fascism, and aggressive secular nationalism, the Church wanted to remind Christians that their ultimate allegiance belonged to God—not to earthly political leaders, ideologies, or states.

Please see the insert in the bulletin. If you have any questions, please see a member of the Finance Committee.

Father Peter

WORLD YOUTH DAY – Instituted in 1985 at the conclusion of the International Year of Youth and in conjunction with Saint John Paul II's World Youth Day gatherings, this observance has taken place on Palm Sunday. In 2020 Pope Francis transferred the date to the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. "Young people must say to the world: It is good to follow Jesus! You bring us the joy of faith and tell us that we must live the faith always with a young heart." – Pope Francis

BISHOP WAYNE LOBSINGER APPOINTED BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF PETERBOROUGH – The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has appointed Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, currently Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Hamilton, as the new Bishop of the Diocese of Peterborough. The announcement was made on Friday, November 13, at 12:00 p.m. in Rome (6:00 a.m. local time). Bishop Lobsinger commented on the announcement: "*It is with humble gratitude that I accept the appointment of the Holy Father, Pope Leo, to be the Bishop of Peterborough. It will be hard to leave the Diocese of Hamilton, having lived and served in this Diocese my entire life, however I look forward to my new ministry in Peterborough with excitement and joy*."

The faithful are invited to join in a **MASS OF THANKSGIVING** to celebrate Bishop Lobsinger's appointment on **Sunday, November 29th** at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 714 King Street West, Hamilton. We give thanks for Bishop Lobsinger's generous service to the Church and ask the faithful to keep him in their prayers as he prepares to begin this new chapter of ministry. May the Lord bless him with wisdom, strength, and joy, and may Mary, Mother of the Church, accompany him as he shepherds the people entrusted to his care.

St. Teresa of Avila **"ANGEL TREE"** event is run by the Knights of Columbus Council 8192. Please pick up a tag or two from the "Angel Tree" in the narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with the tag by December 13th. Thank you for your generosity.

The St. Teresa of Avila Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to **THANK** the Catholic Women's League, The Knights of Columbus, all our parishioners and anonymous donors for their prayers and financial support. We also **THANK** all who made special bags for us. We have in the last three weeks given out 20 prayer shawls and 30 for St. Mary's Hospital and a number of baptismal shawls. Our next big project will be our Confirmation Candidates. **THANK YOU AGAIN** for blessing us and all those who support us in any way.

The C.W.L. wishes to express **HEARTFELT THANKS** to everyone who so generously attended and supported our recent **Soup's On**! It was fantastic to need to take out more tables and chairs because the numbers exceeded our expectations! Save the date for January 23, our next 'Soup's On'! Let's support our fantastic Parish!

During the month of November, the **BOOK OF LIFE** is set up in the Church. Please remember to add the names of your deceased loved ones to the list so they will be remembered at the Masses during November.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRAWING CONTEST
The Knights of Columbus invite all children of the parish to participate! On a regular-sized sheet of paper, create a drawing based on the theme **"Keep Christ in Christmas"**. Entries will be judged on how well they reflect the theme and on their colourfulness. All participants will receive a Participation Certificate and three winners will be selected. In addition to receiving a Winner's Certificate, each winner will receive a special prize. Also, the three winning designs will become the **Parish Christmas Cards for 2027**! We encourage all our young artists to share their creativity and help spread the true meaning of Christmas.
*P.S. Please submit entries to **Mike Noël** of the Knights or **Anna Gallipeau-Jakeman**. Be sure to write your name on the back of your drawing.*

All are invited to join in some time for reading, reflection and conversation on the **LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.** The book "St. Francis of Assisi, His Life, Teachings and Practice" by Jon M. Sweeney will be used as our resource book. For four weeks **starting November 26th through December 17th** on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Meetings will be in the church library where we will have the opportunity for reflection and discussion for one hour. Please call the office to sign up and make arrangements to **order the book by November 23rd.** St. Francis, pray for us!

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – ALL CHILDREN WELCOME! Mark your calendars! Our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 20th**, immediately following Mass. Children of **all ages** are invited to participate as we celebrate the story of Jesus's birth!

To prepare for the big day, we will hold three practice sessions:

- **Sunday, November 29th** (after Mass)
- **Sunday, December 6th** (after Mass)
- **Sunday, December 13th** (after Mass)

Whether your child wants to be an angel, a shepherd, or a king, there is a role for everyone!
To sign up your child or for more details, please contact anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca or speak with us after Mass. We look forward to a joyful celebration!

Elmira Mennonite Church is hosting a **GOODS AND SERVICES AUCTION** on **Saturday, November 28th.** The preview of the articles is at 4:30 p.m. Supper begins at 5:00 p.m. At 6:00 p.m. the live auction begins. Everyone is welcome. All money raised will be split between Beyond Housing and Mennonite Central Committee Meat Canner. Only cash or cheque will be accepted.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, December 3rd** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite 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 cmlamers@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

"Do whatever He tells you." These beautiful words of our Blessed Mother help us to grow in holiness – to come closer to Mary as she helps us to come closer to Jesus. Join us for the **ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ: HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC DEVOTION TO MARY**, with guest speaker Fr. David Reitzel, who will teach us practical ways to grow in our relationship with our spiritual Mother on **Sunday, December 6th** at 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at St. Agnes, Waterloo.

The Elmira District Ministerial Association presents **COMMUNITY CHOIRS & CAROLS** on **Sunday, December 6, 2026** at 7 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Rd., Floradale. Gather with family and friends as we fill the season with joyful melodies and warm community spirit. There is a freewill offering in support of Woolwich Counselling Centre. All are welcome!

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Today's Gospel reveals something remarkable: we serve our King not through power or greatness, but through simple acts of love toward those in need. *As Resurrectionists*, we share in this mission by bringing the hope and new life of the Resurrection into the world, especially where suffering, injustice, and despair prevail. And so, as we reflect on our own lives, perhaps we might ask: *What am I building that will truly last? Could Christ be calling me to dedicate my life to His Kingdom as a Resurrectionist?*
Fr. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 14/15:		$4,162.05
Income	August, September, October	$ 67,414.73
Expenses	August, September, October	$ 69,301.79

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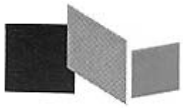
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