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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.

Parish Contacts

Parish Pastoral Council

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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.

November 23, 2025

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King of the Universe**

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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 24TH

Tuesday, November 25, 12:00 p.m.

+Beatrice Read; Judy & Marcella Furlong

Here is a rule for everyday life: do not do anything which you cannot offer to God. – St. John Mary Vianney

Wednesday, November 26, No Mass

It is not the actual physical exertion that counts toward a person's progress, nor the nature of the task, but the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken. – St. Francis Xavier

Thursday, November 27, No Mass

If we wish to serve God and love our neighbour well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing. – St. Katharine Drexel

Friday, November 28, No Mass

Direct all your actions and your sacrifices to this end: that they may all serve to make you more happy and content in paradise. – St. John XXIII

Saturday, November 29, 5:00 pm

+Jack Soeder; Julie Wilkins

+Jim Hanley; Bill & Anne Hanley

Sunday, November 30, First Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR November 29/30

First Reading: Is 2:1-5

Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14

Gospel Reading: Mt 24:37-44

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Nov 24	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Tues., Nov 25	Rev. Jerek John Scherber, L.C.
Wed., Nov 26	Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ, p.j.c.
Thu., Nov 27	Rev. Adam Zettel, L.C.
Fri., Nov 28	Rev. Jerry Punnassery, C.M.I.
Sat., Nov 29	Rev. Rijo Jose, C.M.I.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	6:15 p.m. First Reconciliation Session - Hall
THU	3:15 p.m. Children's Choir Practice – Church
	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. – Library
FRI	7:00 p.m. Youth Group - Hall

MINISTRIES for November 29/30

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Sandi Hutchinson, Iris Miltenburg, Pat Ditner

Hospitality

5pm	Greg & Sue Goetz
9am	Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Connie Kaster	Patsy Pond
9am	John Bruder	Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am	Matilda, Ella, Libby
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Children's Liturgy

Nov 30	Sandi Hutchinson, Nikki Totten
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FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Corn Niblets and Canned Fruit

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the prevention of suicide – Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The theme for the Feast of Christ the King in 2025 is "You also are my witnesses, because you have been with me" (John 15:27). This theme connects to the upcoming World Youth Day in Seoul and focuses on being courageous witnesses to Christ through friendship with Him and commitment to building peace.

Let us pray for our young boys and girls as they prepare for First Reconciliation in early December.

Fr. Peter Meyer

THANKS to everyone who came out to support our C.W.L. Soup's On evening. Your kindness and generous donations went to Tiny Home Takeout to help feed homeless people in Kitchener. **THANK YOU** for contributing to the meal and setting up and taking down in the parish hall. See you again in January!

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 will begin on **November 22, 2025**. Please pick up a tag from the Angel Tree in the narthex and return a new, unwrapped gift with the tag by December 14th.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING for new Altar Servers will be on **Wednesday, November 26th** at 3:10 p.m. There will also be training on **Wednesdays, December 3rd and 10th**.

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 6th** and **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.

NOVEMBER IS FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH. Is your relationship healthy? Do arguments ever result in you feeling put down or bad about yourself? Do

you feel like no matter how hard you try, it's not good enough? Do you ever feel frightened by what your partner says or does? Would you like to talk to someone? For more information, call Virginia, Lauren, or Casey at 519-669-5139 or 1-800-667-7918, Family Violence Prevention Program, Woolwich Community Services. Free and Confidential. If you are in danger, call Police 911 or Women's Crisis of Waterloo Region at 519-742-5894. Let's end Family Violence.

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)"**.



In December, Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering:

- **STRATEGIES FOR AN IMPROVED AND RESTFUL SLEEP** - In-Person Adult Workshop on Tuesday, December 2nd, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee* is \$10.
- **STRENGTHENING CONNECTION AND COMMUNICATION WITH OUR CHILDREN AND TEENS** - Virtual Parenting Workshop on Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee* is \$10.

To register, please visit:

<https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>.

***Further subsidies available if needed.**

"Forgiving Each Other and Ourselves" – We all sin. In that, we separate ourselves from God. Yet, in our human weakness, our loving and merciful God meets us in our sin and struggle. We may fight a spiritual battle within, resistant to forgive those who have offended us ~ *we may also struggle to forgive ourselves* ~ even after God has forgiven

us. Join us for the **St. Agnes Education Cafe** for this timely Advent talk on **FORGIVENESS AND THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**, with Fr. Francisco Cruz, Pastor of St. John's Parish, and Missionary of Mercy, appointed by Pope Francis on **Wednesday, December 3rd** from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Parish, Waterloo.

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).

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.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – One of the most important components of positive mental health is a sense of belonging. Family is the first place we feel this sense and the stronger the ties the more secure we feel. Belonging comes when we play and work together and yes, pray together. These shared experiences help us bond and set the foundation for family traditions that unite us in common understandings and joys. So clean, cook and tidy together, play games, go for walks, build forts and houses from boxes and pray before meals, bed and at Mass on Sunday. This foundation of who we are and where we come from will contribute to healthy and happy children and families. From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – In our Gospel today, we have a number of people at the Cross with different relationships to Jesus. And the Gospel shows us that the ones who choose to turn to Jesus and ask him to be at the centre of their lives are not the ones we might expect. Who would you be in today's Gospel? Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 15/16: \$ 2,557.05

Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$75,955.81

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