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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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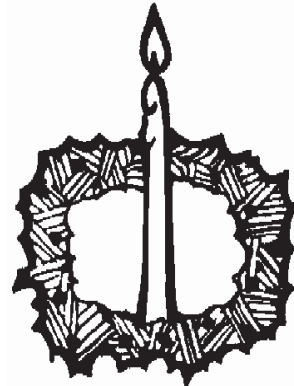
New Parishioners

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 30, 2025
First Sunday of
Advent



FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

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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 DECEMBER 1ST

Tuesday, December 2, 7:05 pm

+Rita Klein; Patsy & Steven Pond

We are Christ's body. We drink of the same chalice because we live the same life. – St. Augustine

Wednesday, December 3, 1:00 pm

+Millie Schlupp; Carol & Ed Kieswetter

For in truth, no one is really timid and weak who knowingly leans upon the assistance of God. – St. Francis Xavier

Thursday, December 4,

12:05 pm +Jacob Raphael; Wehbet Qendel

7:00 pm First Reconciliation

The way of spiritual knowledge passes through inner freedom and humility. Without these we shall never see the Lord. – St. Maximus the Confessor

Saturday, December 6,

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm +Philip, Karen, Maurice & Rose Downey;
The Family

Special Intention in Thanksgiving: Anonymous

Sunday, December 7, Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR December 6/7

First Reading: Is 11:1-10

Second Reading: Rom 15:4-9

Gospel Reading: Mt 3:1-12

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Dec 1	Most Rev. Wayne Lobsinger
Tues., Dec 2	Very Rev. Msgr. Cornelius O'Mahony
Wed., Dec 3	Order of Preachers, (Dominican), O.P.
Thu., Dec 4	Rev. Pawel Stankiewicz
Fri., Dec 5	Rev. Bill Foote
Sat., Dec 6	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	6:15 p.m. First Reconciliation Session - Hall
WED	3:15 p.m. Altar Server Training – Church
THU	3:15 p.m. Children's Choir Practice – Church

MINISTRIES for December 6/7

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Steve & Patsy Pond
9am	Carol Kieswetter, Ken Gallipeau, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality

5pm	Kieran & Geoff Kelly
9am	Adrian Miltenburg, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector

5pm	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Jim Goll

Commentator

Judy Furlong
Joan Coutu

Altar Servers

9am	Wesley, Nathan, Evan
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Children's Liturgy

Dec 7	Theresa Grosz, Isabelle Grosz
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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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Advent has a twofold nature. It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

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

Fr. Peter Meyer

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Jack Douglas Roy Runstedler**, son of Michael and Peyton. *We pray that God will help this child to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING for new Altar Servers will be on **Wednesdays, December 3rd and 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 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.

AN EVENING OF CANDLELIGHT, MUSIC & COMMUNITY on **Thursday, December 4th** at 7 p.m. Hosted by Dreisinger Funeral Home, 62 Arthur Street South, Elmira. Officiated by Pastor Calvin Martin. Guest speaker is Dawn

Koebel. Join us for an evening offering support to those managing grief or a difficult season in their lives. This event promotes healing and fosters hope with a supportive community. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

LOYOLA HOUSE FAREWELL - As Loyola House prepares to close its retreat programming, we invite all members of the community to gather for a final Mass and reception on **Sunday, December 7th**. This will be the last public event held in Loyola House before it concludes its long history of offering Ignatian retreats on December 15.

The Mass will take place at 2:00 p.m. in the Loyola House chapel, followed by a community reception in the lounge. Together we will share memories, gratitude, and prayers for all who have found rest, renewal, and transformation in this sacred space.

All are welcome to attend — friends, retreatants, volunteers, and anyone connected to the Ignatius Jesuit Centre over the years.

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)**".



"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.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations during the Advent Season. The Young Adults Night includes a Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.), social with food (7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.), praise night with vocations testimony (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on **Saturday, December 6th** at Holy Cross Church, 14400 Argyle Rd, Georgetown. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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.

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

VOCATION SEEDS – "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." If God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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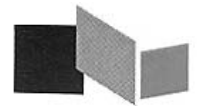
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