

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

**September 17, 2017**  
**Twenty-Fourth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter,  
 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. David Lewis  
**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer  
**Sacramental Preparation:** Iris Miltenburg

**Office Hours:**  
 Monday to Thursday 9:00am-1:00pm



**Mass Times**  
 Saturday 5:00pm  
 Sunday 9:30am

**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 offered.

**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.

**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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 Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://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



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18TH**

**Tuesday, September 19, 5:00 pm – Carmel of St. Joseph**

+Frances Lewis; Wayne & Donna Vollmer

*A seed will not grow without earth and water; and a person will not develop without voluntary suffering and divine help.*

– St. Mark the Ascetic

**Wednesday, September 20, 10:30 am - Chartwell**

+Tony Palach; Frank Walter & Family

*Place all your hope in the heart of Jesus; it is a safe asylum; for he who trusts in God is sheltered and protected by his mercy. To this firm hope, join the practice of virtue, and even in this life you will begin to taste the ineffable joys of Paradise. – St Bernard of Clairvaux*

**Thursday, September 21, 9:00 am**

+Howard Walz; Linda & Vince Spilek

*Jesus is happy to come with us, as truth is happy to be spoken, as life to be lived, as light to be lit, as love to be loved, as joy to be given, as peace to be spread. – St. Francis of Assisi*

**Friday, September 22, 9:00 am**

+Rita Graff; Mike & Wendy Hicknell

*Temperance is a disposition that restrains our desires for things which it is base to desire. – St. Augustine*

**Saturday, September 23, 5:00 pm**

+Betty Walter; The Family

+Joseph & Annamae Eckert; Estate

**Sunday, September 24,**

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 am** Our Parish Community

**10:45 am** Baptisms

**Altar Servers**

5pm Natalie Pfanner Groves, Joseph Ditner

9:30am Matthew Deyell, Reid Deyell, Heike Elliott, Amber Elliott

**Lectors**

5pm Armand Bertin

9:30am Paul Shutsa

Lisa Denomme

**Commentator**

Phil Milan

Tom Fahey

**Sunday External Eucharistic Minister (to Elmira)**

Sep 24 Jane Goll

**Sign Ministry**

Sep 18 Gord Walz

**Wednesday External Eucharistic Minister**

Sep 20 Marianne Kieswetter

**LIVING ROSARY INTENTION**

That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

**FOODBANK NEEDS**

Canned Fruit, Canned Apple Juice, and Canned Chicken, Ham & Turkey

The **CHILDREN'S LITURGY PROGRAM** for children in JK through grade 2 will begin on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Registration for this program will take place on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. You may also register on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> when the program begins. The cost is \$5 per child which goes toward the children's bulletins and supplies for the program. Please consider volunteering to teach a Sunday or two for this worthwhile program.

Do you or a loved one need a ride to church? We offer **DOOR TO DOOR BUS SERVICE** in Elmira and St. Jacobs **to the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Cost is \$5.00 per ride. For information or a ride call Greg Elliott at 519-669-4830.

Please note that the **ANNUAL VISIT TO THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH** with St. Teresa C.W.L., Kitchener is on **September 19, 2017.** Gather at respective St. Teresa Church at 4:15 p.m. to car pool to the Monastery. Mass will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. with concelebrants, Fr. David Lewis and Fr. Brendan McGrath, followed by a visit to the Sisters of Carmel display room for purchase of religious articles and preserves. Please bring non-perishables and any donations. Dinner follows at Kennedy's Restaurant in St. Agatha around 6:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you plan on attending. For more information please call Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162 or email [barbvodicka@gmail.com](mailto:barbvodicka@gmail.com).

**PRAYER SHAWL GATHERING** – We will meet on **Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>** at 1:00 p.m. in the library. Any new knitters or crocheters are welcome. If you need a ride please contact Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606. If you are in the process of making a shawl, bring it along. We can talk and work at the same time!

**READINGS FOR September 23/24**

First Reading: Is 55:6-9

Second Reading: Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel Reading: Mt 20:1-16a

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**TUE** 1:00pm **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Library

**WED** **Office Closed**

7:00pm **5 p.m. Choir Practice** – Church

7:00pm **9:30 a.m. Choir Practice** – Seminar

**THU** 6:45pm **Knights BBQ & General Meeting**

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., September 18 Rev. Stanislaw Kuczaik, S.Chr.  
 Tues., September 19 Very Rev. Jerzy Tomon  
 Wed., September 20 Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles (Scalabrinians), C.S.  
 Thurs., September 21 Rev. Joseph LeClair  
 Fri., September 22 Rev. Leszek Szczygiel  
 Sat., September 23 Rev. Dennis Noon

**MINISTRIES for September 23/24**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond, Erl Andersen

9:30am Rick Weishar, Matthew Griffin, Pat Ditner

**Hospitality**

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Jane Goll, Marilyn Hurlburt, Bill Strauss

9:30am Bill & Anne Hanley, Peter Antonello, Ray Denomme

**PRAYER SHAWLS** – If you or anyone close to you is seriously ill or experiencing difficult times, the Prayer Shawl Ministry has shawls and blankets which have been blessed and could provide comfort to any who could use supportive prayer. If you wish to have a shawl for this reason, please call Danielle Pilon at 519-669-2606 or the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League presents **THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE "THE BOOK OF WISDOM"** on **Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>** from 2 – 4 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Church, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Please join us for this special event. For information please call 519-669-3387.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** begins in Kitchener and around the world on September 27<sup>th</sup> and will run until November 5<sup>th</sup>. As in past years we will witness and pray for respect for all life but especially the unborn across from Freeport Hospital from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. You can sign up at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or call 519-589-2919 or 519-748-5548 for more information. You will have an opportunity to sign up for hours especially **on the day our Parish has "adopted" which is Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**. The **KICK OFF RALLY** will be held on **September 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Romanian Pentecostal Church of God, 160 Grand River Blvd in Kitchener beginning at 7 p.m. Guest speaker is Justina Van Maran. There will also be fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome.

**ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? LET US HELP LEVEL 1** - (Learning to Cope), and **LEVEL 2** (Accepting the Situation) are self-help programs intended to help separated and divorced persons gain a perspective on their divorce. Topics are meant to offer hope and personal growth and include: the process of divorce, self-image, stress, anger, guilt, loneliness, forgiveness, trust, singleness and children. Course fee: \$35 (Level 1), and \$45 (Level 2). Both Level 1 & 2 will be held Tuesday evenings for 11 weeks, **starting September 19, 2017** from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish (Queen & Westmount), Kitchener. Contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or St. Francis Parish 519-745-7301 to register. If you know of someone who might be assisted by these programs, please pass this information on.

**COME JOIN US TO FIND THE "KEYS TO LOVING RELATIONSHIPS"** - "Keys" is a **ten week video-based program** meant for anyone (**married or single**) who is looking for a more meaningful relationship with a spouse, family member or friend. Learn how to become a better "me" in all your relationships! The program runs Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. **starting September 19th**, at St. Mark's Parish, 55 Driftwood Ave., Kitchener. The cost is \$45.00. For more information, please call the Family Ministry Office at (905) 528-7988 ext. 2249.

**WOMEN'S RETREAT** from **Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at Queen of the Apostles Church, 1617 Blythe Road, Mississauga. The theme is Journeying With Women of the Bible. For further information please call 905-278-5229.

**MEMORIAL FOR THE UNBORN** – This will take place on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 1 p.m. Every year, pro-life people gather together for a prayerful time to remember lives lost to abortion. Guelph & Area Right to life invites you to gather at the Garden of Grace, in front of the Basilica of Our Lady. For more information, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or [infor@guelphforlife.com](mailto:infor@guelphforlife.com).

St. Clement's Parish, St. Clements is hosting its **HOT HAM SUPPER FUNDRAISER** on **Sunday, September 24, 2017** from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the St. Clements Community Centre, 1 Green Street, St. Clements. Tickets are adults \$12, children (5 to 12) \$6 and children (4 and under) free. There will be a raffle prize table and quilt raffle. For tickets call Sharon at 519-699-4032 or Stacey at 519-699-4774.

The next **ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE WITH TAIZE SONGS** is on **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Catholic Church, 55 Driftwood Drive, Kitchener.

**WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP SENIORS LUNCH CLUB** - Join us for a hot light lunch and fellowship with old and new friends at the Woolwich Memorial Centre, 24 Snyder Avenue, Elmira on **Monday, September 25, 2017**. Register by 10 a.m. on the Thursday morning before the lunch. Cancellations are to be made by 2 p.m. the Friday before the lunch. Lunch is served at 12 noon. The cost is \$6. Call Community Care Concepts at 519-664-1900 to register.

Suicide impacts our community. Imagine if we had so many people prepared to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide, that it prevented someone from taking that step? Gale Presbyterian is hosting a **SAFETALK WORKSHOP** on **Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** from 7 - 10 p.m. A nationally recognized program with trained facilitators. Seating is limited. Call the church office at 519-669-2852 to reserve your seat. Be a part of a Safe Community. Free will offering. If expenses are covered, the proceeds will go to Woolwich Counselling.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – "If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." Consider service as a priest, brother or sister. If God is calling you contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [mking@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:mking@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Lk 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you... For the measure you give will be measured back to you."**

<b>Offertory collection for September 2/3:</b>	<b>\$2,499.30</b>
<b>Average per envelope:</b>	<b>\$26.22</b>
<b>Offertory collection for September 9/10:</b>	<b>\$2,763.35</b>
<b>Average per envelope:</b>	<b>\$27.08</b>
<b>Electronic funds for the week:</b>	<b>\$1,143.75</b>
<b>(based on 4 Sundays per month)</b>	
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,632.00</b>
<b>Thank you!</b>	

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