

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

April 26, 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi
Fr. Peter Meyer Jim McInnis
John Bruder Ken Gallipeau

Building & Finance Committee

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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

75 First St. W., Elmira
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St. David Catholic Secondary School

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. ✠

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 27TH

Tuesday, April 28, 7:05 pm +Connie Walser; Grant Swainston <i>By holy obedience we do away with self-love, which spoils everything. – St. Louis Grignon de Montfort</i>
Wednesday, April 29, 12:05 pm +Dan Ziegler; Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>Do not be satisfied with little things, because God wants great things! – St. Catherine of Siena</i>
Thursday, April 30, 12:05 pm +Rita Klein; Patsy & Steve Pond <i>It is not necessary to acquire riches, nor to obtain dignities, nor to gain a great name. The only thing necessary is to love God. – St. Alphonsus Liguori</i>
Friday, May 1, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Let us learn to cast our hearts into God. – St. Bernard of Clairvaux</i>
Saturday, May 2, 5:00 pm +John Schill; Estate +Pat Runstedler; The Family
Sunday, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR May 2/3

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7
 Second Reading: 1 Pt 2:4-9
 Gospel Reading: Jn 14:1-12

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Apr 27	Rev. Robert Kiffman
Tues., Apr 28	Rev. Francis Noronha, C.S.C.
Wed., Apr 29	Order of St. Augustine, O.S.A.
Thurs., Apr 30	Rev. Alberto Ferreira
Fri., May 1	Rev. Michael King International Workers Day
Sat., May 2	Rev. Gary Schlack

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	7:35 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Council Mtg - Library
THU	7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. – Library
FRI	7:00 p.m.	Youth Group - Hall

MINISTRIES for May 2/3

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Patsy Pond, Kathy Ziegler
9am	Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm	Kieran & Geoff Kelly
9am	Paul Shutts & Diane Smith, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector

5pm	Mary Forcier
9am	Will Jakeman William Laurin

Commentator

5pm	Lisa Denomme
9am	Mike Noel

Altar Servers

9am	Grace, Libby, Allyson
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Children's Liturgy

May 3	Anna Jakeman, Ken Gallipeau
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LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For priests in crisis – Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Ham, Chicken or Turkey and Canned Fruit

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is the 63rd World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

Congratulations to all children who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Sunday! This sacred milestone marks a joyous step in their faith journey, bringing them closer to Jesus and blessing them with His love and grace. May the happiness and light of this special day remain in their hearts always.

Congratulations to all the new Confirmandi on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation! This milestone marks a beautiful step in faith as they are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, embracing their journey as witnesses of Christ's love. May they be guided by wisdom, courage, and grace.

Father Peter

C.W.L. MOTHER'S DAY TEA FOR TWO – IN A BOX!

In lieu of a formal tea this year, we will be offering a limited number of Tea for Two boxes so you can have a tea date with your Mom or someone special. Each box will contain: 2 of our famous fresh baked scones, a small jar of homemade strawberry jam, an assortment of 4 tea bags, some chocolate treats and a small gift from the C.W.L.! These are only available by pre-order for \$15 a box. They will be ready for **pick up in the hall on Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Orders can be placed after the weekend Masses or by email to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com. Include your name, phone number, number of boxes and how you are paying (either by e-transfer (to the same email address) or cash at pick up). You can also order by calling Barb Vodicka 519-497-3162.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their **ANNUAL MAPLE BURGER AND MAPLE SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER** again this year. The cost will be \$55 per 10 lb. case. Order forms are in the bulletin. They are also available at the St. Teresa Parish Office or by emailing gk8192@ontariokofc.ca. Orders will be taken **until May 19th** and filled by the end of May.

GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS – For this year's Garden Party to be held on Friday, September 18, 2026 we are in need of prizes with a value of at least \$100 or more. Prize donations may be dropped off at the church office or by calling the church office at 519-669-3387 or

emailing stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com to **commit to supplying a prize**. The **deadline** to record all prizes is **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**. Thank you for your support.

MARY MAGDALENE: A RESURRECTION DISCIPLE BY FR. TIM UNIAC, C.R. is the culmination of a lifetime of encounters which Fr. Tim has had with Mary Magdalene. This book endeavors to tell Mary Magdalene's story "by focusing on the historical Mary Magdalene, who she was and the role she played and continues to play in salvation history" (preface). Each chapter also concludes with reflection questions, inviting the reader to fully engage with the book in a prayerful and reflective journey. Copies of *Mary Magdalene: A Resurrection Disciple* are available for \$20 (all funds support the Resurrectionist Missions). You can get a copy after Mass in the Narthex this Easter season or by contacting Alice Langdon at 519-885-3030 or provincialoffice@resurrectioncollege.ca Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer to bursar@resurrectioncollege.ca.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **May 1st** the trucks will be at **Gale Presbyterian Church**. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks each week to see which church and what trucks are there.

9TH ANNUAL KITCHENER KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS KW TRIVIA CHALLENGE, a fun, team-based fundraiser in support of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. The event is on **Friday, May 1, 2026**, at Bingemans Conference Centre in Kitchener, with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. For ticket purchase and other information call 519-893-1504 or visit <https://www.kitchenerkofc.ca/post/kw-trivia-challenge-2026>.

The Guelph & Area Right to Life Upcoming **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** is on **Saturday, May 2, 2026** at 12 p.m. at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Parish Hall, 28 Norfolk Street, Guelph. The guest speaker is Alex Schadenberg, Executive Director of Euthanasia Prevention Coalition.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK begins on Sunday, May 3, 2026. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education theme is, "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness."

The Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering: **LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH: LEARNING SKILLS TO SUPPORT OTHERS**, in-person adult workshop, on **Wednesday, May 6 2026** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira. The fee is \$10. Further

subsidies are available if needed. Mental health impacts everyone. Ongoing conversations on this topic are essential. This workshop will explore every day mental health issues people face, including anxiety, stress and depression. Join us to learn practical coping strategies to manage our mental well-being and how to navigate conversations to support others.

CONNECTING CAREGIVERS, in-person adult sessions on **Wednesdays, May 6, 20, Jun. 3, 17, Jul. 15, 29** at 1-2 p.m. The fee is no cost. Caregivers provide physical and emotional support to family members, neighbours, partners, and friends. We recognize that caregivers also need support. Please join us for a six-session bi-weekly group where we will discuss important strategies for managing caregiver's fatigue, coping with stress, and building resilience so that we are able to thrive in our roles as caregivers.

BUILDING BETTER BOUNDARIES, in-person adult group on **Thursdays, May 7 – June 18** from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$150. This seven-week psychoeducational therapy group explores the importance of healthy boundaries in relationships and provides concrete information and strategies to develop and maintain them. This group will explore why setting healthy boundaries can feel challenging, and offer steps to overcome these barriers. Funded by Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services

To register for any of the workshops, please visit: <https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>.

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss. **Monthly informal drop-in support** - available at St. Michael Parish on the **2nd Wednesday of the month** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. Registration is not required. **Part 1: 6-week Program-theory and sharing** - The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **May 13 to June 17, 2026 at 7 p.m.** at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. **Registration is required by May 4** by contacting St. Michael Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. Part 2 of the program will be available in the Fall. Website: www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support.

VOCATION SEEDS – The Good Shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them. Is He asking you to help others to find Him? Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our archdiocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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