

St. Teresa of Avila

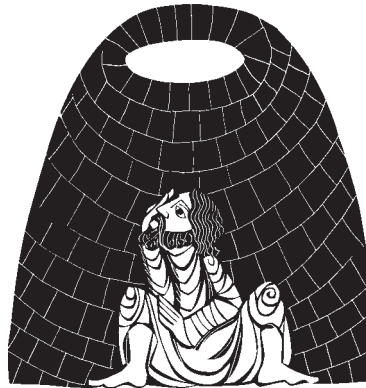
Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. Peter Meyer
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Office Administration: Donna Vollmer
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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.

August 17 & 24, 2025
Twentieth & Twenty-first
Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



✠ Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers. ✠

TWENTIETH & TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 18TH

Tuesday, August 19, 7:05 pm +Daniel Baessler; Betty Pfisterer <i>A Christian has a union with Jesus Christ more noble, more intimate and more perfect than the members of a human body have with their head. – St. John Eudes</i>
Wednesday, August 20, No Mass <i>Neither fear nor self-interest can convert the soul. They may change the appearance, perhaps, perhaps even the conduct, but never the object of supreme desire...fear is the motive which constrains the slave. – St. Bernard of Clairvaux</i>
Thursday, August 21, 12:05 pm +Letebrhan Beyed; Wehbet <i>The greatest obstacle in the apostolate of the Church is the timidity or rather the cowardice of the faithful. – St. Pius X</i>
Friday, August 22, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>The rich man who gives to the poor does not bestow alms but pays a debt. – St. Ambrose of Milan</i>
Saturday, August 23, 5:00 pm +Theresa Golen; The Family +Betty Furlong; Jane & Allan Graff
Sunday, August 24, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR August 23/24

First Reading: Is 66:18-21
 Second Reading: Heb 12:5-7. 11-13
 Gospel Reading: Lk 13:22-30

MINISTRIES for August 23/24

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy Pond, Kieran Kelly
 9am Iris Miltenburg, Carol Kieswetter

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Pat Stortz
 9am Rick & Leona Weishar, Paul Shuttsa

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9am John Bruder

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Mike Noel

Altar Servers

9am Daniel, Evan, Allyson

Sign Ministry

Aug 19 Jim McInnis

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Aug 18 Rev. Vernon Boyd, S.J.
 Tues., Aug 19 Rev. Eric Jensen, S.J.
 Wed., Aug 20 Sisters of Immaculate Heart of Mary Mother of Christ, I.H.M.M.C.
 Thu., Aug 21 Rev. William Clarke, S.J.
 Fri., Aug 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sat., Aug 23 Rev. Dirk Dunfee S.J.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Salad Dressing

MASSES FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 25TH

Tuesday, August 26, 7:05 pm +Jim Hanley; Kay Bouzane <i>Follow your own way of speaking to our Lord sincerely, lovingly, confidently and simply, as your heart dictates. – St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i>
Wednesday, August 27, No Mass <i>The affairs of God are accomplished little by little and almost imperceptibly. The Spirit of God is neither violent nor hasty. He does all things in his time. – St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Thursday, August 28, 12:05 pm +Wayne Vollmer; Joyce & Don Zinger <i>Christian perfection consists in the union of our will with the will of God. – St. Maximilian Kolbe</i>
Friday, August 29, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>A Christian is not his own master, since all his time belongs to God. – St. Ignatius of Antioch</i>
Saturday, August 30, 5:00 pm +Rita Klein; Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt +Vreny Richarson-Aschwanden; Theresa Wuesch
Sunday, August 31, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR August 30/31

First Reading: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
 Second Reading: Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a
 Gospel Reading: Lk 14:1, 7-14

MINISTRIES for August 30/31

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond
 9am Rick Weishar, Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

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

Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme
 9am Will Jakeman

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
 John Bruder

Altar Servers

9am Ella, Libby, Hannah

Sign Ministry

Aug 26 Ray Denomme

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Aug 25 Rev. Robert Wong, S.J.
 Tues., Aug 26 Rev. Philip Shano, S.J.
 Wed., Aug 27 Ursuline Sisters, o.s.u.
 Thu., Aug 28 Wieslaw Berdowicz, S.Ch.
 Fri., Aug 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 Sat., Aug 30 Very Rev. Valentine Onwunjiogu

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For mutual coexistence – Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As I mentioned on the weekend, Deacon Basil and his wife, Susan, are doing better since their serious car accident. Susan has been transferred to St. Mary's Hospital and can receive visitors. Deacon Basil is recuperating at home. Prayer shawls have been given to them. They have felt your prayers and are thankful for them.

As we have been slowly renovating the hall with new lighting and new ceiling tiles. We will also be updating the flooring and painting. Your generous donations to the One Heart One Soul program is supporting this project.

August, the last full month of summer, represents steamy temperatures, family vacations before back-to-school season kicks into high gear and lush gardens ripe for the picking. Let us enjoy the last few weeks before summer break is over.

A Pilgrimage to Spain is being arranged in 2027. Please consider joining us. More information will be following shortly.

Fr. Peter Meyer

PRAYER IS SO IMPORTANT. Are you looking for information on praying the rosary? A new page has been added to our **church website** - How to Pray the Rosary. It can be found at www.stteresaelmira.ca/rosary. We even have a page to Pray the Stations of the Cross! Have a look!

GARDEN PARTY 2025 –

- **PLEASE SIGN UP** in the Narthex **to help at this year's Garden Party.** We have jobs for all abilities and ages.
- **Please choose a leaf from one of the trees in the Narthex for the children's penny table, adult penny table and the children's fishpond.** We are looking for new items priced between \$15 - \$25 (for both adult and child penny tables). Please **deliver the items to the church by September 8th.** Any questions please email teresagardenparty2013@gmail.com or call the parish office.
- **Garden Party Raffle Tickets** are available for purchase in the narthex after Mass. There are 9 Grand Prizes this year: 4 cash prizes ranging from \$250 to \$450, an Airstream Canister vacuum, a maple and walnut kitchen bench, a Kitchissippi lawn chair and a handmade afghan. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Over 1000 tickets have already been distributed. Thanks for your support. Please consider taking some books of tickets to sell to your friends and family. We ask you to return all **sold and unsold** tickets by September 8th.
- **Please donate your gently used books** to aid in the fundraising at our Garden Party. Donations may be dropped off at the church from **August 18th to September 5th.** Please NO magazines or DVDS.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: We are finishing the Church Directory which will be available this coming fall. It is imperative that you contact Donna at the office if you **DO NOT WANT YOUR ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER** to be included in the directory. Otherwise, as a parishioner,

your name, address and phone number will appear in the church directory.

If you would like to **REGISTER** as a member of the Parish, there are envelopes outside of the cloakroom on the shelf. There are registration forms in the boxed envelopes. If you would like to contribute to the church, you can use the envelopes or you also have the option of donating through Electronic Fund Transfer. You can get these forms from the website (stteresaelmira.ca) or contact the Parish Office (519-669-3387 or stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com).

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **August 22nd** the trucks will be **at Gale Presbyterian Church** and on **August 29th here at St. Teresa of Avila 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.

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY – A private Catholic school will open in Guelph in September 2026 for students in JK to Grade 8. If you would like to join the planning committee or learn more about the school, please come to our next meeting. The meeting will be held at St. John Church, 45 Victoria Road North, Guelph, on **Wednesday, August 27th** at 6:30 p.m. See Reginacaeliacademy.ca for more information.

VOCATION SEEDS – "...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us..." 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.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – Summer is often a little less hectic, so a perfect time to have a cold drink or coffee on a deck or patio and talk with your spouse. Discuss past happy memories, future goals, what things you love and where you are challenged. Time spent together is always good for a relationship and helps us connect in deeper ways. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH – Our children learn from their parents and family, more than from any other source. They are watching more than listening, so be aware of your own actions so you can influence them positively. They also judge themselves according to how we treat them: love, respect and dignity should be at the base of all we say and do with them. So, spend time with them, have fun together and see how healthy and strong they will become! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for August 2/3:	\$ 2,736.25
Offertory collection for August 9/10:	\$ 3,667.75
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$94,878.06

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