

St. Teresa of Avila

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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 Thursday 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 23 & 30, 2026

**Twenty-First & Twenty-Second
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. ✠

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 24TH

Tuesday, August 25, <u>No Mass</u> <i>The deeper the roots of humility are embedded in the heart, the higher rises the edifice of good deeds. – St. Anthony of Padua</i>
Wednesday, August 26, <u>7:05 pm</u> +Jack Soeder; Sheila Matthews <i>The name of Jesus feeds and revives those who are famished and spiritually hungry. – St. Bernardine of Siena</i>
Thursday, August 27, <u>12:05 pm</u> +Wayne Vollmer; Knights of Columbus Council 8192 <i>Nothing graces the Christian soul so much as mercy. – St. Ambrose</i>
Friday, August 28, <u>9:00 am – Maryhill</u> <i>A Christian is: a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps. – St. Augustine</i>
Saturday, August 29, <u>5:00 pm</u> +Ed Holdenmeyer; Connie Voll +Art Moser; Cecilia Moser & Family
Sunday, August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR August 29/30

First Reading: Jer 20:7-9
 Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2
 Gospel Reading: Mt 16:21-27

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Aug 24 Rev. Lourdasamy Subramani, SMA
 Tues, Aug 25 Rev. Michael Anderson
 Wed., Aug 26 Missionary Sisters of Christ the King
 Thurs., Aug 27 Rev. Patrick Ohl
 Fri., Aug 28 Rev. Laszio Amaszka
 Sat., Aug 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist

MINISTRIES for August 29/30

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond
 9am Allyson & Chris Cassidy, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

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

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
 9am Iris Miltenburg
 Leona Weishar

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 John Bruder

Altar Servers

9am Lylah, Hannah, Hudson

FOODBANK NEEDS

Pasta Sauce, Cheez Whiz & Crackers

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For evangelization in the city - Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 31ST

Tuesday, September 1, <u>No Mass</u> <i>Give us, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy affection may drag downwards; give us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; give us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow upon us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. – St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
Wednesday, September 2, <u>7:05 pm</u> +Sharon Kroeplin; Rick & Leona Weishar <i>Give some time, if it is only half an hour every day, to devotional reading, which is necessary to the well ordering of the mind. – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>
Thursday, September 3, <u>12:05 pm</u> +Gord Walz; The Family <i>There are some so restless that when they are free from labour they labour all the more, because the leisure they have for thought, the worse interior turmoil they have to bear. – St. Gregory the Great</i>
Friday, September 4, <u>9:00 am – Maryhill</u> <i>Love transforms you into what you love. – St. Catherine of Siena</i>
Saturday, September 5, <u>5:00 pm</u> +Doug Logel; Ray & Trudy Denomme +Robert Bitzer; Theresa Wuersch
Sunday, September 6, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR September 5/6

First Reading: Ez 33:7-9
 Second Reading: Rom 13:8-10
 Gospel Reading: Mt 18:15-20

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Aug 31 Rev. Kevin D'Souza
 Tues., Sep 1 Rev. Piotr Jurzyk
 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
 Wed., Sep 2 Salesians of St. Don Bosco, S.D.B.
 Thurs., Sep 3 Rev. Robert Bulbrook
 Fri., Sep 4 Very Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.
 Sat., Sep 5 Rev. John Iyekowa, O.S.A.

MINISTRIES for September 5/6

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Mary Forcier
 9am Iris Miltenburg, Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marianne Kieswetter
 9am Pat & Linus Ditner, John Bruder

Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra
 9am Paul Shutsa
 Linda Bruder

Commentator

Lisa Denomme
 Mike Noel

Altar Servers

9am Scarlett, Breea, Divine

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

R.C.I.A., the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a process of learning about the Catholic Faith. We invite those interested in discerning about the Catholic Faith and/or joining the Catholic community to contact me, Iris or the Parish Office.

Thank you to Father Frank Wagner, a priest of The Holy Cross, for speaking of the mission activities of his order. If you are still able to give to this Mission Appeal, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to those who have already given.

A Pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal is being arranged in the fall of 2027. Please consider joining us. More information with the full itinerary will be available next month.

Father Peter

We are seeking volunteers to help lead **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass! We will be **officially starting on Sunday, September 20th, 2026.**

- Commitment: Just once a month during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- Who Can Help? Anyone from high school age to seniors!
- Requirements: Per Diocesan policy, two volunteers are present for each session (new leaders require a police check for the vulnerable sector).
- Easy & Flexible: Full lesson plans and program guides are provided—no prep work stress! Scheduling is completely flexible via an online Google Calendar where you sign up for dates you wish to volunteer at your convenience.

This is a wonderful way to plant seeds of faith in our youngest parishioners. To volunteer or learn more, please contact: anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca.

GARDEN PARTY BOOK SALE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

- Spring cleaning – This is a good opportunity to donate books. NO DVDs.
- This year we are going to include jigsaw puzzles. NO other toys or games
- Must **drop off** at the church from **August 1st - September 11th**.

GARDEN PARTY – WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our Annual Garden Party is fast approaching, and we are looking for donations for our Silent Auction, Adult & Children's Penny Tables, and Children's Game Prizes. Suggested donation items and volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. Simply choose a tag, purchase the item, and return it to the parish office. You can also scan the QR code to shop from our Amazon Wish List and have your donation shipped directly to us. We also gratefully welcome handcrafted items created by our talented parishioners. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make our Garden Party a wonderful community event!

GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS – 2,000 tickets have been distributed and a final 1,000 remain. Many have been

sold and returned making the job of organizing for the actual draw much easier. If you have already sold yours, please return the ticket stubs with the money at the weekend Masses. Either present the sold ticket stubs and money together to the person at the distribution table in the narthex of the church or place in a sealed envelope, marked "raffle tickets" and drop in the offertory collection. **Tickets must be returned by September 12th /13th at the latest.** Please consider taking a couple more books to sell. We are hoping for a sell out! Thank you for supporting this fundraising project.

Your Raffle Committee

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **August 28th** the trucks will be at **Gale Presbyterian Church** and on **September 4th** 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.

HAMILTON DIOCESAN MARIAN DAY – The next Marian Day is on **Saturday, September 5th** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The day will start with Holy Hour and Morning Prayer and Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Benediction at 10:00 a.m., Holy Mass followed by an Outdoor Rosary Procession (weather permitting) at 10:30 a.m. Coffee, Tea and Gift Shop are available after the Rosary Procession.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – All young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese are invited to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of vocations. 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.), live band "Divine Praises" (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline – night prayer (9:00 p.m.) on **Saturday, September 5th** at St. Mary's Parish, Owen Sound. Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>. For more information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT – Healthy marriages matter! Proven benefits include having a support system, learning to grow with another, having increased happiness levels and physical benefits, all proven in research. Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your marriage and reconnecting. Join us **November 21st** for a day to reconnect and spend time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for August 8/9:	\$ 3,948.80
Offertory collection for August 15/16:	\$ 3,147.75
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$62,487.33
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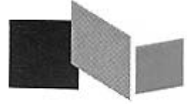
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