St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. Peter Meyer

pmeyer@hamiltondiocese.com

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer
Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

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

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith
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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 519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

St. David Catholic Secondary School

Agust 3 & 10, 2025

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Sunday in Ordinary Time

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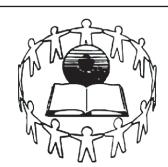
Christ has no body now but yours, No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

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



MASSES FOR WEEK OF AUGUST $\mathbf{4}^{\mathsf{TH}}$

Tuesday, August 5, 7:05 pm

+Stan Klein; Patsy & Steven Pond

Imagine your anger to be a kind of wild beast, because it has ferocious teeth and claws, and if you don't tame it, it will devastate all things, corrupting even the soul. – St. John Chrysostom

Wednesday, August 6, No Mass

The soul that journeys to God, but doesn't shake off its cares and quiets its appetites, is like someone who drags a cart of dirt uphill. – St. John of the Cross

Thursday, August 7, 12:05 pm +Wayne Vollmer; Marie Snelling

It is true that God's power triumphs over everything, but humble and suffering prayer prevails over God himself. – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Friday, August 8, 9:00 am - Maryhill

A person who governs their passions is master of their world. We must either command them or be enslaved by them. It is better to be a hammer than an anvil. – St. Dominic

Saturday, August 9, 5:00 pm

+Clare Downey; Jeanette Downey

+Angela Leach; Laura Kindrat

Sunday, August 10,

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR August 9/10

First Reading: Wis 18:6-9 Second Reading: Heb 1:2, 8-19 Gospel Reading: Lk 12:32-48

MINISTRIES for August 9/10

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Kieran Kelly 9am Carol Kieswetter, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm Pat Stortz, Debbie Yutzi

9am Leona & Rick Weishar, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector Commentator
5pm Tom O'Marra Lisa Denomme
9am Mike Noel Iris Miltenburg

Altar Servers

9am Isabelle, Nathan, Allyson

Sign Ministry

Aug 5 Linda Bruder

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Aug 4 Rev. Hayden Starczala Tues., Aug 5 Rev. Gordian Okpuruka

Wed., Aug 6 The Transfiguration of the Lord

Thu., Aug 7 Chancery Staff
Fri., Aug 8 Rev. Robert Hetu
Sat., Aug 9 Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon

FOODBANK NEEDS

Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Salad Dressing

MASSES FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 11TH

Tuesday, August 12, 7:05 pm

+Bill Dixon; Chris & Pam Cassidy

Follow your own way of speaking to our Lord sincerely, lovingly, confidently and simply, as your heart dictates. – St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Wednesday, August 13, No Mass

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

Thursday, August 14, 12:05 pm

+Christopher Pillitteri; Marcella & Judy Furlong Christian perfection consists in the union of our will with the will of God. – St. Maximilian Kolbe

Friday, August 15, 9:00 am - Maryhill

A Christian is not his own master, since all his time belongs to God. – St. Ignaius of Antioch

Saturday, August 16, 5:00 pm

+Betty Jane Roth; Helen & Stewart Logan

+Patricia Dankowsky; Jim Goll

Sunday, August 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR August 16/17

First Reading: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 Second Reading: Heb 12:1-4 Gospel Reading: Lk 12:49-53

MINISTRIES for August 16/17

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve Pond, Kathy Ziegler 9am Barb Vodicka, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Marilyn Hurlburt 9am Ed & Carol Kieswetter, John Bruder

Lector Commentator
5pm Connie Kaster Lisa Denomme
9am Jim Goll Linda Bruder

Altar Servers

9am Xander, Andrew, Divine

Sign Ministry

Aug 12 Pat Ditner

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Aug 11 Rev. Ken Miskiewicz
Tues., Aug 12 Very Rev. Ian Duffy
Wed., Aug 13 Legionaries of Christ, L.C.
Thu., Aug 14 Rev. John Iyekowa, O.S.A.

Fri., Aug 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sat., Aug 16 Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J.

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

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, celebrated on August 15th, commemorates that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life. It is a dogma of the Catholic Church, officially defined by Pope Pius XII in 1950. This event is not explicitly detailed in the Bible but is rooted in Church tradition and theological interpretations.

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 – Mark your calendars for this year's Garden Party to be held on **Friday, September 12**th. The donation sheets, sign up work sheets and donation trees will be ready on the weekend of August 9th/10th. Please be generous with your time, donations and monies. Thank you from the Garden Party Committee.

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).

You may have noticed that there are **CUSHIONS** at the back of the church that you can use at Mass. After Mass we ask that you please return them to the spot from which you took the cushion.

BOOK FAIR at the Garden Party – Please consider donating gently used books for the book sale at the Garden Party. Drop off the books at the church **from August 18**th **to September 5**th. Please no magazines or CDS.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **August 8**th the trucks will be **at Elmira Mennonite Church** and on **August 15**th **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.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday**, **August 7**th from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice but

our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at cmlamers@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

Help WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES with their Backpack Program which provides much-needed supplies for the less fortunate children and youth in Woolwich Township. A list of supplies requested for backpacks can be found posted on the bulletin board at the entrance of the church. The items must be delivered before August 13, 2025. Supplies can be dropped off at the Woolwich Community Services Office, 5 Memorial Avenue, Elmira from Monday to Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. If you know anyone in Woolwich Township who would benefit from this program, ask them to call the WCS office. Families can register from August 1 – August 15, 2025 by calling 519-669-5139. A time for pick up will be given when you register for the program. The pickup location is 5 Memorial Avenue. Elmira. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact 519-669-5139.

Woolwich Community Services at 5 Memorial Ave., Elmira

- VOLUNTEER DRIVERS are needed. They must be experienced, clean driving record, patient and supportive. There will be compensation for mileage. Email or drop in for a volunteer application form.
- HOT DOG WEDNESDAYS Join us every Wednesday in July and August from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. as we say thank you to our amazing community for your continued support. Stop by for a free hot dog, pop and apple. Our treat to you!
- JEANNE RENAULT CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT on August 14, 2025 at Arris Valley G & CC. Tee off is at 1 p.m. \$152 per player. This includes BBQ lunch, golf and cart, buffet dinner, exciting contests and prizes. This is all in support of WCS and our Family Violence Prevention Program.
- **BBQ FUNDRAISER** on August 8th and 9th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds support youth programs at the HUB. The BBQ is at the WCS building.
- BACK LOT BARGAINS PARKING LOT THRIFT SHOP SALE on Friday, August 8th and Saturday, August 9th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is 50% off clothing, 10 cent tables, unique and cool finds!

VOCATION SEEDS – "Be on your guard against all kinds of greed." Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God's Will, especially if you think He's calling you to a Church vocation. 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for July 19/20: \$ 3,059.65 Offertory collection for July 26/27: \$ 2,744.75 Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$95,549.84

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