

# 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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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Basil Markides  
**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

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
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### Vocations

Contact [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)  
or [resurrectionists.com/vocations](http://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 31, 2025**  
**Twenty-Second Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

### St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira  
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### St. David Catholic Secondary 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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

**Tuesday, September 2, 7:05 pm**

**+Charlotte Wilson;** Sheila Matthews

*Surely the great secret of the spiritual life is to abandon to God all that we love by abandoning ourselves to all that God wishes. – St. Vincent de Paul*

**Wednesday, September 3, No Mass**

*The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. – St. Gregory the Great*

**Thursday, September 4, 12:05 pm**

**Intentions of Deacon Basil & Susan Markides and Deacon Reg & Annella Markides;** John & Linda Bruder

*Let us be kind to one another after the pattern of the tender mercy and goodness of our Creator. – St. Clement I of Rome*

**Friday, September 5, 9:00 am – Maryhill**

*I offer as a gift to Jesus my heart and my soul, that there may be nothing in me that is not consecrated to him. – St. Rose of Lima*

**Saturday, September 6, 5:00 pm**

**+Theresa Golen;** The Family of Caroline & Leo Hicknell  
**+Alan Bruce Jakeman;** Will & Anna Jakeman

**Sunday, September 7,**

**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 am Our Parish Community**

**11:00 am Maryhill**

### READINGS FOR September 6/7

First Reading: Wis 9:13-18b

Second Reading: Phlm 9:10, 12-17

Gospel Reading: Lk 14:25-33

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Sep 1	Rev. Jeff Bergsma World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – Labour Day
Tues., Sep 2	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Wed., Sep 3	Our Parish Community
Thu., Sep 4	Rev. Michael Anderson
Fri., Sep 5	Rev. Patrick Ohl
Sat., Sep 6	Rev. Mario Fernando Cabal Muriel, S.J.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE 7:35 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Mtg – Library**

### MINISTRIES for September 6/7

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Tim Baillargeon
9am	Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka, Pat Ditner

#### Hospitality

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

#### Lector

5pm	Tom O'Marra
9am	William Laurin

#### Commentator

Lisa Denomme
Iris Miltenburg

#### Altar Servers

9am	Breea, Scarlett, Divine
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#### Sign Ministry

Sep 2	Sandi Hutchinson
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### 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.

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Salad Dressing

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as the staff and students begin this new school year. Allow them to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before them. Open their eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open their heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

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

Fr. Peter Meyer

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Sophie James Way**, daughter of Corey and Melissa. *We pray that God will help this child to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

**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](http://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 8<sup>th</sup>.** Any questions please email [teresagardenparty2013@gmail.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **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 18<sup>th</sup> to September 5<sup>th</sup>.** Please NO magazines or DVDS.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS!** We are excited to announce that **Children's Liturgy will begin on Sunday, September 21st at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.** All children are

welcome to join us each week as we listen to God's Word in a way that is engaging and meaningful for them. If you would like to volunteer and help with this important ministry, please contact **Anna Gallipeau-Jakeman** at [anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca](mailto:anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca).

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **September 5<sup>th</sup>** the trucks will be at **Elmira Mennonite Church** and on **September 12<sup>th</sup>** here at **Gale Presbyterian Church**. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out [www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks](http://www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks) each week to see which church and what trucks are there.

The **2025 SEASON OF CREATION EVENTS** at Ignatius Jesuit Centre:

**Opening Mass & Potluck, September 1<sup>st</sup>** – Join us at Loyola House for a 5 p.m. Mass with Fr. Dirk Dunfee, SJ followed by a potluck supper to open the season in gratitude and community.

**Roots and Renewal Festival, September 22-27** – A celebration of National Forest Week with conservation workshops, speakers, a farm tour, and a special family-friendly event with partners, food, and live music.

**Ignatius Jesuit Centre Community Gathering, September 22** – The first of our quarterly gatherings, featuring updates on conservation, partnerships, and community initiatives.

**Laudato Si' Retreat, September 23-28** – A retreat led by Greg Kennedy, blending reflection, creative practice, and land-based engagement.

**Day of Quiet Retreat, September 29** – A day away from the noise to reflect, walk the land, and find stillness.

**Closing Mass, October 3** – At St. Brigid's Villa, 5 p.m., with Fr. Dirk Dunfee, SJ to close the season in prayer and thanksgiving.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, September 4<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto:cmlamers@rogers.com) or call 519-742-9025.

**BARBERSHOP FEST 2.0** is being held on **Saturday, September 6, 2025** from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at Elmira Lions Hall in Elmira. It is hosted by Chord Spinners, a woman's barbershop chorus based in St. Jacobs. Join Chord Spinners alongside other local Barbershop choruses and quartets for a full day of live music! Food, raffle table, vendor tables, and more to be announced! Follow our Facebook page Barbershop Fest for all the information as it is announced! Please find specific information on our facebook page Barbershop Fest, or Chord Spinners. Proceeds from the raffle table will go to Grand River Hospital Music Therapy Program.

**MEMORIAL FOR THE PREBORN** – All are invited to join us for a special time of prayer and remembrance of pre-born children whose lives were tragically ended through abortion. The event will take place on **Saturday**,

**September 20<sup>th</sup>** at 3 p.m. in the Garden of Grace, 26 Norfolk St., Guelph.

**RETREAT AT THE CARMEL** - The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting a fall retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, September 27, 2025**. This retreat is open to both women and men. The theme of the Retreat is "Hope from St. Benedict Encyclical Spe Salvi" with Fr. David Reitzel as presenter. The retreat will give everyone an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee year. The day will begin with the Rosary, Holy Mass, lunch, Fr. Reitzel, prayer and reflection closing with Adoration. The retreat will begin with Registration at 9:30 a.m. and will end with Adoration at 2:30 p.m. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please **register before Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** at [saintagatha@thecarmel.ca](mailto:saintagatha@thecarmel.ca) or call 519-884-6700. Space is limited.

**COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE** – We all need to make space for quiet reflection. Loyola House offers the opportunity to spend meaningful time reconnecting with God, nature, and community. This fall we have a number of retreats available:

**LAUDATO SI: TEN YEARS STILL WAITING** – September 23-28, 2025 - Responding to ten years of largely unmet urgency in Laudato Si', this retreat aims to awaken deeper ecological conversion in light of Pope Francis' call to care for our common home.

**DAY OF QUIET** – September 29, 2025 - Come experience the silence offered by a Day of Quiet at Loyola House. The day is yours to devote in your own slow way to reflection, discovery, calm, and beauty.

**JACOB'S WELL: NAMING YOUR THIRST** – September 29, 2025 - One of the longest dialogues Jesus has is with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, as found in John's Gospel. Jesus helps the woman to name her thirst. What is it you thirst for? How can it be satisfied?

Register at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) or [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca) or 519 824 1250 ext 266.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Humble yourself and you will find favour with God. Are you being called to be a priest or deacon, brother or sister? Humbly ask the Lord if He is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

In case you were wondering why the Building and Maintenance Fund balance is less, it is because we are using it for the down payments and instalments for the ongoing projects (Parish Hall renovation and Digital Sign outside). On completion of these projects the fund will be reimbursed from funds currently on deposit in the One Heart One Soul account.

Finance Committee

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Offertory collection for August 16/17:</b>	<b>\$ 2,519.55</b>
<b>Offertory collection for August 23/24:</b>	<b>\$ 2,832.75</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$68,632.29</b>
<b>Thank you!</b>	



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