

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

**June 21, 2026**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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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 Gallepeau

#### 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.

### St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira  
519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

### 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. ✠

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>

<b>Tuesday, June 23, 4 pm</b> <b>+William &amp; Betty Walter</b> ; Estate <i>A soul that walks in love neither rests nor grows tired. – St. John of the Cross</i>	
<b>Wednesday, June 24, 12:05 pm</b> <b>Intentions of Doris &amp; Mike Snelling</b> ; Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>None of us is alone in this world. Each of us is a vital piece of the great mosaic of humanity as a whole. – St. John Paul II</i>	
<b>Thursday, June 25, No Mass</b> <i>Our wish, our object, our chief preoccupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affections, his desires and his disposition live and reign there. All our religious exercises should be directed to this end. It is the work which God has given us to do unceasingly. – St. John Eudes</i>	
<b>Friday, June 26, 9:00 am – Maryhill</b> <i>Prayer is the inner bath of love into which the soul plunges itself. – St. John Mary Vianney</i>	
<b>Saturday, June 27, 5:00 pm</b> <b>Our Parish Community</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>9:00 am 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fr. Hugh MacKinnon Ordination</b> <b>+Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus</b> <b>After Mass Coffee Sunday</b> <b>11:00 am Maryhill</b>	

READINGS FOR June 27/28

First Reading: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a  
Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11  
Gospel Reading: Mt 10:37-42

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR  
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., June 22 Rev. Hyunjik (John) Yang  
Tues., June 23 Rev. Stefano Lee  
Wed., June 24 The Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Thurs., June 25 Disabled Persons  
Fri., June 26 Rev. Brendan McGrath  
Sat., June 27 Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THU 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. **Book Club** – Library  
FRI 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** – Hall

MINISTRIES for June 27/28

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Mary Forcier, Tim Baillargeon  
9am Steve Pond, Deacon Basil Markides, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm Joanne Weber, Pat Stortz  
9am Tony Vorstenbosch, Adrian Miltenburg, Ed Kieswetter, Lee Fortney

Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme  
9am John Bruder  
Paul Shutsa

Commentator

Patsy Pond  
Mike Noel

Altar Servers

9am Allyson, Andrew, Daniel

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**For the values of sports** – "Let us pray that sport be an instrument of peace, of encounter, and lead to dialogue among cultures and nations so that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth."

FOODBANK NEEDS

Crackers, Cheez Whiz and Deodorant

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, his foster father. Bless all fathers and grandfathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience, give them ability to love in a way that reflects your love. Support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation. Help us to love them in a way that would bring honor to You and them. Bless and heal all those wounded by the imperfections of their fathers and grant an eternal rest to our fathers you have called from this life to yourself, through Jesus Christ Lord.

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.

As this school year comes to a close, we pray that those students who are moving on to high school, community college, university or work will do well and be able to give witness to Christ in their work and play.

We also pray that the students, their families and staff will have a restful and joyful summer.

I would like to invite you to join us for weekday Mass. It is a nice opportunity for quiet prayer and reflection with a few others. It is a nice way to celebrate the Eucharist during the week.

Father Peter

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Sadie Mae Benbow**, daughter of Andrew and Michelle, **Vera Lynn Schweighardt Crone**, daughter of Joshua and Hana and **Blake Liem Lavictoire and Skye May Lavictoire**, children of Michael and Hanh. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART: A WAY OF LIFE

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is more than a set of prayers; it is a way of life. It teaches us patience, generosity, forgiveness, and compassion in a world often marked by division and indifference. This month, consider simple practices such as praying as a family, performing acts of charity, or spending time in Eucharistic adoration or quiet prayer. We invite you to say at the beginning of each day this prayer:  
*O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys and sufferings of this day for all of the intentions of your Sacred Heart, in union with the holy sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, in thanksgiving for your favours, in reparation for my sins, for the intentions*

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*of all my family and friends, and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father. Amen.*

Additional prayers and resources for the Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus are available on the diocesan website: [www.hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com/sacredheart).

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, Father Hugh MacKinnon Council 8192, will celebrate a **SPECIAL MASS** on **Sunday, June 28th** at 9:00 a.m. in honour of the 75th anniversary of Father Hugh MacKinnon's ordination to the priesthood. This liturgy will also be offered for the repose of the souls of our departed Brother Knights. An Honour Guard will be present, and all liturgical ministries will be served by members of the Council. The church will be beautifully decorated with Knights of Columbus logos coloured by the children of St. Teresa School during Catholic Education Week. There is a Coffee Sunday Reception immediately following in the parish hall.

### **CALLING ALL PARISH CRAFTSPEOPLE AND ARTISTS**

Do you enjoy woodworking, quilting, knitting, painting, sewing, crafting, or creating beautiful handmade treasures? We are looking for unique handmade items as prizes for our Annual Garden Party. Your generosity and talents will help support our parish community while showcasing the wonderful gifts and creativity of our parishioners. If you would like to donate an item or have questions, please contact us. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and creativity with our parish family!

**GIFT BEARER SIGN-UP** – During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, gift bearers represent the entire parish community. The unleavened bread and wine they carry will be consecrated to become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We invite you to sign up on the display board in the Narthex to bring the gifts forward – perhaps on a personally meaningful day, on a special occasion, or for any reason at all! On the day you are scheduled to bring forward the gifts, you will follow the cross bearer to the back during the Preparation of the Gifts, just after the petitions. The ministers of hospitality will guide you.

Joining a **WIDOW'S GROUP** is a meaningful step toward finding community, sharing experiences, and healing alongside others who truly understand your loss. We will be hosting a group beginning in September. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> - September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **June 26<sup>th</sup>** the trucks will be 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.

Supportive Housing of Waterloo presents **UNHOUSED, UNHEARD AND UNBROKEN DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE** on **Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. at The Great Hall, Conrad Grebel University College, 140 Westmount Road N., Waterloo. Join us for a thoughtful evening featuring a short documentary about older adults in Waterloo Region who've faced homelessness and the long road to finding a place to land – and what it means to finally have one. There are light refreshments, film screening and a short discussion time. Admission is free. Reserve your seat at [showshortfilmscreening.eventbrite.ca](http://showshortfilmscreening.eventbrite.ca).

**MARYHILL IS 200!** Come celebrate on **Wednesday, July 1<sup>st</sup>** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Maryhill Historical Society's Halter House, 1338 Maryhill Road. There will be food, music, giveaways, displays and a special commemorative beverage.

**JOY IS COMING!** Come visit Guelph and Area Right to Life's Program, Sanctuary Outreach, at their tent at Joy in the Park at Riverside Park Bandshell, 709 Woolwich Street, Guelph on **Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Churches from across the region will join for an afternoon of praise and worship.

**HAMILTON DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS** – These days will be celebrated from June to October 2026 at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Holy Hour with Morning Prayer and Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Benediction at 10:00 a.m., and 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. Participants bring their own lunch. The next scheduled date is **Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>** with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger.

**SAVON SUMMER MUSIC 2026**, with Sam Domzella on piano and Yvon Arseneault on cello, at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Road on **July 18, August 1, August 7 and August 22**. All concerts are at 7:30 p.m. with new music at every concert. Free admission/pay what you can. For more information visit [samdomzella.com](http://samdomzella.com).

Please join us for a **COME AND GO PARTY** to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Emmeline Runstedler on **Sunday, June 28, 2026** from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. Best wishes only!

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### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Offertory collection for June 13/14:</b>	<b>\$ 3,136.00</b>
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