

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

May 10, 2026

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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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
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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

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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. ✠

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 11TH

Tuesday, May 12, 6:40 pm Rosary Walk 7:05 pm +Jack Soeder; Amanda Sage <i>To govern one's passions is to become master of one's world. – St. Dominic</i>
Wednesday, May 13, 12:05 pm +Clara Swallow; Betty Ertel <i>Jesus is the way, the truth and the life, that is, the bridge that leads you to the height of heaven. – St. Catherine of Siena</i>
Thursday, May 14, 12:05 pm +Florence Dale; Linda & John Bruder <i>With the words of scripture, we feed our faith, we lift up our hope, we confirm our confidence. – St. Basil</i>
Friday, May 15, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Learn this lesson well, once and for all: God is the only Master of our hearts; he alone can give solid peace and our whole confidence must rest in him only. – St. Claude de al Colombière</i>
Saturday, May 16, 5:00 pm +John Lojek; Tom O'Marra +Theresa Hahn-Siemon; Leroy Siemon
Sunday, May 17, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR May 16/17

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
 Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23
 Gospel Reading: Mt 28:16-20

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., May 11 Rev. Michael McHugh
 Tues., May 12 Very Rev. Aleksander Mazur, S.A.C.
 Canada Health Day
 Wed., May 13 Seminarians
 Thurs., May 14 Rev. Msgr. Earl Talbot
 Fri., May 15 Rev. Rajesh Madtha, O.C.D.
 Sat., May 16 Rev. Peter Meyer

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 6:40 p.m. **Rosary Walk**
 7:35 p.m. **Mass & C.W.L. Gathering with Speaker** - Hall
FRI **Office Closed**
 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** - Hall

MINISTRIES for May 16/17

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
 9am Ken Gallipeau, Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler

Hospitality

5pm Greg & Sue Goetz
 9am Sharon & Mike Noel, Jim McInnis

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis
 9am Maria Diemert
 Iris Miltenburg

Commentator

Patsy Pond
 Joan Couto

Altar Servers

9am Lylah, Ella, Libby

Children's Liturgy

May 17 No Sunday School

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

That everyone might have food – Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Sidekicks, Canned Meat, Cereal and Canned Juice

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

We pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

Canada Health Day is celebrated in health care facilities and community services across the country. This day reminds us that health and healing are essential aspects of our baptismal vocation. We are called to take responsibility for our personal health: to prevent illness and to seek a healthy lifestyle. Good health concerns the physical, emotional, social and spiritual health of our communities, respect for God's creatures and the nurturing of the whole earth.

Father Peter

BAPTISMS – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Eleanor Jane Parliament-Kennedy and Evelyn Marie Parliament-Kennedy**, daughters of Brayden and Josslyn and **Jacob Joseph Sebastian**, son of John Paul and Ann. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

Join the St. Teresa of Avila and St. Boniface C.W.L. for the **ROSARY WALK** on **Tuesday, May 12th** at 6:40 p.m. Mass and a C.W.L. Gathering with speaker Father Toby Collins will follow.

Join the St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. at the **ELMIRA LIONS BINGO** on **Thursday, May 28th** at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall, 40 South Street West, Elmira. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and doors close between 9:30 – 10 p.m. There are cash prizes. Refreshments and bingo supplies may be purchased at the snack bar. A person must be 18 years to play.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their **ANNUAL MAPLE BURGER AND MAPLE SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER** again this year. The cost will be \$55 per 10 lb. case. They

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are also available at the St. Teresa Parish Office or by emailing gk8192@ontariokofc.ca. Orders will be taken **until May 19th** and filled by the end of May.

GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS – For this year's Garden Party to be held on Friday, September 18, 2026 we are in need of prizes with a value of at least \$100 or more. Prize donations may be dropped off at the church office or by calling the church office at 519-669-3387 or emailing stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com to **commit to supplying a prize**. The **deadline** to record all prizes is **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**. Thank you for your support.

SPRING NEEDS FOR THE CLOSET AT TINY HOME TAKEOUT – Any contributions of the following items may be dropped off in the bins in the cloakroom: Men's and women's t-shirts, jeans, belts, hoodies, running shoes, spring coats and hats and umbrellas, backpacks and toiletries.

UPDATE: MILK BAGS - A parishioner has offered to continue collecting milk bags on behalf of the parish and deliver them to the House of Friendship Depot. Bags are used by clients to carry food home with them. Parishioners are also welcome to drop off bags at 807 Guelph St., Kitchener from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The same bin labelled "Milk Bags" in the cloakroom will be used again. Thank you for supporting reusing milk bags.

MARY MAGDALENE: A RESURRECTION DISCIPLE BY FR. TIM UNIAC, C.R. is the culmination of a lifetime of encounters which Fr. Tim has had with Mary Magdalene. This book endeavors to tell Mary Magdalene's story "by focusing on the historical Mary Magdalene, who she was and the role she played and continues to play in salvation history" (preface). Each chapter also concludes with reflection questions, inviting the reader to fully engage with the book in a prayerful and reflective journey. Copies of *Mary Magdalene: A Resurrection Disciple* are available for \$20 (all funds support the Resurrectionist Missions). You can get a copy after Mass in the Narthex this Easter season or by contacting Alice Langdon at 519-885-3030 or provincialoffice@resurrectioncollege.ca. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer to bursar@resurrectioncollege.ca.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **May 15th** the trucks will be **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 **NATIONAL WEEK FOR FAMILY AND LIFE** is **Sunday, May 10th to Sunday May 17th, 2026**, with the theme "I am with you always." (Matthew 28:20) Families are encouraged to take time during this week to celebrate their families, express gratitude, offer forgiveness, and/or share meaningful moments with loved ones across generations. This week is an opportunity to uphold the

value of life and to live out our calling to love one another within our homes, communities, and the world. Resources can be found on the Hamilton Diocesan website.

This Mother's Day to Father's Day, we're supporting **MARILLAC PLACE'S BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** to help young mothers and their children experiencing homelessness in our community. **Pick up a baby bottle or give online using the QR code on the poster in our lobby.**

The **MARCH FOR LIFE BUS TRIP** is **Thursday, May 14th**. Sign-up today. Contact the Guelph & Area Right to Life for more details at 519-836-6311 or email info@guelphforlife.com.

Join us at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, for **THE HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME, B/W SILENT MOVIE CONCERT** on **Friday, May 15th**. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Light refreshments are served after the concert. Cost is \$30 per person. Payment in advance is preferred. To order your tickets call 519-669-2852 (choose option 3), email events@galepresbyterian.com or stop by the church during office hours (Tuesday to Friday 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.). Payment options are cash, cheque or e-transfer (bookkeeper@galepresbyterian.com) include your name, phone # and how many tickets. Proceeds to go towards Suicide Prevention.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST – Join us for the 51st Annual Interfaith Community Breakfast on **Wednesday, May 20, 2026** from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Bingemans in Kitchener. This popular annual event is an opportunity to bring together the many faith traditions in our Region to share in our common values and commitment to building bridges. This year's theme is "Do Not Be Daunted." Tickets are \$50.00 each and can be purchased online at interfaithgrandriver.org/breakfast or in person at Erb and Good Family Funeral home in Waterloo.

The **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS** - Time is running out to register to join Bishop Joseph Dabrowski in celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2026. The Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on **Sunday, May 31st** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance. Registration is found under Upcoming Events on the home page at hamiltondiocese.com or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$62,893.16

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