

# 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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**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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### Knights of Columbus

Rick Weishar  
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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  
519-885-1340 Website: [stdavid.wcdsb.ca](http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca)

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. ✠

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>

#### Tuesday, May 13, No Mass

*We should ever be grateful for and love the vocation to which God has called us. This applies to every vocation because, after all, what a privilege it is to serve God, even in the least capacity! – Bl. Solanus Casey*

#### Wednesday, May 14, No Mass

*God does not ask all souls to show their love by the same works, to climb to heaven by the same ladder, to achieve goodness in the same way of life. What sort of work, then, must I do? Which is my road to heaven? In what kind of life am I to sanctify myself? – St. Charles de Foucauld*

#### Thursday, May 15, 12:05 pm

**+Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate**

*Our earthly and eternal happiness depend on following our vocation without faltering. – St. Gianna Beretta Molla*

#### Friday, May 16, 9:00 am - Maryhill

*May God the Holy Spirit move within us and give us eyes to see with, ears to hear with and hands that God's work might be done. – St. Dominic*

#### Saturday, May 17, 5:00 pm

**+Verena Strauss; Nancy Kamberdis**

**+Pat Runstedler; The Family**

**+John Schill; The Family**

#### Sunday, May 18, Fifth Sunday of Easter

**9:00 am Our Parish Community**

**11:00 am Maryhill**

### READINGS FOR May 10/11

First Reading: Acts 14:21b-27

Second Reading: Rv 21:1-5a

Gospel Reading: Jn 13:1, 31-33a, 34-35

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., May 13	Rev. Allen Varlaki
Tues., May 14	Rev. Rajesh Dsouza, O.C.D.
Wed., May 15	Sisters of St. John the Baptist, C.S.J.B.
Thu., May 16	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Fri., May 17	Rev. Peter Tuyen Nguyen
Sat., May 18	Rev. Pierre Luc, S.J.
	Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>TUE</b>	7:00 a.m. <b>C.W.L. General Meeting</b> – Library
<b>THU</b>	6:30 p.m. <b>K. of C. General Meeting</b> – Stemmler's

### MINISTRIES for May 17/18

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Steve & Patsy Pond
9am	Rick Weishar, Iris Miltenburg, Sandi Hutchinson

#### Hospitality

5pm	Greg & Sue Goetz
9am	Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Paul Shuttsa

#### Lector

5pm	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Mike Noel

#### Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
Wally Malcolm

#### Altar Servers

9am	Isabelle, Ella, Allyson
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### Children's Liturgy

May 18 No Children's Liturgy

### Sign Ministry

May 13 Jim McInnis

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**For working conditions** – Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfillment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Peanut Butter, Jam, Cheez Whiz

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations occurs on Mother's Day. St. Pius X once said, "Every vocation to the priesthood (and consecrated life) comes from the heart of God, but it passes through the heart of a mother." He reminds us of the words from the Prophet Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you" (Jeremiah 1:5). These words are meant for each of us to hear. God created us with a unique mission that only we can fulfill for the life of others. Mothers and mother figures in our life intuit this truth as they ponder what their child will be.

We thank you for the gift of motherhood. May you bless all mothers with your grace, strength, and peace. May the love they offer bring joy and comfort to their children. Guide and protect them in all that they do.

Fr. Peter Meyer

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. Order forms are in the bulletin. They are also available at St. Teresa's Parish Office or by emailing [gk8192@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk8192@ontariokofc.ca). Orders will be taken until May 18<sup>th</sup> and filled by the end of May.

Join us for an exciting evening of fun, fellowship, and giving back! On **May 29th**, bring your dabbers to the Elmira Lions Hall for an unforgettable night of **LIONS BINGO**. Our Knights of Columbus Council is honoured to be one of the recipient organizations for this special event, with proceeds directly supporting our mission to enrich both our church and community. Bring your friends and family—18 years of age or older—for just \$25 per person, you can enjoy every game! Doors open at 6 p.m. and the games begin at 7 p.m. We can't wait to see you there!

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. Last year, Marillac Place provided safe housing and support to 45 women and 31 children. With your help, they also delivered 247 Life Skills sessions on budgeting, cooking, parenting, and more—empowering families to thrive. **Pick up a baby bottle or give online using the QR code on the poster in our lobby.**

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **May 16<sup>th</sup>** the trucks will be at **Elmira Mennonite 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 Woolwich Counselling Centre presents **LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH: LEARNING SKILLS TO SUPPORT OTHERS**, adult workshop, no cost virtual workshop, on **Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. This workshop will explore every day mental health issues people face including anxiety, stress and depression. Join us to learn practical coping strategies to manage our mental well-being and how to navigate conversations to support others. Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or emailing [woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events](mailto:woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events). Check out [info@woolwichcounselling.org](mailto:info@woolwichcounselling.org). The Woolwich Counselling Centre is at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira.

Lectures in Catholic Experience presents Fr. Gregory Boyle speaking on **"CHERISHED BELONGING – THE HEALING POWER OF LOVE IN DIVIDED TIMES"** on **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at SJ2 Academic Centre Atrium. Fr. Gregory Boyle offers a transformative idea of what community and compassion mean through the lens of Christianity's origins. He has contributed to altering the lives of countless people through his foundational work at Homeboy Industries – the most extensive gang intervention program in the world. The event is free. All are welcome. Please register for this lecture as space is limited. This lecture will also be available to live-stream. A live-stream link will be emailed 24 hours prior to the lecture date.

**ROCK PAINTING EVENT** – Help make the Hub's Rock Garden on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** from 1 – 4 p.m. for ages 9 – 15 years at 24 Snyder Avenue South, Elmira.

**REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** – Join us for our final screening of the season with **THE CONDOR AND THE EAGLE**, on **May 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Four Indigenous leaders embark on a trans-continental adventure from the Canadian Boreal forests to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of Climate Justice. Never-before-seen images expose the extractive mining economy and the global rise of land and water protectors across the Americas. Film followed by conversation with guest speaker Jamie Bourque-Blyan, Engagement Manager with Indigenous Climate Action. Register and view our full schedule at: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/reel-justice-film-festival/>. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustices.

**RETREAT AT THE CARMEL** – The **Carmel of St. Joseph Guild** is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite

Monastery on **Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. The theme of the Retreat is "Hope". The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please see the poster for more details on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: [www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca). If you haven't registered yet, please do so, as space is limited. **RSVP before May 16<sup>th</sup>** either by phone: 519-884-6700 or email: [saintagatha@thecarmel.ca](mailto:saintagatha@thecarmel.ca).

Separated or Divorced? Join us in this **WEEKEND RETREAT** featuring personal testimonies, catechesis, music and community building. Heal and renew your faith at **Our Lady of Lourdes**, 173 Lourdes St., Waterloo on **Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 6:45 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and **Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>** from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$130. Space is limited to 25 attendees. All registrants receive a workbook, CD, snacks and lunch. Facilitated by David Wang and April Philpotts of Critical Mass. Email [davefromcm@gmail.com](mailto:davefromcm@gmail.com) for more info. Register at [www.criticalmassmsic.org/tour-dates](http://www.criticalmassmsic.org/tour-dates).

**MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS COMMUNITY EVENT** – Join us for a fun, free event for all ages to celebrate Mental Health Awareness month featuring live music by Dana K & the Remedy. There will be outdoor lawn games, lemonade, food and giveaways on **Friday, May 30, 2025** from 2:30 – 6:30 p.m. at **Gore Park Bandstand**, 65 Arthur Street, Elmira.

**MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH** – Loving your partner is a choice you make every day and it provides you, your spouse and your children with a stable home to grow and feel safe in. We can choose to speak calmly, express our love, gratitude, hurts and desires to our spouse so they can know and understand us better. Your children are watching you, learning how to be a husband and wife and your marriage, in the Catholic tradition, is meant to be the visible sign of God's invisible love. Making the choice to love is a daily commitment, but so many will benefit, most importantly, you and your spouse. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE** – How do you hear the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd in your life? When have you felt really seen, heard, and known by God? These are the moments from which a vocation is born, an inner desire to follow Jesus our Good Shepherd. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**VOCATION SEEDS** – On this Good Shepherd Sunday we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. 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](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

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