

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

May 17, 2026

Ascension of the Lord

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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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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  
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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. ✠

## ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday, May 19, 7:05 pm**

**+Mabel & Fern Bruder;** John & Linda Bruder

*For the greater we are, the more we should humble ourselves and recognize our own nothingness. If we know ourselves, we humble ourselves, not holding our head high or becoming bloated with pride. Rather we bow our head in acknowledgment of the goodness God has showered on us. – St. Catherine of Siena*

**Wednesday, May 20, 12:05 pm**

**+Connie Walser;** Peter & Peggy Swainston

*The name of Jesus feeds and revives those who are famished and spiritually hungry. – St. Bernardine of Siena*

**Thursday, May 21,**

**10:30 am St. Jacobs Place**

**+Jack Soeder;** Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt

**12:05 pm**

**+Clem Martin;** Angela & Derek Mercey

*What we ourselves cannot bear, let us bear with the help of Christ. – St. Boniface*

**Friday, May 22, 9:00 am – Maryhill**

*One cannot possibly understand the teaching of saints unless one has a pure mind and is trying to imitate their life. – St. Athanasius*

**Saturday, May 23, 5:00 pm**

**+Betty Furlong;** Theresa Wuersch

**+Arthur Moser;** Bill & Anne Hanley

**Sunday, May 24, Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday**

**9:00 am Our Parish Community**

**11:00 am Maryhill**

#### Altar Servers

9am Alexis, Matilda, Hannah

#### Children's Liturgy

May 24 Linda Bruder, Isabelle Lauzon

#### 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

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, celebrated forty days after Easter, commemorates the moment when the risen Christ, in the sight of his apostles, ascended bodily into heaven. It marks the completion of his earthly mission and the beginning of his exaltation at the right hand of the Father, where he intercedes for us as our eternal High Priest. The Ascension is a reminder that heaven is our true home and that Jesus, fully God and fully man, has gone before us to prepare a place for us in the Father's house.

Sunday is also World Communications Day, when Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives. The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

Father Peter

#### READINGS FOR May 23/24

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-23

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

##### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., May 18 Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.

Victoria Day

Tues., May 19 Rev. Christopher Tracey

Wed., May 20 Barnabite Fathers, C.R.S.P.

Thurs., May 21 Single Catholics

Fri., May 22 Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.

Sat., May 23 Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE** 10:00 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg** - Library

#### MINISTRIES for May 23/24

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond

9am Chris & Allyson Cassidy, Iris Miltenburg

##### Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly

9am Linus & Pat Ditner, Ron Stemmler

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Lisa Denomme	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Leona Weishar	John Bruder
	Wally Malcolm	

The **POPE'S PASTORAL WORKS COLLECTION** today provides an opportunity for Catholics to make a financial offering to assist the Holy Father. One-third of the funds collected is for what is traditionally known as Peter's Pence: donations used by the Pope for his charitable contributions to those most in need throughout the world, as well as for the support of the Holy See and its activities. Two-thirds of the collection is to support the Holy Father in administering the Holy See and serving the Universal Church.

All are invited to an opportunity for **PRAYER AND REFLECTION** on Father Tim Uniac's book "**MAGDALENE: A Resurrection Disciple**". Sessions will start on **Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>** at 2 p.m. for **4 consecutive weeks** (for approximately 1 hour). Everyone will be given time to share their own personal reflections as outlined in the book. If there is interest, an evening time would also be available, Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Please call Donna at the office if you are interested in attending.

Join the St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. at **ELMIRA LIONS BINGO** on **Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall, 40 South Street West, Elmira. Doors open at 6:00

p.m. and 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 are also available at the St. Teresa Parish Office or by emailing [gk8192@ontariokofc.ca](mailto:gk8192@ontariokofc.ca). Orders will be taken **until May 19<sup>th</sup>** 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](mailto: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.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **May 22<sup>nd</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.

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.**

**INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST** – Join us for the 51<sup>st</sup> 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](http://interfaithgrandriver.org/breakfast) or in person at Erb and Good Family Funeral home in Waterloo.

**MOUNT MARY CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF FAITH AND FRIENDSHIP** – All those who have made a retreat are invited with their families to attend on **Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Mount Mary Retreat Center, 437 Wilson St. E., Ancaster. The program begins with a Mass celebration, followed by greetings and presentations. There will also be a reception and time for fellowship and touring the grounds to recall fond memories.

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 31<sup>st</sup>** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 p.m. 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](http://hamiltondiocese.com) or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**THEATRE OF THE BEAT** is back with their new show **Invisible Threads**, on **Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>** at 7 p.m. at Elmira Mennonite Church. This investigative drama follows a well-intentioned retail employee who discovers a factory worker's handwritten note inside the new pair of jeans he's folding. As he begins to pull at the threads, he's entwined in a sprawling overseas network that leads right back home.

Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering three different weeks for a **CONNECTING KIDS SUMMER PROGRAM**. Each program is also in-person, Half-Days Kids Program for ages 6-9 and from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Each different week is \$150. Further subsidies are available if needed.

- July 6-10
- July 27-31
- Aug. 10-14

To register, please visit

<https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>.

**RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE** – In my travels, I have come to see that parts of the Congregation of the Resurrection in places like Brazil and Tanzania have men in formation because they are willing to take a risk. You can say that it is because they are poorer, or less educated and do not have as many options as we do – and there is some truth to that. But like Aesop's fable of the fox and the cat, although the fox claims to have many ways of escaping – while the cat only has one – when it is time for action, the cat does what needs to be done, while the fox does nothing, paralyzed by its inability to choose between its options. Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R.; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

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