

# 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  
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar  
Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka  
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### Knights of Columbus

Rick Weishar  
gk8192@ontariokofc.ca

### 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. ✠

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

#### Tuesday, May 20, No Mass

*No virtue can have life in itself except through charity and humility, which is the foster-mother and nurse of charity.- St. Catherine of Siena*

#### Wednesday, May 21, No Mass

*We live in Christ and Christ lives in us. Christ gives Christians a certain kinship with himself. – St. Cyril of Alexandria*

#### Thursday, May 22, 12:05 pm

**+Tony & Brigitte Bergmeier;** John & Linda Bruder

*Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases. – St. Rose of Lima*

#### Friday, May 23, 9:00 am - Maryhill

*Let us have clean hearts ready inside us for the Lord Jesus, so that he will be glad to come in – St. Clement of Alexandria*

#### Saturday, May 24, 5:00 pm

**+Philomena & Joseph Eckert;** Marcella Furlong & Family

**+Jim Hanley;** Bernard & Rose Hanley

#### Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

### Sign Ministry

May 20 Ray Denomme

### 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 is the Fifth Sunday of Easter. It is a time for celebrating the ongoing effects of the Resurrection and the call to live as faithful disciples. The readings for this Sunday focus on themes of love, discipleship, and the new creation.

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.

### READINGS FOR May 17/18

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Second Reading: Rv 21:1-5a

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

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR :

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Mon., May 19  | Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.                |
| Tues., May 20 | Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.                |
| Wed., May 21  | Congregation of the Resurrection, C.R.      |
| Thu., May 22  | Rev. Rajesh Madtha, O.C.D.                  |
| Fri., May 23  | Single Catholics                            |
| Sat., May 24  | Rev. Yonas Okubit Ghebru                    |
|               | World Day of Prayer for the Church in China |

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

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

### MINISTRIES for May 24/25

#### Eucharistic Ministers

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 5pm | Kathy Ziegler, Tim Baillargeon          |
| 9am | Pat Ditner, Barb Vodicka, Ken Gallipeau |

#### Hospitality

|     |                                    |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| 5pm | Geoff & Kieran Kelly               |
| 9am | Rick & Leona Weishar, Ron Stemmler |

#### Lector

|     |               |
|-----|---------------|
| 5pm | Connie Kaster |
| 9am | John Bruder   |

#### Commentator

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| Lisa Denomme |
| Linda Bruder |

#### Altar Servers

9am Xander, Hannah, Libby

#### Children's Liturgy

May 25 Sandi Hutchinson, Linda Bruder

on Tuesday June 3rd at 7:30 new and current lectors are invited to a meeting for orientation and review procedures. Please join us after the Mass

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!

Be part of something powerful! Through the Baby Bottle Campaign, we're helping **MARILLAC PLACE** raise \$53,000 to support mothers and babies facing homelessness. In 2024, there was a 62% increase in residents' completion of housing plans—personalized roadmaps to help each mother secure and maintain stable housing. Their AfterCare Program also grew by 88%, offering ongoing emotional and grocery support to families rebuilding their lives. Fill a bottle or donate online by Father's Day! **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 23<sup>rd</sup>** the trucks will be **here** at **St. Teresa of Avila 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.

**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.

You are invited to **FATHER GEORGE NOWAK 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BANQUET** on **Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup>** at 3 p.m. in the Parish Hall of Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener. Tickets are \$80 per person (children 12 and under are \$25). This includes dinner, dessert, entertainment and people can give their well wishes during the banquet as well. All the proceeds will go towards Fr. George's trip to Poland in the summer. Tickets can be purchased at the Sacred Heart Parish Office. For questions or more information email [akulik330@gmail.com](mailto:akulik330@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office at 519-742-5831.

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.

The **48<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WALK FOR LIFE** is on **Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** beginning at the Right to Life Office. Gather at 9:30 a.m. with start time at 10 a.m. at the Right to Life Office at 215 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener. There is street parking. Follow along Lancaster St. W. to Tim Horton's for a rest. Return to the start point for lunch, prizes, draws and a social gathering. Every \$50 pledged receives a chance for a \$100 Gift Certificate. Call 519-746-5433 for pledge forms and walk information or email [kwrtl@golden.net](mailto:kwrtl@golden.net).

**THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS – LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER!** Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2025? You are cordially invited to join Bishop Crosby and couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, June 1, 2025** 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 can be found under Upcoming Events on the homepage at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or by calling Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, June 5<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.

**ACT II (SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP)** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo at 7:30 p.m. Our Act II monthly informal support group will continue to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, in the Resource Centre/Library. With the support of others, you can begin to heal the emotional, social and spiritual devastation of divorce. Join us when you can. Visit our website ([www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced](http://www.stmichaelw.ca/separated-and-divorced)), or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email [parish@stmichaelw.ca](mailto:parish@stmichaelw.ca) for more information.

**RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE** – Today's Gospel passage follows immediately after Jesus washes the feet of His disciples. His commandment to love is not abstract - it is very practical. If you are discerning a vocation, ask yourself: Where is God calling you to serve with this kind of love? Are you open to a path that seeks not recognition, but a quiet giving of your life in service to others? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R., [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**VOCATION SEEDS** – The new commandment of love is required of everyone who follows the risen Lord. How do you fulfill the commandment? 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).

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

|                                      |             |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Offertory collection for May 2/3:    | \$ 4,381.44 |
| Offertory collection for May 10/11:  | \$ 3,324.95 |
| Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: | \$93,261.73 |

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