

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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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#### 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. ✠

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Tuesday, May 26, 7:05 pm</b> +Jack Soeder; Cathy Vanzielaghem <i>Preserving our cheerfulness amid sicknesses and troubles is a sign of a right and good spirit. – St. Philip Neri</i>
<b>Wednesday, May 27, 11:00 am</b> +Ralph Longstaff; Tom O'Marra <i>Eternal life is not a life for the future. By charity we start eternity right here below. – Cardinal Henri de Lubac</i>
<b>Thursday, May 28, 12:05 pm</b> +Bruce Chipman; Gord & Cheryl Dunn <i>The gate of the kingdom must be asked for by praying, sought after by living properly, and knocked at by persevering. – St. Bede, the Venerable</i>
<b>Friday, May 29, 9:00 am – Maryhill</b> <i>Divine love brings with it every good and banishes every evil. – St. Catherine of Genoa</i>
<b>Saturday, May 30, 5:00 pm</b> +Marie & Vincent Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis <b>Intentions of Father Peter Meyer; Anonymous</b>
<b>Sunday, May 31, Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> <b>9:00 am Our Parish Community</b> <b>11:00 am Maryhill</b>

### READINGS FOR May 30/31

First Reading: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9  
Second Reading: 2 Cor 13:11-13  
Gospel Reading: Jn 3:16-18

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., May 25 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
Tues., May 26 Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.  
Wed., May 27 Sisters of the Precious Blood, R.P.B.  
Thurs., May 28 Rev. Msgr. Edward Sheridan  
Fri., May 29 Rev. David Lewis  
Sat., May 30 Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE** 7:35 p.m. **Parish Pastoral Council Mtg** – Library  
**THU** 7:00 p.m. **C.W.L. Bingo** – Lion's Hall  
**FRI** 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** - Hall

### MINISTRIES for May 30/31

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kathy Ziegler, Mary Forcier  
9am Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson, Pat Ditner

#### Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Joanne Weber  
9am Jim McInnis, John Bruder, Adrian Miltenburg

#### Lector

5pm Connie Kaster  
9am Linda Bruder  
Ellen Siebel-Achenbach

#### Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter  
Mike Noel

#### Altar Servers

9am Grace, Ella, Libby

#### Children's Liturgy

May 31 Sandi Hutchinson, Anna Jakeman

### 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

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.

This weekend we are sharing the Financial Report to all parishioners. I thank the committee for all their hard work. If you have any questions about the report please approach any one of us. The committee member names are on the front of the bulletin.

Today is Pentecost Sunday which is celebrated 50 days after Easter, marking the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and the Virgin Mary. This day is known as the "Birthday of the Church". It signifies the start of the Church's public mission and the transformation of the apostles into courageous witnesses.

Father Peter

### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH IN CHINA

– In May 2007, Pope Benedict XVI asked that May 24 be observed as a Day of Prayer of the Church in China. He chose this day since it is the traditional Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, venerated at the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai.

**FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS AT ST. TERESA** - Are you interested in volunteering on the Friday we host the trucks? You would be setting up and taking down small tables and benches/garbage can and monitoring from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m. Upcoming dates are June 19, July 17, July 31, August 21, September 4 and September 25. Please contact Barb at 519-497-3162 for more information and to sign up!

**C.W.L. MOTHER'S DAY TEA FOR 2 IN A BOX** was a success! We sold out all 75 boxes! Thanks to all who bought them! A big thank you to the C.W.L. ladies who baked, made jam and put them all together! Thank you to the classes at St Teresa School who did an awesome job decorating the boxes and making them very special! There is a box in the coat room if you would like to return your jam jar to be reused.

**C.W.L. MASS AT THE CARMELITES** is on **Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>** at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at Kennedy's at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome. Please sign up by emailing h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com or calling Barb at 519-497-3162 so reservations can be confirmed.

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> for 4 consecutive weeks.** (for approximately 1 hour). There is a 2 p.m. group and a 7 p.m. group. Everyone will be given time to share their own personal reflections as outlined in the book. Please call Donna at the office if you are interested in attending. For those who have signed up, please read the first two chapters of the book for the first meeting to be held in the church library

Join the St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. at the **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.

**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 29<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.

**MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS FREE COMMUNITY EVENT** on **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** from 2:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Gore Park Bandstand, 68 Arthur St. S., Elmira. Free Bbq and snacks, live music and outdoor lawn games. No registration required. Weather permitting. Join us for a fun event for all ages to celebrate Mental Health Awareness month. Featuring live music by No Requests, EDSS Band, and Mojo Minefield (formerly Tyler Fry and the Mile Highs).

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 next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, June 4<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.

**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.

**GUELPH WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND** from **August 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

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**PARENTING TIP** – Family creates the foundation on which children will build the rest of their lives. Parents are both leaders and models, so children will learn fundamental skills, including relationship skills, from their families. Parents must reflect on whether the lessons they are modelling for their children are ones that will serve them well in their adult lives. Important to a parent's role is building within their children a foundation of faith by engaging in prayer, attending Mass, reading the Bible as a family and taking part in acts of service. This development of faith will help guide children's actions as they become more independent. It will also ensure they understand that God is always with them.

**RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE** – The disciples in the Upper Room were paralyzed by fear. It was the presence of the Risen Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit that transformed them. Pentecost announces that the Spirit does the same today. Many people hesitate to respond to a call to religious life because of fear: fear of the unknown, fear of sacrifice, fear of what others will think. But the Spirit was given precisely for this - to replace fear with the peace and courage of Christ. What fear is the Spirit asking you to surrender today?

Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.  
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#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<b>Offeritory collection for May 16/17:</b>	<b>\$ 3,076.80</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$62,893.16</b>
<b>Thank you.</b>	

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