

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

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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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Rick Weishar
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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

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

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 26TH

Tuesday, May 27, 7:05 pm

+Garton & Keane Family; Pat Garton

We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. – St. Clare of Assisi

Wednesday, May 28, No Mass

Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your love. – St. Clare of Assisi

Thursday, May 29, 12:05 pm

+Betty Furlong; Adrian & Iris Miltenburg

You have shown me a spark of your pure and simple love, and it has kindled in my heart a flame that devours me. – St. Catherine of Genoa

Friday, May 30, 9:00 am – Maryhill

God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope, and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit. – Pope Francis

Saturday, May 31, 5:00 pm

+Mary & John Howard; Wendy & Mike Hicknell & Family

+Art Moser; Katrina & Matthew Fingland

Sunday, June 1, Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

9:00 am Our Parish Community

After Mass Coffee Sunday

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR May 31/June 1

First Reading: Eph 1:1-11

Second Reading: Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23

Gospel Reading: Lk 24:46-53

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., May 26	Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
Tues., May 27	Rev. George Nowak, C.R.
Wed., May 28	Seminarians
Thu., May 29	Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
Fri., May 30	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Sat., May 31	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MINISTRIES for May 31/June 1

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Carol Kieswetter, Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm	Marilyn Hurlburt, Marianne Kieswetter
9am	Sharon & Mike Noel, Adrian Miltenburg

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Tom O'Marra	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Will Jakeman	Mike Noel

Altar Servers

9am	Wesley, Andrew, Allyson
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Children's Liturgy

June 1	Nikki Totten, Theresa Grosz
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Sign Ministry

May 27	Sandi Hutchinson
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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 sixth joyful Sunday of celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. These later Sundays of Easter focus on the Last Discourse of John's Gospel; Jesus' prayer of unity for his disciples, and his promise of the Holy Spirit.

Fr. Peter Meyer

THANKS to everyone who attended the C.W.L. Traditional English Tea and who volunteered their assistance serving, clearing tables, setting up and taking down! Our C.W.L. appreciates your support which enables us to share that help with others. Thank you!

On **Tuesday, June 3rd** at 7:30 p.m. **NEW AND CURRENT LECTORS** are invited to a meeting for orientation and review procedures. Please join us after Mass

ROSARY WALK – May is the month of Mary and in honour of Our Mother the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League is leading a special praying of the Rosary on **Tuesday, May 27th at 6:30 p.m., outside the church at the Rosary Path.** In May we are encouraged to turn to Mary in a special way, ask her to intercede with God for our greatest needs and thank her for saying Yes to God. Our communal praying of the Rosary on May 27th is a way to join those prayers together. All are welcome, join us!

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!

C.W.L. MINI BAKE SALE after Mass on Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st! Enjoy some of the desserts that were served at the tea! 6 items for \$10!

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 30th** the trucks will be at **Gale Presbyterian 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.

Join Guelph and Area Right to Life at the **FERGUS HOME & LEISURE SHOW!** We'll be there from **May 27–29** (Tuesday to Thursday) between 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. at the Centre Wellington Sportsplex in Fergus. Stop by our table to say hello, pick up some free resources, and learn more about how we support life in our community. We'd love to connect with you!

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.

EXPERIENCE A RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE – Take a break from the busyness of everyday life and enter a space of quiet reflection. Spend meaningful time reconnecting with God, nature, and community. Explore our upcoming retreats:

Love Languages: Loving People into Life - May 30, 2025 - Discover the unique ways we give and receive care in a reflective, interactive day exploring love languages.

Unplug to Reconnect: A Discerned Digital Detox - May 30 - June 1, 2025 - Step back from screens and reconnect with yourself, others, and nature through a restorative experience that fosters a healthier relationship with technology.

Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment - May 30 - June 1, 2025 - Take time for reflection and support in decision-making through Ignatian discernment, exploring how God's Spirit moves in your life and desires. Register at loyolahouse.com, or call 519-824-1250 ext. 266 or registration@ignatiusguelph.ca.

The **48TH ANNUAL KW WALK FOR LIFE** is on **Saturday, May 31st** 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.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, June 5th** 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 or call 519-742-9025.

ST. AGATHA PARISH HOMECOMING CELEBRATION –

We warmly invite you to join us on **June 8th** at St. Agatha Parish, 1839 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha, for this special event. It will be a joyful opportunity to reconnect with old friends and celebrate the rich history of St. Agatha Parish. Were you baptized or married here? Did your children attend St. Agatha School? **The celebration will begin with Mass at 11:00 a.m.**, followed by lunch and a reception in the parish hall until 3:00 p.m. Enjoy reminiscing with friends, looking through old photos, and viewing the display showcasing the history of our parish. Please join us for this celebration of faith, friendship, and community. Everyone is welcome!

ACT II (SEPARATED AND DIVORCED SUPPORT

GROUP) on the 3rd 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), or contact our Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca for more information.

MUSIC THERAPY – Ready to explore the therapeutic power of music? We are excited to announce the launch of Music Therapy as a new service at Woolwich Counselling Centre! Engaging sessions with Melissa Jessop, Registered Psychotherapist, Master of Music Therapy, and Certified Music Therapist, can help with self-expression, improve emotional well-being, and build social skills. Using music intentionally with therapeutic relationships can support development, health, and well-being. Music therapy is also beneficial in helping with:

- Anxiety and depression
- Grief and trauma
- Memory and cognitive challenges
- End-of-life and palliative care
- Self-expression and communication

Music can be the catalyst for change, and it can be fun.

Let's make music a part of your journey today!

For more information, please visit

<https://woolwichcounselling.org/music-therapy/>.

VOCATION SEEDS – Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him and we will come to Him. How will I respond to that love? Am I being called to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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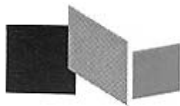
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