

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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
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Vocations

Contact hamiltodiocese.com/vocations/
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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

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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. ✠

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 4TH

Tuesday, May 5, 7:05 pm +Nicola Lospalluto; Ray & Trudy Denomme <i>Christian joy is a gift of God flowing from a good conscience. – St. Philip Neri</i>
Wednesday, May 6, 10:30 am - AgeCare +William & Betty Walter; Estate <i>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</i>
Thursday, May 7, 12:05 pm +Holy Souls in Purgatory; Fr. Arek Skwarek <i>If everyone took only what was needed and gave the rest to those in need, there would be no such thing as rich and poor. – St. Basil</i>
Friday, May 8, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Even if we speak with a low voice, even if we whisper without opening the lips, even if we call to him only from the depths of the heart, our unspoken word always reaches God and God always hears. – St. Clement of Alexandria</i>
Saturday, May 9, 5:00 pm +Vincent & Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis +Art Moser; Zach Karl
Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day) 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR May 9/10

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 Second Reading: 1 Pt 3:15-18
 Gospel Reading: Jn 14:15-21

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., May 4	Rev. Bradley Markus
Tues., May 5	Rev. Malcolm Katzenberger
Wed., May 6	Congregation of the Resurrection, C.R.
Thurs., May 7	Rev. Khalid Karomi
Fri., May 8	Rev. David Reitzel
Sat., May 9	Rev. Joe S. Selvanayagam

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

SAT 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. **TEA BOX PICK UP** - Hall

MINISTRIES for May 9/10

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Mary Forcier, Tim Baillargeon
9am	Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka, Pat Ditner

Hospitality

5pm	Marilyn Hurlburt, Marianne Kieswetter
9am	Leona & Rick Weishar, John Bruder

Lector

5pm	Tom O'Marra
9am	Hannah MacMillan

Commentator

Judy Furlong
 Wally Malcolm

Jennifer Drinkwater

Altar Servers

9am Hudson, Andrew, Allyson

Children's Liturgy

May 3 Tessa Heffernan, Nikki Totten

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

On this Fifth Sunday of Easter, we continue glorifying the risen Christ. It focuses on trust in God and Jesus' promise to prepare a place in his Father's house.

Please consider taking part in the Tea in a Box fundraiser. It will be scrumptious. I have already taste tested.

Father Peter

THANK YOU to the many people who supported our Annual Maryhill Park Fish Fry Fundraiser on **Good Friday**. It was the biggest and busiest we've ever had and all went well. We had approx. 40 volunteers who worked with us throughout the day, many of whom also helped on Thursday preparing. We are truly blessed, as without the support of each of these good people, this event would not be possible. We truly need the many young people who participated as well, with their smiles and energy! And for the most part we had a fun day also! When it was time to shut down we were blessed with many others who stacked chairs and folded tables to help out. What a blessing. Not the least of which were a couple of our younger citizens who not only finished the hall but stayed and helped until the last dish was put away in the kitchen. A couple of pleasant, energetic 'Knights in Shining Armour' for sure! We are working toward a Picnic Shelter for the Park, and getting closer each year, thanks to so many! Please join us on Good Friday, March 26, 2027.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 **"ROSES FOR LIFE" CAMPAIGN** is on Mother's Day weekend, **May 9th & 10th after each Mass**. We offer Lapel Roses to continue raising awareness of both abortions and euthanasia. Please pick up a "Rose Lapel" and make a donation to support pro-life organizations.

C.W.L. MOTHER'S DAY TEA FOR TWO – IN A BOX!

In lieu of a formal tea this year, we will be offering a limited number of Tea for Two boxes so you can have a tea date with your Mom or someone special. Each box will contain: 2 of our famous fresh baked scones, a small jar of homemade strawberry jam, an assortment of 4 tea bags, some chocolate treats and a small gift from the C.W.L.! These are only available by pre-order for \$15 a box. Orders need to be placed by May 4th. They will be ready for **pick up in the hall on Saturday, May 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Orders can be placed after the weekend Masses or by email to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com. Include your name, phone number, number of boxes and how you are paying (either by e-transfer (to the same email address) or cash at pick up). You can also order by calling Barb Vodicka 519-497-3162.

MAY 3, 2026

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. Orders will be taken **until May 19th** 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 to **commit to supplying a prize**. The **deadline** to record all prizes is **Wednesday, May 20, 2026**. Thank you for your support.

MARY MAGDALENE: A RESURRECTION DISCIPLE BY FR. TIM UNIAC, C.R. is the culmination of a lifetime of encounters which Fr. Tim has had with Mary Magdalene. This book endeavors to tell Mary Magdalene's story "by focusing on the historical Mary Magdalene, who she was and the role she played and continues to play in salvation history" (preface). Each chapter also concludes with reflection questions, inviting the reader to fully engage with the book in a prayerful and reflective journey. Copies of Mary Magdalene: A Resurrection Disciple are available for \$20 (all funds support the Resurrectionist Missions). You can get a copy after Mass in the Narthex this Easter season or by contacting Alice Langdon at 519-885-3030 or provincialoffice@resurrectioncollege.ca Payment can be made by cash, cheque or e-transfer to bursar@resurrectioncollege.ca.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **May 8th** the trucks will be at **Elmira Mennonite 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.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK begins on Sunday, May 3, 2026. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. This year's Catholic Education theme is, "Pilgrims of Hope: On the Path to Holiness."

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 next week, May 9th/10th or give online using the QR code on the poster in our lobby.**

The Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering: **LET'S TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH: LEARNING SKILLS TO SUPPORT OTHERS**, in-person adult workshop, on **Wednesday, May 6 2026** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira. The fee is \$10. Further subsidies are available if needed. Join us to learn practical coping strategies to manage our mental well-being and how to navigate conversations to support others. **CONNECTING CAREGIVERS**, in-person adult sessions on **Wednesdays, May 6, 20, Jun. 3, 17, Jul. 15, 29** at 1-2 p.m. The fee is no cost. We recognize that caregivers also need support. Please join us for a six-session bi-weekly group where we will discuss important strategies for managing caregiver's fatigue, coping with stress, and building resilience so that we are able to thrive in our roles as caregivers. To register for any of the workshops, please visit: <https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>.

HEARTACHE TO HEALING – GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Grief support provides companionship on the long journey through the grief process. Our support group follows the process developed by Dr. Bill Webster, an experienced leader in grief counselling. All who have suffered a loss are welcome, regardless of how much time has passed since your loss.

Monthly informal drop-in support - available at St. Michael Parish on the **2nd Wednesday of the month** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Resource Centre/Library. Registration is not required. **Part 1: 6-week Program-theory and sharing-** The program runs Wednesday evenings (6 consecutive weeks) from **May 13 to June 17, 2026** at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Waterloo. Registration is required by May 4 by contacting the St. Michael Parish office 519-884-9311, or email parish@stmichaelw.ca. Part 2 of the program will be available in the Fall. Website: www.stmichaelw.ca/grief-support.

Artist and sculptor, **TIMOTHY SCHMALZ** will provide a **PRESENTATION** about his inspiration and work entitled, "Homeless Jesus and Other Sculptures" on **Thursday, May 7th** at 7 p.m. at St. Michael Church Parish Hall, Waterloo. This event is free of charge. A free will offering would be greatly appreciated in support of the St. Michael Africa Project.

INTERFAITH COMMUNITY BREAKFAST – Join us for the 51st 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 or in person at Erb and Good Family Funeral home in Waterloo.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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