

# 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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**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

Dianne Brenner Fr. Peter Meyer  
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  
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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. ✠

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday, May 6, No Mass**

*By nature, each one of us is enclosed in our own personality, but supernaturally, we are all one. We are made one body in Christ, because we are nourished by one flesh. As Christ is indivisible, we are all one in him. – St. Cyril of Alexandria*

**Wednesday, May 7, No Mass**

*Since happiness is nothing else than the enjoyment of the supreme good, and the supreme good is above us, no one can enjoy happiness unless he rises above himself. – St. Bonaventure*

**Thursday, May 8, 12:05 pm**

**+Jerry McInnis; Jim McInnis**

*The whole of your faith is founded on obedience, for by it you prove your fidelity. – St. Catherine of Siena*

**Friday, May 9, 9:00 am - Maryhill**

*In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others. – St. Charles Borromeo*

**Saturday, May 10, 5:00 pm**

**+Jackie Morrissey; Joan Meek & Elizabeth Pepper  
Intentions of Armand Bertin; Debbie Yutzi**

**Sunday, May 11, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**9:00 am Our Parish Community  
11:00 am Maryhill**

**READINGS FOR May 10/11**

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Second Reading: Rv 7:14b-17

Gospel Reading: Jn 10:27-30

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR****PLEASE PRAY FOR :**

Mon., May 5	Rev. Michael King
Tues., May 6	Rev. Veselko Kvesic, O.F.M.
Wed., May 7	Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul of Zagreb, S.O.C.
Thu., May 8	Rev. Bradley Markus
Fri., May 9	Rev. Khalid Karomi
Sat., May 10	Rev. David Reitzel

**MINISTRIES for May 10/11****Eucharistic Ministers**

5pm	Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler

**Hospitality**

5pm	Marianne Kieswetter, Debbie Yutzi
9am	Linus & Pat Ditner, John Bruder

**Lector**

5pm	Tom O'Marra
9am	Tracy Kroetsch

**Commentator**

Patsy Pond
Wally Malcolm

**Altar Servers**

9am	Scarlett, Libby, Breea
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**Children's Liturgy**

May 11	Tessa Heffernan, Emily Beynon
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**Sign Ministry**

May 6	Pat Ditner
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**LIVING ROSARY INTENTION**

**For working conditions** – Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

**FOODBANK NEEDS**

Peanut Butter, Jam, Cheez Whiz

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Today is the Third Sunday of Easter. The Gospel focuses on the resurrection of Jesus and the significance of His appearances to His disciples. This week's Gospel depicts Jesus appearing to His disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, including Peter, and leading them to a miraculous catch of fish. Afterwards, Jesus provides them with a meal, reminding them of his presence and the Eucharist.

Thank you to all those who attended the tea and those who organized, prepared and volunteered to help. It was an enjoyable opportunity to be together as family and friends. Thank you to the Catholic Women's League for a job well done.

Thanks for your Good Friday donations to help the Holy Land. They are needed now more than ever!  
Fr. Peter Meyer

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 "**ROSES FOR LIFE**" CAMPAIGN is on Mother's Day weekend, **May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Vivat Jesus!

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.

Join us for an exciting evening of fun, fellowship, and giving back! On **May 29<sup>th</sup>**, 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!

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2025 begins on Sunday, May 4, 2025.** 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 Week theme is, "**Pilgrims of Hope.**"

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. Last year, Marillac Place provided safe housing and support to 45 women and 31 children. With your help, they also delivered 247 Life Skills sessions on budgeting, cooking, parenting, and more—empowering families to thrive. **Pick up a baby bottle next week, May 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> or give online using the QR code on the poster in our lobby.**

Join us for the **NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE** – Reserve Your Seat! Guelph & Area Right to Life is providing a coach bus to Ottawa for the National March for Life on **Thursday, May 8, 2025**. This is a powerful opportunity to stand alongside thousands on Parliament Hill in defense of life. Pickup & Drop-off is at the Basilica of Our Lady parking lot, 28 Norfolk St, Guelph. The bus will depart at 6:00 a.m. sharp (please arrive by 5:45 a.m.). The bus will return at 4:00 p.m. sharp (boarding at 3:45 p.m.). Seats are limited. Reserve your seat today! Goodwill offerings are gratefully accepted and can be made by cash, cheque, or e-transfer to [info@guelphforlife.com](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com). To reserve your seat, contact us at [info@guelphforlife.com](mailto:info@guelphforlife.com) or (519) 836-6311. For more info, visit the website at <https://www.guelphforlife.com/bus>.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **May 9<sup>th</sup>** the trucks will be at **here at St. Teresa of Avila Church**. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out [www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks](https://www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks) each week to see which church and what trucks are there.

**Come Retreat with Loyola House!** Step away from the busyness of daily life and spend some quiet, intentional time to deepen your connection with God, creation, and others. Here are some upcoming retreats:

**Praying with the Senses: The Power of the Imagination** - May 9, 2025 - Deepen your prayer life through Ignatian imagination, using guided reflections and spiritual exercises rooted in sensory awareness.

**Day of Quiet** - May 9, 2025 - Retreat from daily noise and engage in personal reflection and prayer. Lunch from Loyola House Kitchen is included.

**Birds Weekend Retreat** - May 9-11, 2025 - Connect deeply with birds through observation, workshops, and reflection, guided by ornithologist Matthew Iles. Register at [loyolahouse.com](http://loyolahouse.com) or [registration@ignatiusguelph.ca](mailto:registration@ignatiusguelph.ca) or 519- 824-1250 ext. 266.

Join us for the **TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE** on **Saturday, May 10, 2025**. The bus leaves from Fairview Park Mall at 7:45 a.m. Parking is at the front of the Walmart over to the right where it is less crowded. Cost for the bus is \$25. Children under 12 are free. Return to Kitchener. Your seat reservation must be confirmed by the KW Right to Life Office or call Jane at 519-746-5433.

Lectures in Catholic Experience presents Fr. Gregory Boyle speaking on **“CHERISHED BELONGING – THE HEALING**

**POWER OF LOVE IN DIVIDED TIMES”** on **Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. at SJ2 Academic Centre Atrium. Fr. Gregory Boyle offers a transformative idea of what community and compassion mean through the lens of Christianity's origins. He has contributed to altering the lives of countless people through his foundational work at Homeboy Industries – the most extensive gang intervention program in the world. The event is free. All are welcome. Please register for this lecture as space is limited. This lecture will also be available to live-stream. A live-stream link will be emailed 24 hours prior to the lecture date.

**RETREAT AT THE CARMEL** – The **Carmel of St. Joseph Guild** is hosting their annual retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**. The theme of the Retreat is “Hope”. The retreat will give you an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee Year. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please see the poster for more details on the Carmel of St. Joseph website: [www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca). If you haven't registered yet, please do so, as space is limited. **RSVP before May 16<sup>th</sup>** either by phone: 519-884-6700 or email: [saintagatha@thecarmel.ca](mailto:saintagatha@thecarmel.ca).

**PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH** – Loving guidance and care for our children is a foundational principle of our Catholic teachings on parenting. Teaching our children how to live as disciples of Jesus provides them with a firm faith foundation, but also the tools for success in life. So don't be afraid to set boundaries, have solid expectations and provide correction when necessary. God has trusted us with his precious children to raise and the hard work of childhood will become a loving adult relationship when we parent with firm love and respect of our children. From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE** – Three times Jesus asks Peter: "Do you love me?" Before mission comes love. Before vocation comes relationship. Discerning a call to religious life and priesthood is not first about what we do, but about whom we love. Jesus does not demand perfection — only love that is willing to grow. Is your love ready to trust Him with a "yes"? Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R. [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com)

**VOCATION SEEDS** – How am I being called to feed the lambs of Jesus? Could it be as an ordained or consecrated person? 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 April 19/20:	\$ 4,313.50
Good Friday collection:	\$ 1,706.75
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$92,971.73
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