St. Teresa of Avila
Roman Catholic Church

November 1, 2026

All Saints

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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
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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.

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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. ✠

ALL SAINTS

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2ND

Tuesday, November 3, 7:05 pm
Intentions of Brigid Noel; Linda & John Bruder
Walk with your feet on earth, but in your heart be in heaven. – St. John Bosco

Wednesday, November 4, 10:30 am, Barnswallow Place
+Margaret Baessler; Betty Pfisterer
Make yourself familiar with the angels and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you. – St. Francis de Sales

Thursday, November 5, 12:05 pm
+Don & Betty DeCaire; Rick Decaire & Family
One who desires nothing but God is rich and happy. – St. Alphonsus Liguori

Friday, November 6, 9:00 am - Maryhill
Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love. – St. Paul of the Cross

Saturday, November 7, 5:00 pm
+Allan Graff; Linda & Murray Buchan
+Jeffrey Pebbles; Marie Hanley-Willms & Family

Sunday, November 8, 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Stewardship Sunday
9:00 am Our Parish Community
Enrolment of First Reconciliation/First Communion Students
11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR November 7/8

First Reading: Wis 6:12-16
Second Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18
Gospel Reading: Mt 25:1-13

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Nov 2	Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed – All Souls Day
Tues., Nov 3	Rev. Nishi Varghese, C.M.I.
Wed., Nov 4	Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Hamilton
Thurs., Nov 5	Rev. Lawrence Parent
Fri., Nov 6	Rev. Jonathan Reitzel
Sat., Nov 7	Rev. Ivica Majstorovic, O.F.M.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THU 6:30 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting** – Library
FRI 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** – Hall

MINISTRIES for November 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers
5pm Tim Baillargeon, Kieran Kelly
9am Chris & Allyson Cassidy, Will Jakeman

Hospitality
5pm Debbie Yutzi, Joanne Weber
9am Ron Stemmler, Adrian Miltenburg, John Bruder

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Mary Forcier	Patsy Pond
9am	Mike Noel William Laurin	Joan Coutu

Altar Servers
9am Alexis, Ella, Libby

Children's Liturgy
Nov 8 No Children's Liturgy this week

FOODBANK NEEDS

Jam, Peanut Butter and Crackers

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the proper use of wealth – Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to all those who helped or attended the Fish Fry last Friday evening. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

A Pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal is being held October 15 – 30, 2027. We will have an information night in the next few months with all the details and questions you may have. For any inquiries contact myself or Kay at Connaissance Tours. Please consider joining us.

Father Peter

In an effort to provide transparency, the **STEWARDSHIP REPORT** in the bulletin has been revised. It will show total income and total expenses for the past three months. Income will include the total of receipts from all sources of revenue: regular Sunday collection, hall rentals, building fund donations and special donations. Expenses include salaries, utilities, insurance and maintenance costs. All will also be shown as a total amount.

Parish Finance Committee

We would like to invite any Grade 3 and older children to consider becoming **ALTAR SERVERS** at our weekend Masses. If interested, please email the church.

On **Sunday, November 8th** at our 9 a.m. Mass we are welcoming our Grade 2 First Reconciliation/First Communion students for their **ENROLMENT CEREMONY.**

All are invited to join in some time for reading, reflection and conversation on the **LIFE AND TEACHINGS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI.** The book "St. Francis of Assisi, His Life, Teachings and Practice" by Jon M. Sweeney will be used as our resource book. For four weeks **starting November 26th through December 17th** on Thursdays at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m. Meetings will be in the church library where we will have the opportunity for reflection and discussion for one hour. Please call the office to sign up and make arrangements to **order the book by November 23rd.** St. Francis, pray for us!

All the flowerbeds at the front of the church and behind the rectory are ready for winter. **Thank you** to Doris Snelling, Isabelle Lauzon and Linda Bruder for their commitment and hard work. **An additional Thank you** to **Joanne Berlette** for creating welcoming planters each season and to **Isabelle** for crafting the outside wall decorations.

Jim McInnis and John Bruder

We are inviting all children, grades 3 and up, who like to sing to join our **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR.** We will be singing on Christmas Eve at the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Practices will be Wednesdays from 3:15 – 4:15 p.m. at the church beginning **Wednesday, November 11th.**

Don't plan to cook on **Saturday, November 14th.** Our **C.W.L. SOUP'S ON** will be happening following the 5 p.m. Mass. There will be a variety of soups, and we are looking forward to serving you all again! Freewill donations will be for our own parish needs. Come and enjoy!

Knights of Columbus Council 8192 will hold a **MEMORIAL MASS** for our deceased members on **Sunday, November 15th at 9:00 a.m.** (Though one was held in June, these memorials are traditionally in November, and we're glad to be getting back on our usual schedule). All parishioners are invited to join us in prayer and remembrance.

GIFT BEARER SIGN-UP – NEW DATES POSTED
During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, gift bearers represent the entire parish community. The bread and wine they carry will become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We invite you to sign up on the board in the narthex to bring the gifts forward – perhaps on a personally meaningful day, on a special occasion, or for any reason at all!

Join us for the **BARNSWALLOW PLACE OPEN HOUSE,** 20 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira on **November 5, 2026** from 1 – 3 p.m. Come visit Barnswallow Place, meet our team, tour the home, and enjoy an afternoon of connection and community. Sparkling beverages and charcuterie will be served. R.S.V.P. to: Nadia.Nakluski@siennaliving.ca.

It's that time of the year! St. Joseph's Parish in Fergus is having their **ANNUAL BAZAAR** on **Saturday, November 7TH** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 760 St. David St. N., (across from Walmart). As in the past, it promises to be a fun event with a morning café, various draws, baking, toonie tables, vendors and a huge silent auction. A hot pasta lunch will be available with pasta, sauce, with or without meatballs, drink and dessert for only $10.00. All welcome!

WALK WITH JESUS – A RETREAT DAY FOR PARENTS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED THE DEATH OF A CHILD
The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us for this educational and healing day. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we know this day will help to restore your inner peace. The retreat will be offered from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **Saturday, November 7th** at St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Hamilton. The $20 fee includes lunch. Registration is required so we can plan for handouts and food. You can register on the Diocesan home page at hamiltondiocese.com under upcoming events (look for the retreat date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

The next **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** is on **Thursday, November 12th** at 7:30 p.m. at SJ1, Classrooms and Library Building, Notre Dame Chapel. The topic is "Religious Decline and Cultural Re-Enchantment: The Ongoing Transformation of the American Religious Field" with speaker Christian Smith, William R. Kenan, Jr., Professor of Sociology Emeritus, University of Notre Dame. Please register for this lecture, as space is limited in the Notre Dame Chapel. This lecture will also be available to live-stream. This live-stream link will be emailed in a reminder email one hour prior to the lecture date. Please select "Live-stream ticket" at time of checkout.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES HOLIDAY GIVING
In Support of our Christmas Goodwill Program
As the holiday season approaches, Woolwich Community Services (WCS) is once again preparing to support local individuals and families through our Christmas Goodwill Program. Through **WCS Holiday Giving**, monetary donations help WCS purchase gift cards from local grocery stores, including Foodland, No Frills, and Food Basics. These gift cards are provided to individuals and families registered with our Christmas Goodwill Program, allowing them to choose the food that best meets their household needs during the holiday season. **There will be no door-to-door food drive, and we are not collecting food donations as part of this campaign.** Area service clubs will be joining together to collect monetary donations at participating businesses throughout Woolwich Township on **Friday, November 13 and Saturday, November 14, 2026**. Donations can also be made directly, ***at any time up until Christmas,*** to Woolwich Community Services:

- In person at **5 Memorial Avenue, Elmira**
- Online through the Woolwich Community Services website
- By using the **WCS Holiday Giving QR code.**

When donating online, please select **"WCS Holiday Giving"** from the Fund dropdown menu. Every gift, no matter the size, helps support individuals and families right here in our community. Thank you for helping us build a stronger community and making the holiday season a little brighter for our neighbours.

Join us at a **CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** on **Saturday, November 14th** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish Centre, 1025 Wallace Ave. N., Listowel. There will be lunch, door prizes, draws, bake sale, evergreen arrangements, grocery hampers, handmade cards and loonie/toonie draws.

A DAY FOR YOUR MARRIAGE! Healthy marriages matter and marriage enrichment helps keep them strong! Keeping your marriage healthy and strong requires love, but also time spent fine tuning your relationship and reconnecting. Join us on **Saturday, November 21st** at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Waterdown for a day to reconnect for our enrichment day: Discovering New Paths for Your Married Love. We will share new ways to deepen your relationship and give you time with the one you love! Registration can be found online at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events, or contact Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, or e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for October 24/25:		$3,706.50
Income	July, August, September	$ 72,663.48
Expenses	July, August, September	$ 68,921.86

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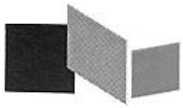
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