St. Teresa of Avila
Roman Catholic Church

November 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
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Vocations
Contact hamiltondiocese.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.

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4 High Street, Waterloo
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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. ✠

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16TH

Tuesday, November 17, 7:05 pm
Intentions of Fran Forbes; Very Dear Friends
How could I bear a crown of gold when the Lord bears a crown of thorns? And bears it for me! – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Wednesday, November 18, 10:30 am – St. Jacobs Place
+John Logozny; St. Jacobs Solo Club
When one does one's own duty, one must not be concerned, because God's help will not be lacking. – St. Gianna Beretta Molla

Thursday, November 19, 12:05 pm
+Joseph Cote; Debbie Yutzi
The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them. – St. John of the Cross

Friday, November 20, 9 am - Maryhill
Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know him. What a great grace it is to know God! – St. Josephine Bakbita

Saturday, November 21, 5:00 pm
+Norbert Downey; Agnes Downey & Family
+Geraldine Schill; Dale & Anita McCormick

Sunday, November 22, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:00 am **Deceased Members of the Catholic Women's League**
Our Parish Community
After Mass **Coffee Sunday**
11:00 am **Maryhill**

READINGS FOR November 21/22

First Reading: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Gospel Reading: Mt 25:31-46

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Nov 16	Rev. Gerald Mulhall
Tues., Nov 17	Rev. Pierre Caouette, L.C.
Wed., Nov 18	Deceased Members of Our Parish Community
Thurs., Nov 19	Rev. Michael Isabelle
Fri., Nov 20	Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
Sat., Nov 21	Rev. Jerek John Scherber, L.C.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 10:00 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Library
WED 3:15 p.m. **Children's Choir Practice –** Church
7:00 p.m. **Parishes for Success Meeting** - Library
THU After School **Altar Server Training** - Church
6:30 p.m. **Knights of Columbus Meeting** - Hall
FRI 7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** – Hall

MINISTRIES for November 21/22

Eucharistic Ministers
5pm Alannah Bell, Kieran Kelly, Deacon Basil Markides
9am Rick Weishar, Ken Gallipeau, Barb Vodicka, Deacon Basil Markides

Hospitality
5pm Greg & Sue Goetz
9am Paul Shutsa & Diane Smith, Ron Stemmler

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Connie Kaster	Marianne Kieswetter
9am	William Laurin Hannah MacMillan	Joan Coutu

Altar Servers
9am Xander, Divine, Lylah

Children's Liturgy
Nov 22 Sandi Hutchinson, Anna Jakeman

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

The theme for this week's readings for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time is faithful stewardship and the use of the gifts God has entrusted to us.

Father Peter

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Kash Mac Wilson,** son of Michael and Kristina. *We pray that God will help him to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

During the month of November, the **BOOK OF LIFE** is set up in the Church. Please remember to add the names of your deceased loved ones to the list so they will be remembered at the Masses during November.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 17th** at 10 a.m. in the parish library. Please bring any shawls you have completed or are working on. We always welcome new members and maybe some of you have taken up knitting or crocheting to pass the time. You can join us and at the same time contribute to the well-being of those who could use prayerful support. Looking forward to seeing you again. Any questions? Call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DRAWING CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus invite all children of the parish to participate! On a regular-sized sheet of paper, create a drawing based on the theme **"Keep Christ in Christmas"**. Entries will be judged on how well they reflect the theme and on their colourfulness. All participants will receive a Participation Certificate and three winners will be selected. In addition to receiving a Winner's Certificate, each winner will receive a special prize. Also, the three winning designs will become the **Parish Christmas Cards for 2027**!
We encourage all our young artists to share their creativity and help spread the true meaning of Christmas.
*P.S. Please submit entries to **Mike Noël** of the Knights or **Anna Gallipeau-Jakeman**. Be sure to write your name on the back of your drawing.*

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. Training will begin on November 19th after school until 4:15 p.m.

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! We are particularly in need of gift bearers on Saturday nights.

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!

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – ALL CHILDREN WELCOME! Mark your calendars! Our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on **Sunday, December 20th**, immediately following Mass. Children of **all ages** are invited to participate as we celebrate the story of Jesus's birth!
To prepare for the big day, we will hold three practice sessions:

- **Sunday, November 29th** (after Mass)
- **Sunday, December 6th** (after Mass)
- **Sunday, December 13th** (after Mass)

Whether your child wants to be an angel, a shepherd, or a king, there is a role for everyone!
To sign up your child or for more details, please contact anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca or speak with us after Mass. We look forward to a joyful celebration!

BOTTLE & CAN FUNDRAISER UPDATE: I am happy to report that so far we have raised **$380** for the parish needs. A big thank you to all who dropped off your empties in September and October. The campaign was a great success and even though the 'drive through' drop off has ended, please continue to save your bottles and cans! There will be another weekend 'drive through' planned for **January 16 & 17** (after Christmas) and **April 17 & 18** (after Easter). In the meantime, you can also save and return your empties to the beer store, put the money in an envelope, indicate **For Bottle & Can Fundraiser** on the front and put it in the collection. Thank you so much for your continued support! Cheers! Barb Vodicka

PERMANENT DEACON INFORMATION SESSION FOR CATHOLIC MEN – Those men interested in learning about the Requirements, Admission process and the Formation program are invited to either of two Information Sessions:
1. November 22nd, 2026, at St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 620 Rymal Rd. E, Hamilton after 11 a.m. Mass.
2. December 6th, 2026, at St. Anthony Daniel Parish, 29 Midland Dr., Kitchener after 11 a.m. Mass.

You are welcome to attend the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass where Deacon Tom Vert, the Associate Director of the Deacon program will be preaching. Afterwards we will have the Information Session in the parish hall. There will be a short presentation and then a question-and-answer session, with light refreshments. Deacon Tom and Fr. Mark will be available for anyone wanting to speak privately. For more information, contact: Deacon Tom Vert, Associate Director Deacon Formation Program, tvert@hamiltondiocese.com OR Fr. Mark Gatto, Director of the Deacon Formation Program, mgatto@hamiltondiocese.com

Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering:
UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN CHILDREN, Virtual Parenting Workshop, on **Tuesday, November 17th** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is $10.
STAND TALL, In-person Workshop, for ages 7 to 10, on **Wednesday, November 18th** from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Fee is $10.
THERAPEUTIC YOGA SESSION, In-person, for ages 8 to 11 on **Tuesday, November 24th** from 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Fee is $10.
STRENGTHENING CONNECTION AND COMMUNICATION WITH OUR CHILDREN AND TEENS, Virtual Parenting Workshop, on **Wednesday, November 25th** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is $10.
To register, please visit https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming -events/.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, December 3rd** 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.

The Elmira District Ministerial Association presents **COMMUNITY CHOIRS & CAROLS** on **Sunday, December 6, 2026** at 7 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Rd., Floradale. Gather with family and friends as we fill the season with joyful melodies and warm community spirit. There is a freewill offering in support of Woolwich Counselling Centre. All are welcome!

VOCATION SEEDS – What will you say when you meet God face to face? Better still, what will God say to you? Will you be able to answer that you served faithfully? Can you answer that now? If God is calling you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life, contact Fr. John Ha, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for November 7/8		$5,474.75
Income	August, September, October	$ 67,414.73
Expenses	August, September, October	$ 69,301.79

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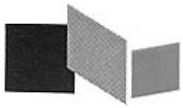
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