

# 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
Dan Lauzon	Maria Diemert
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Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach	

### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka  
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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.

**November 16, 2025**

**Thirty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

### St. Teresa of Avila School

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### 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. ✠

## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

<b>Tuesday, November 18,</b> <b>7:05 pm +Betty Thompson;</b> Theresa & Wes Grosz <i>None of us is alone in this world. Each of us is a vital piece of the great mosaic of humanity as a whole. – St. John Paul II</i>	
<b>Wednesday, November 19, 10:30 am</b> <b>Heritage House Mass</b> <b>+William &amp; Betty Walter;</b> Estate <i>Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women. – St. Gianna Beretta Molla</i>	
<b>Thursday, November 20, 12:05 pm</b> <b>Intentions of Florence Hickey;</b> Colleen Jack <i>Do not let your life be sterile. Be useful. Blaze a trail. Shine forth with the light of your faith... and light up all the ways of the earth with the fire of Christ that you carry in your heart. – St. Josemaria Escriva</i>	
<b>Friday, November 21, 9:00 am – Maryhill</b> <b>Feast of the Dedication of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King</b> <i>God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray. – St. Louis Grignon de Montfort</i>	
<b>Saturday, November 22, 5:00 pm</b> <b>+Margaret Meyer;</b> Fr. Peter Meyer <b>+Karen Bertin;</b> Armand Bertin	
<b>Sunday, November 23, Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b> <b>9:00 am Our Parish Community</b> <b>After Mass Coffee Sunday</b> <b>11:00 am Maryhill</b>	

### READINGS FOR November 22/23

First Reading: 2 Sm 5:1-3  
 Second Reading: Col 1:12-20  
 Gospel Reading: Lk 23:35-43

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Nov 17 Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.  
 Tues., Nov 18 Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.  
 Wed., Nov 19 Deceased Members of Our Parish Community  
 Thu., Nov 20 Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.  
 Fri., Nov 21 Rev. Ilija Petkovic  
 Sat., Nov 22 Rev. Vinko Nenadic

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE** 10:00 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Library  
**THU** 3:15 p.m. **Children's Choir Practice** – Church  
 6:30 p.m. **Knights of Columbus General Meeting**  
 7:00 p.m. **R.C.I.A.** – Library  
**FRI** **Office Closed**

### MINISTRIES for November 22/23

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Patsy Pond, Tim Baillargeon  
 9am Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar

#### Hospitality

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt, Marianne Kieswetter  
 9am Paul Shuttsa, Pat & Linus Ditner

#### Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra  
 9am Mike Noel

#### Commentator

Lisa Denomme  
 John Bruder

#### Altar Servers

9am Evan, Andrew, Allyson

#### Children's Liturgy

Nov 23 Tessa Heffernan, Anna Jakeman

#### Sign Ministry

Nov 18 Pat Ditner

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**For the prevention of suicide** – Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Corn Niblets and Canned Fruit

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Today is World Day of the Poor. The theme for World Day of the Poor 2025 is "You Are My Hope," based on Psalm 71:5. Issued by Pope Leo XIV, the message encourages recognizing the poor as protagonists of hope and calls for a renewed commitment to combating poverty and injustice through concrete actions rooted in Christian hope. Thank you for contributing to the collection assisting the poor in our community.

As you may already be aware, Pope Leo XIV has appointed Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A. as the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Hamilton. Bishop Crosby has been appointed as Apostolic Administrator until Bishop Joseph Dabrowski is installed on February 2, 2026. Let us pray for Bishop Dabrowski.

Fr. Peter Meyer

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.

The **NEW MISSALS** are now ready for purchase. They are **\$6.00 each** and can be found in the library. Please place your money in the box provided or drop off at the Parish Office during office hours. Lectors receive a free copy. Please pick up your copy in the library.

**CONFESSIONS** – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** or by appointment.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** – **Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025** after the 9 a.m. Mass. Children of all ages are welcome to participate! Practices are from 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. in the church. **Dates of practices are November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 14<sup>th</sup>.** Children do not need to know lines; they just need to wear the provided costume and look adorable!

Register your child(ren) prior to November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 by email to [anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca](mailto:anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca) with the

following information: Child's name, Child's size, Child's grade, Guardian Name, and email of guardian.

Please note that the **SPAGHETTI DINNER** is cancelled. It will be rescheduled in the New Year. Date will follow.

### WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES CHRISTMAS GOODWILL HAMPERS FOOD FUND DRIVE

It is again that time of year when we think of the Woolwich Community Services ("WCS") and its Christmas Goodwill Hampers. The need is always great. Donations are required to enable WCS to place Gift Cards for Foodland and Food Basics in the Goodwill Hampers so that needy community members can provide their families with a festive Christmas meal. Please note there will be **NO DOOR-TO-DOOR FOOD DRIVE**.

As an alternative at any time before December 12<sup>th</sup>,  
A. donations of cash, cheques or gift cards for **Foodland** or **Food Basics** will be accepted at **WCS'** office located at 5 Memorial Ave, Elmira; or

B. online donations may be made at [woolwichcommunityservices.org](http://woolwichcommunityservices.org);

or by using the **QR Code** below for **WCS**; to donate please use the dropdown under **FUND** - "**Christmas Goodwill (Food)**".



### HOLIDAY SMILE COOKIE – Let your kindness shine.

Support Woolwich Community Services by purchasing your Holiday Smile Cookie in Elmira from November 17 – 23. If you would like, order forms are available from the Parish Office. Tim Hortons Restaurant Owners will be supporting local charities, community groups and Tims Camps across Canada. Guests who purchase a freshly baked Holiday Smile Cookie will be donating to these great causes with 100% of proceeds being donated! To pre-order Tim Hortons Holiday Smile Cookies, complete the order form and submit it to your nearest participating Tim Hortons Restaurant no less than 48 hours of your specified pick-up date and time. Or visit the Tim Hortons app, Uber Eats or Skip the Dishes to see if your Holiday Smile Cookies can be delivered. Thank you for your support.

### A WALK WITH JESUS RETREAT DAY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS –

The loss of a child is a most challenging event in the life of any parent. This grief is acute and challenging and never truly leaves us. The Diocese of Hamilton invites you to join us as we welcome Deacon Henry DeMena from North Carolina to join us in facilitating a retreat day for parents who have lost a child through death. Whether the loss is recent or some time ago, we invite you to join us for this day of healing and support. The retreat will be offered at the Church of Our Lady Basilica in Guelph from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **November 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Lunch is included. Registration is required so we know how many to set up for and how much lunch to order. You can register on the Diocesan home page at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com) under upcoming events (look for the title of the retreat or the date), or by calling the office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

In December, Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering:

- **STRATEGIES FOR AN IMPROVED AND RESTFUL SLEEP** - In-Person Adult Workshop on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee\* is \$10.
- **STRENGTHENING CONNECTION AND COMMUNICATION WITH OUR CHILDREN AND TEENS** - Virtual Parenting Workshop on Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Fee\* is \$10.

To register, please visit:

<https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>.

**\*Further subsidies available if needed.**

A Film Screening Event **CARLO ACUTIS ROADMAP TO REALITY** on **Sunday, November 23, 2025** at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 714 King Street West, Hamilton. All are welcome to the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton for this Jubilee event commemorating the Diocesan celebration of the Feast of Christ the King and World Youth Day. This event begins with Mass from 11 – 12 pm, Cathedral Open 12 – 1 p.m., Adoration 1 – 2 p.m. and Film Screening from 2 – 3 p.m.

**CURSILLO** is a movement that helps us get closer to God. There will be a women's Kursillo weekend from **November 23-25, 2025**, at Deemerton, Ontario. For information, contact Dan Brown at [dmbrown269@gmail.com](mailto:dmbrown269@gmail.com).

### NOVEMBER IS FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH.

Is your relationship healthy? Do arguments ever result in you feeling put down or bad about yourself? Do you feel like no matter how hard you try, it's not good enough? Do you ever feel frightened by what your partner says or does? Would you like to talk to someone? For more information, call Virginia, Lauren, or Casey at 519-669-5139 or 1-800-667-7918, Family Violence Prevention Program, Woolwich Community Services. Free and Confidential. If you are in danger, call Police 911 or Women's Crisis of Waterloo Region at 519-742-5894. Let's end Family Violence.

The **SISTERS ADORERS OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD**, a community of Contemplative Sisters, have been present in the Diocese of Hamilton since 1946. In addition to their ministry of prayer, they produce altar breads for many of our parishes. You are welcome to contact them if you are interested in exploring a vocation to the Contemplative way of life. [www.pbsisters.ca](http://www.pbsisters.ca)

**POPE LEO XIV, APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION DILEXI TE, "I HAVE LOVED YOU"** The Holy Father's first apostolic exhortation was released in October. The document focuses on the powerful bond between our love of Christ and His call for us to love and care for the poor. A virtual copy of the document can be accessed on the Diocesan website.

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**Offertory collection for November 8/9: \$ 3,193.05**  
**Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$75,955.81**

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