St. Teresa of Avila
Roman Catholic Church

November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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
Allyson Cassidy Colleen Jack
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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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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9TH

Tuesday, November 10, No Mass
The Cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope. – St. Leo the Great

Wednesday, November 11, No Mass
Who except God can give you peace? Has the world ever been able to satisfy the heart? – St. Gerard Majella

Thursday, November 12, No Mass
A single act of love makes the soul return to life. – St. Maximillian Kolbe

Friday, November 13, No Mass - Maryhill
God is a spring of living water that flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray. – St. Louis Gignion de Montfort

Saturday, November 14, 5:00 pm
+Darcy Hicknell; Dianne Strauss
+David Litt; The Family

Sunday, November 15, 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus
Our Parish Community
11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR November 14/15

First Reading: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6
Gospel Reading: Mt 25:14-30

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Nov 9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tues., Nov 10	Rev. Ljubo Branimir Lebo, O.F.M.
Wed., Nov 11	Deceased Consecrated Brothers & Sisters Remembrance Day
Thurs., Nov 12	Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.
Fri., Nov 13	Rev. Stipe Gale
Sat., Nov 14	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

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 14/15

Eucharistic Ministers
5pm Steve & Patsy Pond
9am Ron Stemmler, Carol Kieswetter, Sandi Hutchinson

Hospitality
5pm Pat Stortz, Marianne Kieswetter
9am Rick & Leona Weishar, Jim McInnis

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Tak Shibayama	Lisa Denomme
9am	John Bruder Will Jakeman	Mike Noel

Altar Servers
9am Nathan, Andrew, Hannah

Children's Liturgy
Nov 15 Isabelle Lauzon, Linda Bruder

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

Monday's Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica allows us to remember the journey of the people and God's constant and faithful care. It is the official cathedral of Rome and is considered the "mother and head of all churches of the city and of the world".

This week on Wednesday, November 11th we remember those who have served and are serving our country. Please pray for those who have gone before us and those who are currently serving our country.

We encourage you to sign up for our Saturday Soup's On which is being held next Saturday, November 14th after the 6 p.m. Mass. Come out and enjoy a bowl of soup that will warm you up and have some social time with other parishioners. A free will donation is accepted to support the Parish.

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

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!

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!

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!

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.

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, its 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 Also, we will be available for anyone wanting to speak privately.
For more information about this session, feel free to 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

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.

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.

"CALLED TO SERVE" VIDEO SERIES – We are excited to introduce **"Called to Serve,"** a new video series featuring bishops and priests sharing their personal vocation stories and experiences of serving God and His Church. New videos are released **every Friday** on our Diocesan website. You can watch and follow the series here: Website: https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/priesthood-and-consecrated-life/called-to-serve/

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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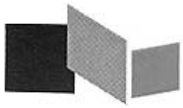
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