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Thanksgiving

Be joyful always

Pray continually

Give thanks for everything.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 12TH

Tuesday, October 13, <u>No Mass</u> <i>We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty.</i> <i>– St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>
Wednesday, October 14, <u>No Mass</u> <i>Behold the true sign of a totally perfect soul: when one has reached the point of giving up one's will so completely that one no longer seeks, expects or desires to do but that which God wills. – St. Bernard</i>
Thursday, October 15, <u>7:05 pm</u> – Mass & Social celebrating Feast of St. Teresa +Gord Walz; The Family <i>We need no wings to go in search of him, but have only to look upon him present with us. – St. Teresa of Jesus</i>
Friday, October 16, <u>1:00 pm</u> – Feast Day & Opening School Mass +William & Betty Walter; Estate <i>All the wealth in the world cannot be compared with the happiness of living together happily united. – St. Marguerite d'Youville</i>
Saturday, October 17, <u>5:00 pm</u> Intentions of all C.W.L. Members in the Diocese of Hamilton; Ontario Provincial Council of The Catholic Women's League of Canada
Sunday, October 18, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR October 17/18

First Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6
 Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:1-5b
 Gospel Reading: Mt 22:15-21

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Oct 12	Rev. Archange Kebe Thanksgiving Day
Tues., Oct 13	Rev. Godwin Pinto, O.C.D.
Wed., Oct 14	Order of Preachers, (Dominican), O.P.
Thurs., Oct 15	Rev. Francisco Sordo
Fri., Oct 16	Rev. Edward Hampson World Food Day
Sat., Oct 17	Rev. John Ha

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	1:00 p.m. Book Club – Library 7:35 p.m. C.W.L. General Meeting – Library
WED	Office Closed
THU	7:45 p.m. Knights of Columbus General Mtg – Library

MINISTRIES for October 17/18

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Judy Furlong, Tim Baillargeon, Deacon Basil Markides
9am	Ron Stemmler, Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar, Deacon Basil Markides

Hospitality

5pm	Geoff & Kieran Kelly
9am	Adrian Miltenburg, Paul Shusta & Diane Smith

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Alannah Bell	Patsy Pond
9am	Leona Weishar Wally Malcolm	John Bruder

Altar Servers

9am	Hudson, Hannah
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Children's Liturgy

Oct 18	Linda Bruder, Anna Jakeman
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FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fish, Condiments & Cereal

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For mental health ministry – Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Father all-powerful, Your gifts of love are countless and Your goodness infinite. On Thanksgiving Day we come before You with gratitude for Your kindness: open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women, so that we may share Your gifts in loving service. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. I am thankful for all of you.

Our St. Teresa Feast Day is this week on Thursday, October 15th. We will be having Mass at 7:05 p.m. followed by a social. Come and join us.

World Food Day is on Friday, October 16th. This day has been promoted by the Food and Agriculture Organization since 1981. The Church is concerned about the issue of hunger in the world remembering the words of the Son of Man on the last judgment of the nations, "... I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink ..." (Mt 25:35).

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

PREPARING FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY "The invitation is for all peoples"

Isaiah sees a feast the Lord prepares "for all peoples" (Is 25:6). In the Gospel the king sends servants to the highways so that the wedding hall may be filled (Mt 22:1-14). Mission is that invitation carried to every nation. Next Sunday is the 100th World Mission Sunday. Please plan to pray for missionaries and to support the second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, which aids young Churches in more than 1,100 mission territories.

Our **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE** is from **Tuesday, September 29th until Wednesday, October 14th**. We can have a significant impact on our area in an effort to make it hunger-free. Please consider once again donating to our Thanksgiving Day Food Drive.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, October 23, 2026** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Take-out will be from 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets after weekend Masses, at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Friday), or call 519-669-3387. The cost is Adults \$22.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$16.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free. Take-out is \$22.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to support the parish.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on October 22nd and 23rd. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

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!

BOTTLE & CAN FUNDRAISER! We are collecting alcohol bottles and cans! During October, simply bring in your alcohol empties (or your relative's or even your neighbour's empties) to the weekend Masses and **AFTER Mass**, we'll have a drive thru drop off near the hall entrance! Beer and cooler cans are to be counted and placed in a **clear** plastic bag with the number of cans marked on it. Clear plastic bags are available in the narthex or at the drive thru. See the flyer on our website or Facebook for a full list of acceptable items. If you prefer to take your empties to the beer store and donate the cash, you can drop off your cash donation at the drive thru as well! Thank you for your support!

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Donate to our parish by purchasing gift cards! Gift cards make great gifts for any occasion or can be used for everyday purchases like groceries and gas. Ordering is easy, and gift cards never expire.

View the order form at stteresaelmira.com/fundraisers to see the over 100 gift cards available, and the percentage the parish receives for each card.

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Vodicka in person or at stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com
From 2020-June 2026 gift card orders have generated **\$1,383.48** for the parish. Your orders do make a difference!

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE COMMUNITY CLOSET IN KITCHENER: T-Shirts, joggers, running shoes, large towels, toiletries (shampoo, razors, deodorant), and sleeping bags. Drop off in the containers in our cloakroom.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – PRAY TO END ABORTION

From **September 23rd to November 1st, 2026** we invite you to join together in 40 consecutive days by **Praying and Fasting** for an end to abortion, as well as attending a **Peaceful Vigil** outside of Freeport Hospital, for an allocated hour between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week. We encourage volunteers to consider **Adopting-an-Hour** a week; as this would greatly help in filling all the hours. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing/calling Evy at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-598-1588. It is very important that you sign up online BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site.

FREE NOON HOUR CONCERTS to be held most Wednesdays from **now to November** at Conrad Grebel University College. Enjoy performances by professional musicians during the lunch hour. All are welcome! Concerts begin at noon in the Grebel Chapel. For the full schedule check out <http://grebel.ca/music/events>.

It is easy to see the growing presence of evil today. War, crime, the growth in "us versus them," attacks on religious institutions, the family and the sacredness of human life. The bible refers to the devil by many names: the Accuser, the Scatterer & the Father of Lies, who seeks to deceive & divide us. We need not be afraid! Jesus' Resurrection brought victory over evil. With prayer and participation in the Sacraments, we are equipped for the spiritual battles in life. Attend the **ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ: "THE MANY FACES OF EVIL – WOUNDED BY SIN, SAVED BY THE SACRAMENTS"** with Fr. Michael King on **Sunday, October 18th** from 2-3:30 p.m. at St. Agnes, Waterloo.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTES – Although God is like a king who invites everyone to attend a great wedding feast, there are those who refuse the invitation outright, those who kill the messengers bearing this invitation, and those who respond to the invitation but who do not adequately prepare. Jesus calls us to spread God's invitation far and wide--but he also calls us to prepare ourselves. How is God inviting you to respond to his invitation?

Grant Hartley; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

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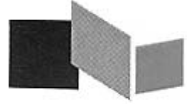
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