St. Teresa of Avila
Roman Catholic Church

October 18, 2026

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours:
Tuesday to Thursday 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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Vocations
Contact hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/
or 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.

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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. ✠

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 19TH

Tuesday, October 20, 7:05 pm
+Jacqueline Hunt; Pam & Theresa
Love those who humble and contradict you, for they are more useful to your perfection than those who flatter you. – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Wednesday, October 21, 10:30 am – Agecare
+Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate
While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. – St. Francis of Assisi

Thursday, October 22, 12:30 pm
+Eleanor Buck; The DeCaire Family
It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted… it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your heart your most genuine choices. – St. John Paul II

Friday, October 23, 9:00 am - Maryhill
Those who are called to the table of the Lord must glow with the brightness. – St. John of Capistrano

Saturday, October 24, 5:00 pm
+Doug Furlong; The Family
+Ben & Rita Lorbetski; The Family
+Leo Ditner; Ditner Family

Sunday, October 25, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Our Parish Community
After Mass Coffee Sunday
11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR October 24/25

First Reading: Ex 22:20-26
Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:5c-10
Gospel Reading: Mt 22:34-40

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Oct 19	Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel
Tues., Oct 20	Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.
Wed., Oct 21	Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer
Thurs., Oct 22	Rev. Pat Aiello, C.R.
Fri., Oct 23	Rev. Luc Payette
Sat., Oct 24	Rev. Emmanuel Ralte, C.S.C.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 10:00 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** - Library
1:00 p.m. **Book Club –** Library
7:35 p.m. **Parish Pastoral Council Mtg** – Library
THU 9:30 a.m. **Fish Fry Set-up** – Hall
6:30 p.m. **Finance Meeting** – Library
FRI 5:00 p.m. **Fish Fry** – Hall
7:00 p.m. **Youth Group** - Library

MINISTRIES for October 24/25

Eucharistic Ministers
5pm Steve & Patsy Pond
9am Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka, Pat Ditner

Hospitality
5pm Pat Stortz, Joanne Weber
9am John Bruder, Mike & Sharon Noel

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Kevin Dupuis	Judy Furlong
9am	Linda Bruder Paul Shutsa	Iris Miltenburg

Altar Servers
9am Wesley, Matilda, Divine

Children's Liturgy
Oct 25 Tessa Heffernan, Sandi Hutchinson

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

October is Diocesan Vocations Month. Please pray for the men and women of our diocese who are discerning their vocations to marriage, priesthood, the permanent diaconate, the dedicated single life, and consecrated life, that is, as a consecrated virgin living in the world, or as a religious priest or sister.

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

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: "One in Christ, united in mission" Today the whole Catholic world keeps the 100th World Mission Sunday. The psalm sings, "Tell his glory among the nations" (Ps 96). Pope Leo XIV reminds us that no baptized person is exempt from mission, and that if unity is the condition of mission, love is its essence. A second collection is taken up today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your gift, joined to those of Catholics everywhere, supports seminarians, catechists, chapels, healthcare, and the poor in young Churches. Pray also for new missionary vocations. Father, make us one in Christ, united in mission. Amen.

All are invited to **ST. BONIFACE HARVEST FEST** on **Sunday, October 25th** from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Join our Maryhill community for games, activities, and S.W.A.T Food truck. Bring your *pre-carved* pumpkin to enter our contest and show off your creative skills. See you on the hill!

Families are reminded that **REGISTRATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNON** is due **Friday, October 23rd**. Please go to stteresaelmira.ca/first-communion.html for more information and a link to registration. Our **next session is Tuesday, October 27th** at 6 p.m.

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 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.
There are several options for ordering:
1. Print and complete the order form. Send a scan or photo to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com
2. Email stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com with your name, address, phone number, cards requested, and the amount on each card.
3. Print the order form and return it completed to the church office.

Payments can be made by e-transfer to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com (no password required, enter FOR FUNSCRIP ORDER as the note or description), cash, or cheque (made out to Barb Vodicka).
Orders can be made at any time, and cards are mailed directly to your home. Questions can be directed to Barb 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.

Join us in celebrating the **10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ST. JOHN PAUL II STUDENT CENTRE.**
On **Wednesday, October 21st** at St. Michael's Parish, 80 University Avenue, Waterloo with special guest speaker, Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger, VG beginning with Vespers at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Followed by a talk, dinner and social to follow for students.
On **Sunday, October 25th** at St. Michael's Parish at 7:00 p.m. with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A. with collation and fellowship to follow.

THE 14TH ANNUAL A.P. MAHONEY LIBRARY LECTURE
The A.P. Mahoney Library at St. Peter's Seminary in London is pleased to invite you to its 14th Annual Library Lecture. This year, our extraordinary professor of moral theology Fr. Jason Kuntz will explore the encyclical Magnifica humanitias in a lecture titled, "A Renewed Culture of the Common Good: Building a Civilization of Love with Pope Leo XIV." The lecture will be held in the Seminary's Bishop John Michael Sherlock Auditorium on **Wednesday, October 21st, 2026** at 7:30 p.m. For more information, visit the A.P. Mahoney Library website.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for October 3/4:	**$ 3,702.00**
Offertory collection for October 10/11:	**$ 4,022.00**

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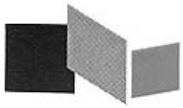
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