St. Teresa of Avila
Roman Catholic Church

October 25, 2026

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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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. ✠

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 26TH

Tuesday, October 27, 7:05 pm
+Theresa Cassel; Estate
Cast yourself with confidence into the arms of God. And be very sure of this, that if he wants anything of you, he will fit you for your work and give you strength to do it. – St. Philip Neri

Wednesday, October 28, 12:05 pm
+Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate
Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. – St. Rose of Lima

Thursday, October 29, 12:05 pm
Intentions of Mary Alice Zister; Debbie Yutzi
I resolved always to prefer labours to comforts, contempt to honours. And, in particular, if on one side a kingdom were offered and on the other the washing of dishes, I would refuse the kingdom and accept the dishwashing so as to be truly like Christ, who humbled himself. – St. John Berchmans

Friday, October 30, 9:00 am - Maryhill
The Christian life is the continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on earth, continuing his life and his works, labouring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the Spirit of Jesus. – St. John Eudes

Saturday, October 31, 5:00 pm
+Arthur Moser; Bill & Anne Hanley
+Allen Hanley; Marie & Family

Sunday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints
9:00 am Our Parish Community
11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR October 31/November 1

First Reading: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
Second Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-3
Gospel Reading: Mt 5:1-12a

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Oct 26	Very Rev. David Walter
Tues., Oct 27	Rev. Ron Cote
Wed., Oct 28	Voluntas Dei Institute, i.v.Dei
Thurs., Oct 29	Rev. William Meehan
Fri., Oct 30	Rev. Fulbert Jonas Ahouansou
Sat., Oct 31	Rev. John Van Hees

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 6:00 p.m. **Reconciliation Session** – Hall
7:40 p.m. **Wrap-up Garden Party Committee Mtg**
WED 2:00 p.m. **Widow's Group** – Library

MINISTRIES for October 31/November 1

Eucharistic Ministers
5pm Kathy Ziegler & Mary Forcier
9am Ken Gallipeau, Carol Kieswetter, Cheryl Dunn

Hospitality
5pm Greg & Sue Goetz
9am Pat & Linus Ditner, Jim McInnis

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Lisa Denomme	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Ellen Siebel-Achenbach Joan Coutu	Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers
9am Dan, Grace, Allyson

Children's Liturgy
Nov 1 Nikki Totten, Isabelle Lauzon

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

AFTER WORLD MISSION SUNDAY — The mission continues "Mission to love" – Jesus names the whole Law: love God with all your heart, and love your neighbour as yourself (Mt 22:34-40). Pope Leo XIV says the same of mission: it is the proclamation, living, and sharing of God's faithful love. Last Sunday we prayed and gave with the universal Church. This Sunday we take that offering home: welcome the stranger, reconcile a division, speak of Christ with gentleness. The collection has been taken; the mission has not ended. Mary, Queen of Missions, make us instruments of peace.

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Carson Allan Dunn,** son of Alexander and Elizabeth. *We pray that God will help this child to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

All the flowerbeds at the front of the church and behind the rectory are ready for winter. **THANK YOU** to Doris Snelling, Isabelle Lauzon and Linda Bruder for their commitment and hard work. An **ADDITIONAL THANK YOU** to Isabelle for her craftsmanship in creating the beautiful and welcoming large flowerpots and wall decorations each season.

Jim McInnis and John Bruder

There is a **GARDEN PARTY WRAP-UP MEETING** on **Tuesday, October 27th** at 7:40 p.m. If anyone has any ideas to improve the Garden Party please let the committee know.

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!!!

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.

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!

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 FUNDSCRIP 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!

Join us for the **BARNSWALLOW PLACE OPEN HOUSE,** 20 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira on **November 5, 2026** from 1 – 3 p.m. Come visit Barnswallow Place, meet our team, tour the home, and enjoy an afternoon of connection and community. Sparkling beverages and charcuterie will be served. R.S.V.P. to: Nadia.Nakluski@siennaliving.ca.

It's that time of the year! St. Joseph's Parish Fergus is having their **ANNUAL BAZAAR** on **Saturday, November 7TH** from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 760 St. David St. N., (across from Walmart). As in the past, it promises to be a fun event with a morning café, various draws, baking, toonie tables, vendors and a huge silent auction. A hot pasta lunch will be available with pasta, sauce, with or without meatballs, drink and dessert for only $10.00. Come out and enjoy!

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.

The Vocations Office is 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, along with short clips shared on our Facebook and Instagram pages.
You can watch and follow the series here:
Website: hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/priesthood-and-consecrated-life/called-to-serve/
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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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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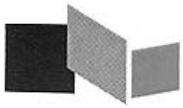
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