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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
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John Bruder Ken Gallipeau

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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.

October 26, 2025
Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

St. Teresa of Avila School

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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 27TH

Tuesday, October 28,

6:15 pm First Reconciliation Session

7:05 pm +Gerald Bezaire; John & Linda Bruder

The most necessary virtue of all is love. – St. Anthony Mary Claret

Wednesday, October 29,

12:05 pm +Helen Rennie; Joanne & Jerry Berlette

When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than that proceeding from the mouth. – St. Bonaventure

Thursday, October 30, 12:05 pm

+Wayne Vollmer; Sheila Matthews

It is not sinners, but the wicked who would despair; it is not the magnitude of the one's crime, but contempt of God that dashes one's hopes. – St. Peter Damian

Friday, October 31, 9:00 am – Maryhill

True holiness does not mean a flight from the world; rather, it lies in the effort to incarnate the Gospel in life, in the family, at school and at work, and in social and political involvement. – St. John Paul II

Saturday, November 1,

9:00 am All Saints Mass

5:00 pm +Holy Souls in Purgatory; Fr. Arek Skwarek

After Mass Installation of Knights Executive

Sunday, November 2,

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

National Vocations Awareness Week

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR November 1/2

First Reading: Wis 3:1-9

Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5a, 6b-7

Gospel Reading: Lk 7:11-17

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Oct 27	Rev. John Ha
Tues., Oct 28	Rev. John Schnurr
Wed., Oct 29	Pallottine Fathers, S.A.C.
Thu., Oct 30	Rev. Joseph Gregory Michel
Fri., Oct 31	Rev. Wilson Andrade, C.S.C.
Sat., Nov 1	All Saints Day

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	6:15 p.m. First Reconciliation Session - Hall
THU	3:15 p.m. Children's Choir Practice – Church
	7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.
SAT	7:00 p.m. Youth Group – Hall
SUN	1:00 p.m. Volunteer Appreciation – Hall

MINISTRIES for November 1/2

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Kathy Ziegler, Tim Baillargeon
9am	Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm	Greg & Sue Goetz
9am	Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Connie Kaster	Patsy Pond
9am	Joan Coutu	Linda Bruder

Altar Servers

9am Wesley, Daniel, Evan

Children's Liturgy

Nov 2 Theresa Grosz, Isabelle Grosz

Sign Ministry

Oct 28 Kieran Kelly

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For collaboration between different religious traditions – Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Corn Niblets and
Canned Meat (Ham, Turkey or Chicken)

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to all those who helped or attended the Fish Fry on Friday evening. A delicious meal was enjoyed by all.

I am looking forward to the Volunteer Appreciation Reception and seeing you there. If you are a current volunteer, or have been a volunteer in the past, please come and join us. All our volunteers are so important to the life of our parish.

R.C.I.A., the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults, is a process of learning about the Catholic Faith. We invite those interested in discerning about the Catholic Faith and/or joining the Catholic community to contact me, Iris or the Parish Office.

Fr. Peter Meyer

All are invited to stay **after the Saturday evening Mass on November 1, 2025** for the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS CEREMONY**. This event marks the start of a new fraternal year as the newly elected leaders receive their official medals of office and are entrusted with the sacred duties of faith, service, and brotherhood.

ST. TERESA OF AVILA CHURCH VOLUNTEER

APPRECIATION on Sunday, November 2nd at the St. Teresa of Avila Church Hall from 1 – 3 p.m. All volunteers are welcome to come and join us. Volunteers from: Coffee Sunday, Choir, Catholic Women's League, Knights of Columbus, Prayer Shawl Program, Altar Servers, Finance Committee, Sacristans, Money Counters, Parish Pastoral Council, Children's Liturgy, Sacramental Preparation for First Communion, Confirmation and R.C.I.A., Gardening Committee, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Commentators, Christmas Pageant organizers, Hospitality Ministers, Decorating Committee, Youth Group Committee, Funeral Ministry, Sign Ministry and Garden Party Committee. We very much appreciate your volunteering of time and talent and would like for you to come and enjoy our reception.

Join us for our joyful **JUBILEE CELEBRATION on Sunday, October 26, 2025**, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Church,

Kitchener. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will preside, making this a truly special occasion. The Jubilee year "Pilgrims of Hope" offers a special grace of the transforming power of God's mercy and forgiveness, and a renewal of our faith and commitment to love God and one another.

SOUP'S ON AGAIN! Saturday, November 8th, following the 5 p.m. Mass, the St. Teresa Catholic Women's League will be hosting our Soul Warming Soup Supper get together! Contributions welcome for rolls and squares/cookies. Sign-up is in the narthex. Freewill donations accepted for Tiny Home Takeout for feeding the homeless.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH – 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. Since it is also the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, you are encouraged to offer the Rosary, in particular, the Luminous Mysteries, for vocations. For more information about prayer for vocation, visit:
<https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>. Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary and Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – From **September 24th to November 2nd, 2025** we invite you to join with over a million volunteers across North America who will simultaneously participate in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are encouraged to get involved by Prayer and Fasting for an end to abortion, as well as attending a Peaceful Vigil outside of Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener for an allocated hour between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., seven days a week. You can sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing Evy at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or calling 519-970-0822. It is very important that you sign up BEFORE coming to the vigil site as this prevents one of the committee or emergency back-up members from driving out to the site.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT – Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and 30s) of our diocese to attend an evening of prayer, fellowship and praise music in support of your vocations. The Young Adults Night begins at 6:30 p.m. and concludes with prayer at 9:00 p.m. on **Saturday, November 1st** at St. Basil's Church, 50 Palace Street, Brantford. Sponsored by Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/> For information, contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

LECTURES IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE presents "I have seen the Lord" The Transforming Power of Mary Magdalene's Proclamation on **Thursday, November 6th** at 7:30 p.m. at the SJ1 Classroom and Library Building, Notre Dame Chapel, St. Jerome's University. The speaker is Fr. Tim Uniack, C.R. He will uncover the transforming power of the story of Mary Magdalene, asking the questions about

her life that often lie unanswered. A lady of such significance in Jesus's journey, yet someone whose profound story is so little mentioned, acknowledged, or understood. To learn more or to register for the lecture go to Ticketfi website. The lecture is also available to live-stream. This live-stream link will be emailed in a reminder email 24 hours prior to the lecture date. Please select "Live-stream ticket" at time of checkout. Space is limited so register now.

Trinity United Church Elmira is celebrating the **100TH ANNIVERSARY** of the United Church of Canada. They are having a concert and celebratory afternoon on **Saturday, November 8th, 2025** at 1:30 p.m. at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Floradale Road, Floradale. There is a silent auction with proceeds going to WCS Winterwear Program and Trinity United. There is free admission for the public as they celebrate this anniversary together.

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY – A private Catholic school will open in Guelph in September 2026, serving students from JK to Grade 8. If you would like to join the planning committee or learn more about the school, please come to one of our next meetings. Meetings will be held at St. John Church, 45 Victoria Road North, Guelph, on **November 11, December 9, and January 9 at 6:30 p.m.** If you would like to **register your child** for the school, please see Reginacaeliacademy.ca for more information.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH – This is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving and a perfect time to stop and think with gratitude about our relationship with our spouse. An attitude of gratitude has the proven benefit of having our brain find the good in any situation, so what better way to see the positives your spouse brings into your life than having an attitude of gratitude for them. It is easy to focus on the challenging moments but stop and contemplate what is good. Tell your spouse in person, or in a handwritten note. Think of all the moments you share, your children, your shared home, your faith – when you pause to focus on the good, there will be so much to be thankful for, and you will feel greater love for the one you love!

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – The tax collector went home justified not because of what he did, but because of how he approached God. Humility is the foundation of authentic Christian life and the beginning of any genuine vocation. It means recognizing that everything we have is a gift, that our worthiness comes from God's love alone, and that we have nothing to boast about apart from His mercy. How does humility shape your daily choices and your openness to God's call?
Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.
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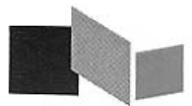
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