

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer

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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer

**Pastoral Associates:** Iris Miltenburg, Mary Forcier

**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

|                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Colleen Jack    | Debbie Yutzi  |
| Fr. Peter Meyer | Jim McInnis   |
| John Bruder     | Ken Gallipeau |

### Building & Finance Committee

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Fr. Peter Meyer            | Diane Smith   |
| Dan Lauzon                 | Maria Diemert |
| Rick Weishar               |               |
| Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach |               |

### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka  
[h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com](mailto:h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com)

### Knights of Columbus

Paul Shutts  
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### Vocations

Contact [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)  
or [resurrectionists.com/vocations](http://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 4, 2026**

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

### St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira  
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### St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo  
519-885-1340 Website: [stdavid.wcdsb.ca](http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca)

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| <b>Tuesday, October 6, 12:05 pm</b><br><b>+Mabel Finch;</b> Marcella & Judy Furlong<br><i>It is not those who commit the least faults who are most holy, but those who have the greatest courage, the greatest generosity, the greatest love, who make the boldest efforts to overcome themselves, and are not immoderately apprehensive of tripping. – St. Francis de Sales</i> |
| <b>Wednesday, October 7, No Mass</b><br><i>There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary. – Sr. Lucia dos Santos of Fatima</i>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Thursday, October 8, No Mass</b><br><i>Go courageously to God along the way he has traced out for you, steadfastly embracing the means he offers you. – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Friday, October 9, No Mass – Maryhill</b><br><i>Often contemplate heaven and fervently exclaim: What a beautiful abode there is above! It is destined for us! – St. Paul of the Cross</i>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday, October 10, 5:00 pm</b><br><b>+Eleanor Buck;</b> Rick DeCaire<br><b>+Allen Graff;</b> Marie Snelling                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Sunday, October 11,</b><br><b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b><br><b>9:00 am Our Parish Community</b><br><b>11:00 am Maryhill</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

### READINGS FOR October 10/11

First Reading: Is 25:6-10a  
 Second Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20  
 Gospel Reading: Mt 22:1-14

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

|               |                                                |
|---------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Mon., Oct 5   | Rev. Charles Galea                             |
| Tues., Oct 6  | Rev. Msgr. Pierre-Philippe Jean Pierre         |
| Wed., Oct 7   | Fraternity of the Poor of Jesus Christ, p.j.c. |
| Thurs., Oct 8 | Lay & Youth Parish Ministers                   |
| Fri., Oct 9   | Rev. James Link, C.R.                          |
| Sat., Oct 10  | Rev. Dominic Thomas, C.M.I.                    |

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

|            |           |                                                                 |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>TUE</b> | 1:00 p.m. | <b>Book Club – Library</b>                                      |
| <b>THU</b> | 3:15 p.m. | <b>Altar Server Gathering – Church</b>                          |
|            | 6:00 p.m. | <b>First Reconciliation/First Communion Information Session</b> |
| <b>FRI</b> | 7:00 p.m. | <b>Youth Group - Hall</b>                                       |

### MINISTRIES for October 10/11

#### Eucharistic Ministers

|     |                                      |
|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 5pm | Alannah Bell, Kieran Kelly           |
| 9am | Cheryl Dunn, Chris & Allyson Cassidy |

#### Hospitality

|     |                                    |
|-----|------------------------------------|
| 5pm | Marianne Kieswetter, Debbie Yutzi  |
| 9am | Ron Stemmler, Leona & Rick Weishar |

|     | <b>Lector</b>   | <b>Commentator</b> |
|-----|-----------------|--------------------|
| 5pm | Tom O'Marra     | Judy Furlong       |
| 9am | Maria Diemert   | Mike Noel          |
|     | Iris Miltenburg |                    |

#### Altar Servers

9am Andrew, Breea, Divine

#### Children's Liturgy

Oct 11 Ken Gallipeau, Anna Jakeman

### 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

Our St. Teresa Feast Day is fast approaching. Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will be having Mass at 7:05 p.m. followed by a social. Come and join us.

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.

I encourage you to consider joining the Knights of Columbus or C.W.L. groups. It is a nice way of getting to know other men and women of your faith.

Father Peter

For those who are interested in being part of the **DECORATING COMMITTEE**, there will be a meeting on **Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

There will be an **ALTAR SERVER GATHERING** on **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** at 3:15 p.m. at the church.

Our **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE** is from **Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST INFORMATION SESSION**

All families with children in or above grade 2 who would like to receive these beautiful Sacraments for the first time this year are invited to join us on **Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** from 6-7 p.m. at the Church. This session is for the parents/caregivers and children.

**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!

All are invited to an opportunity to take part in a **FALL BOOK CLUB: INTO THE HEART OF MIDDLE-EARTH**. Sessions will start on **Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** at 1 p.m. for **4 consecutive weeks** (for approximately 1 hour). Step into the rich world of J.R.R. Tolkien and discover how his stories illuminate timeless truths about faith, hope, virtue, and the Christian life. Join us for a book club exploring "Into the Heart of Middle-Earth" by Kaitlyn Facista. For more information or to register please call Donna at the office.

**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](http://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](mailto:stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com)
2. Email [stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or by emailing/calling Evy at [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>** from 2-3:30 p.m. at St. Agnes, Waterloo.

**SUPPORT FOR THE CARMEL OF ST. JOSEPH** – Since 1952, The Committee for the Carmelite Nuns has hosted an annual campaign in support of the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery. Those who donate a minimum of \$250 per couple are invited to attend a special Mass celebrated by Most Reverend Wayne Lobsinger at Holy Family Croatian Roman Catholic Church, 180 Schweitzer St., Kitchener on **Monday, October 26, 2026** at 5 p.m., followed by a sit-down dinner in the reception hall. Your contribution is eligible for a full tax receipt and can be mailed to Carmel of St. Joseph, 1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0 or 'Donate Now' at [www.thecarmel.ca](http://www.thecarmel.ca) to RSVP with names of attendees. **R.S.V.P. required by October 13, 2026.** For information contact [carmelitecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:carmelitecommittee@gmail.com).

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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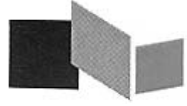
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