

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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
Fr. Peter Meyer	Jim McInnis
John Bruder	Ken Gallipeau

Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer	Diane Smith
Dan Lauzon	Maria Diemert
Rick Weishar	
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Rick Weishar
gk8192@ontariokofc.ca

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 5, 2025
Twenty-Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time

St. Teresa of Avila School

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St. David Catholic Secondary 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. ✠

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 6TH

Tuesday, October 7,
12:05 pm +Wayne Vollmer; Millie & Al Selmenci
The holy rosary is the storehouse of countless blessings. – Bl. Alan de la Roche

Wed., October 8, 9:45 am – St. Boniface School Mass
If according to times and needs you should be obliged to make fresh rules and change current things, do it with prudence and good advice. – St. Angela Merici

Thurs., October 9, 10:00 am – St. Teresa School Mass
+Bill Hahn; Marcella & Judy Furlong
In your search for a closer union with God, you must allow yourself no slipping back. – St. Albert the Great

Friday, October 10, 9:00 am – Maryhill
In meditation we find the strength to bring Christ to birth in ourselves and in others. – St. Charles Borromeo

Saturday, October 11, 5:00 pm
+Betty Furlong; Sue & Greg Goetz
+Art Moser; Patty Karl & Family

Sunday, October 12,
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 am Our Parish Community
11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR October 11/12

First Reading: 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Second Reading: 2 Tm 2:8-13

Gospel Reading: Lk 17:11-19

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Oct 6	Rev. Luc Payette
Tues., Oct 7	Rev. Francis Chibuzor Ahuekwe
Wed., Oct 8	Chaplains
Thu., Oct 9	Apostolate of the Laity
Fri., Oct 10	Very Rev. Paul Matthew Vellimoozhayil
Sat., Oct 11	Rev. Francisco Sordo

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	1:30 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Mtg – Library
THU	7:00 p.m. Parish Finance Committee Mtg

MINISTRIES for October 11/12

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Kathy Ziegler, Kieran Kelly
9am	Rick Weishar, Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm	Debbie Yutzi, Pat Stortz
9am	Ed & Carol Kieswetter, Ron Stemmler

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

Altar Servers

9am	Daniel, Ella, Allyson
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Children's Liturgy

Oct 12	Anna Jakeman, Tessa Heffernan
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Sign Ministry

Oct 7	Jim McInnis
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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

Today is Respect Life Sunday marking the beginning of the Catholic Church's annual Respect Life Month. The theme for the year is "Life: Our Sign of Hope", a reflection of the ongoing Jubilee Year of Hope, highlighting the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, particularly in the context of the sacrament of Baptism.

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.

A Pilgrimage to Spain is being arranged in 2027. Please consider joining us. More information will be following shortly.

Fr. Peter Meyer

SAVE THE DATE! We are hosting a **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION GATHERING** on **Sunday, November 2nd** from 1 – 3 p.m. at the St. Teresa Church Hall. We very much appreciate your volunteerism and would like for you to come and enjoy our reception.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, October 24, 2025** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. There will be continuous seating from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Take-out will be at 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. Please bring your own take-out bag as we are trying to save the environment. Purchase your tickets by calling Rick Weishar at 519-577-5928, after weekend Masses or at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Thursday) or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$20.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$12.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and Take-out is \$20.00. Don't miss out on this popular annual dinner. Proceeds go to the Knights of Columbus Charities.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to help with the Fish Fry on October 23rd and 24th. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

FUNDSCRIP GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER – Donate to our fundraiser simply by purchasing and using gift cards as great gifts for any occasion or for your everyday purchases like groceries or gas! Gift cards never expire. The order forms show you the percentage we receive from each card. View the order form on our website (www.stteresaelmira.ca/fundraisers) to see over 100 gift cards available! Ordering is easy! Email your order

to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com. You can print and fill out the order form, scan or take a picture of it and email it OR just send an email with your name, address, phone number and list the cards and card amounts. To pay, simply e-transfer the money to stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com - no password required - in the notes put FOR FUNDSCRIP ORDER. Another option is to print and fill out the order form, include cash or a cheque made out to Barb Vodicka and return it to the church. Orders can be made at any time and gift cards are mailed directly to your home address. Any questions please contact Barb at stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com.

Our **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE** is from **Tuesday, September 30th until Wednesday, October 15th**. 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.

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. 40 Days for Life saves the lives of children in the womb who do not have the chance to stand up for themselves. 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. We encourage volunteers to consider Adopting an Hour a week, which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and 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 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.

LIFE CHAIN SUNDAY - On Sunday, October 5th, 2025 join thousands across Canada to make a public, prayerful and peaceful stand for life. Guelph & Area Right to Life will be hosting Life Chain at the following locations:
2 -3 pm: Guelph - Stone Rd. at Edinburgh Rd. S.
3-4 pm: Elora - Colborne St. and Geddes St. (located at the MacDonald Square).
4 - 5 pm: Fergus - Hwy 6/Tower St. at Belsyde Ave.
Once you arrive you will be provided a Life Chain sign to hold during the hour as you stand and pray silently. You are not required to speak with anyone passing by and are encouraged to direct any questions and comments to the Life Chain leader for your area.

KW LIFE CHAIN MEMORIAL – On Sunday, October 5th from 2 – 3 p.m. at City Hall, 200 King Street West, Kitchener. Hold a sign in silent prayer. We mourn the loss of over 4 million children aborted in Canada since 1970.

Many families today experience sadness and tension when their loved ones are far from the church, especially when

they no longer practice the faith they were raised in. Parents may say “Where did we go wrong?”. Grandparents just want their grandchildren baptized! We yearn for our loved ones to rediscover the true peace found in living a life with God at the centre to guide them - especially in today’s challenging world. Plan to attend the fall **ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ: “WHEN OUR LOVED ONES ARE FAR FROM THE CHURCH”** on **Sunday, October 5th** from 2 - 3:30 p.m. with an insightful talk by Fr. Jeff Bergsma including Q & A and refreshments. There are more details at www.saintagnescatholicchurch.org/events.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MONTH – OCTOBER 2025
Bishop Crosby has designated October as Diocesan Vocations Month. Each Sunday your parish will pray for vocations during Mass. You are also asked to pray for vocations throughout the month. If you know someone you think should consider a particular vocation, such as marriage, priesthood, consecrated life (religious life or consecrated virginity lived in the world) or the permanent diaconate, be sure to tell that person. For more information about praying for vocations, visit: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/pray-for-vocations/>. Mary, Mother of Vocations, pray for us!

Woolwich counselling is offering workshops this fall.
ANXIETY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP: CHANGING THOUGHTS, FEELINGS, AND BEHAVIOURS FOR A BETTER MOOD WORKSHOP, in-person adult workshop, on **Tuesday, October 21st** from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$10.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WHO ARE ANXIOUS WORKSHOP, virtual parenting workshop, on Wednesday, October 29th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The fee is \$10.
EMOTION EXPLORERS GROUP, in-person group, ages 5-8 on **Thursdays, October 30th – November 27th** from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. The fee is \$150.
To register, please visit <https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>. Further subsidies available if needed.

A **JUBILEE CELEBRATION** will be held on **Sunday, October 26, 2025** at 2:00 p.m. in St. Mary Church, Kitchener. Bishop Wayne Lobsinger will preside at the Jubilee Mass. All parishioners of our Waterloo Deanery are invited to the celebration of this special Mass.

Find stillness at Loyola House – A retreat is a chance to step back, reflect, and reconnect with God, the natural world, and one another. Loyola House has a **PRIVATE SILENT RETREAT** from **November 18–20, 2025**. Enjoy time for rest, prayer, and solitude at Loyola House with a private room, meals, and access to 600 acres of peaceful trails and natural spaces. Register at 519-824-1250 ext. 266 or ignatiusjesuitcentre.com or registration@ignatiusguelph.ca.

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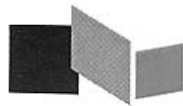
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