

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

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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

Colleen Jack Debbie Yutzi
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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.

September 13, 2026
Twenty-Fourth 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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14TH

Tuesday, September 15, 7:05 pm +Theresa Cassel; Estate <i>Great love can change small things into great ones. It is only love that lends value to our actions. – St. Faustina Kowalska</i>
Wednesday, September 16, 10:30 am – Barnswallow Pl. +Margaret Baessler; John Baessler <i>Divide your returns with your God. Share your gains with Christ. Make Christ a partner in your earthly possessions so that he will also make you co-heir of his heavenly kingdom. – St. Cyprian of Carthage</i>
Thursday, September 17, 12:05 pm +Jack Strauss; Sue & Greg Goetz <i>A human being is a vessel that God has built for himself and filled with his inspiration so that his works are perfected in it. – St. Hildegard of Bingen</i>
Friday, September 18, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Whoever finds God finds everything; whoever loses God loses everything. – St. Robert Bellarmine</i>
Saturday, September 19, 5:00 pm +John Schill; The Family +Pat Runstedler; The Family
Sunday, September 20, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill 12:45 pm Baptisms

READINGS FOR September 19/20

First Reading: Is 55:6-9
 Second Reading: Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
 Gospel Reading: Mt 20:1-16a

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Sep 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Tues., Sep 15	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Wed., Sep 16	Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel
Thurs., Sep 17	Rev. Ignatius Saiki, O.P.
Fri., Sep 18	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Sat., Sep 19	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	7:35 p.m.	C.W.L. General Meeting – Library
THU	6:30 p.m.	Garden Party Set-up – Whole Facility
FRI	4:00 p.m.	Garden Party

MINISTRIES for September 19/20

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Kieran Kelly, Alannah Bell
9am	Chris & Allyson Cassidy, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm	Marianne Kieswetter, Debbie Yutzi
9am	Paul Shutts & Diane Smith, Adrian Miltenburg

Lector

5pm	Mary Forcier
9am	Mike Noel
	John Bruder

Commentator

Judy Furlong
Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am	Ella, Matilda, Libby
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LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the care of water – Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Kraft Dinner, Sidekicks & Canned Pasta

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lord Jesus, we ask for Your help as the staff and students begin this new school year. Allow them to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before them. Open their eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open their hearts and minds to new friends and new teachers.

The Garden Party is fast approaching for this Friday, September 18th. Come and join us for food, fellowship and fun. I look forward to seeing you there.

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 and Portugal is being arranged in the fall of 2027. Please consider joining us. More information with the full itinerary will be available next month.

Father Peter

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Madelyn Elizabeth Catallo**, daughter of David and Katherine, **Jadon Manuel Silveira Jordao**, son of Jordan and Rebecca, and **Melissa Nogueira Welter**, daughter of Andre and Adriana. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 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 **Tuesday, October 6th** from 6-7 p.m. at the Church.

ATTENTION: We are unable to get picnic tables from the town for the **Garden Party** as they will no longer let us borrow them. We have a parishioner who is willing to pick up and drop off **picnic tables** if anyone is willing to let us borrow theirs for the day. Please contact the Parish Office or Leona (519-595-8016) if you can help us out.

Joining a **WIDOW'S GROUP** is a meaningful step toward finding community, sharing experiences, and healing alongside others who truly understand your loss. We will be hosting a monthly group beginning on September 30th at 2 p.m. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

BOTTLE & CAN FUNDRAISER! We are collecting alcohol bottles and cans! During September and 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 & 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. Put the flyer on your fridge as a reminder! 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!

We are seeking volunteers to help lead **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** during the **9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass!** We will be **officially starting on Sunday, September 20th, 2026.**

- Commitment: Just once a month during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- Who Can Help? Anyone from high school age to seniors!
- Requirements: Per Diocesan policy, two volunteers are present for each session (new leaders require a police check for the vulnerable sector).
- Easy & Flexible: Full lesson plans and program guides are provided—no prep work stress! Scheduling is completely flexible via an online Google Calendar where you sign up for dates you wish to volunteer at your convenience.

This is a wonderful way to plant seeds of faith in our youngest parishioners. To volunteer or learn more, please contact: anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca.

GARDEN PARTY – Please drop off your donations for our Silent Auction, Adult & Children's Penny Tables, and Children's Game Prizes by **September 14th**. Thank you for your generosity and for helping to make our Garden Party a wonderful community event!

GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS – Please remember to return your sold and unsold tickets by **September 12th /13th**.

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 6th** 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.

The next **LECTURE IN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE** is on **Thursday, September 17th** at 7:30 p.m. at SJ1, Classrooms and Library Building, Notre Dame Chapel. The topic is "Methods Matter: Studying the Urban Religious Landscape in Chicago and Toronto" with speaker Kraig Beyerlein from the University of Notre Dame. Please register for this lecture, as space is limited in the Notre Dame Chapel. This event is free and all are welcome. 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 VIRTUES OF THE SAINTS: Please join us at the Shrine of the Sorrowful Mother (The Cemetery Chapel - 1820 Notre Dame Drive, St. Agatha) at **2 p.m. on Sundays in September** (September 6, 13, 20 and 27). We will be hosting a series of talks on "The Virtues of the Saints" presented by Joseph Goodwin. Each 30-minute talk will be followed with the prayer of The Divine Mercy Chapel. All are welcome.

Join us for an **UPCOMING SAFETALK HALF-DAY WORKSHOP** on suicide prevention, hosted by Gale Presbyterian Church and Woolwich Counselling Centre, at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira on **Saturday, September 19th** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a LivingWorks safeTALK workshop. Make a connection to safety. Cost is \$20. Further subsidies available if needed. To inquire or register, call 519-669-2852, press 3 or email events@galepresbyterian.com.

The Ignatius Jesuit Centre is hosting **LAUDATO SI' IN A HURRY** on **Saturday, September 19th** from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Loyola House. A one-day introduction to the principles of Integral Ecology expressed in Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Presented by Fr. Dirk Dunfee, SJ, and Nolan Scharper. Learn more and register by donation at ignatiusguelph.ca/laudatosi.

Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering:

- **THERAPEUTIC YOGA SESSION**, In-Person, Ages 8-11 on September 29th from 4:30-5:15 p.m. Fee is \$10.
- **GLAD TO BE ME**, In-Person Workshop, Ages 4-7 on October 7th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee is \$10.
- **CAREGIVER'S CIRCLE: A SUPPORT GROUP FOR FAMILY MEMBERS IMPACTED BY MENTAL ILLNESS**, In-Person Group on October 8th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. No cost.
- **STAND TALL**, In-Person Workshop, Ages 7-10 on October 21st from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fee is \$10.

To register, please visit:

<https://woolwichcounselling.org/upcoming-events/>.

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 to RSVP with names of attendees. **R.S.V.P. required by October 13, 2026.** For information contact carmelitecommittee@gmail.com.

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Offertory collection for August 8/9:	\$ 3,498.00
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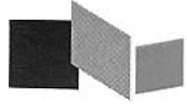
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