

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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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

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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 14, 2025
THE EXALTATION OF
THE HOLY CROSS

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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. ✠

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15th

Tuesday, September 16, 7:05 pm +Theresa Cassel; Estate <i>If I am in need of light and prudence in order to discharge my burdensome duties, I draw to my Saviour and seek counsel and light from him. – St. Thomas More</i>
Wednesday, September 17, No Mass <i>Peace is associated with humility. – St. Hildegard of Bingen</i>
Thursday, September 18, 12:05 pm +Peter Hicknell; Mike & Wendy Hicknell & Family <i>Whatever you do, think not of yourself, but of God. – St. Vincent de Paul</i>
Friday, September 19, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>God's love for us is not greater in heaven than it is now. – St. Thomas Aquinas</i>
Saturday, September 20, 5:00 pm +Pat Runstedler; The Family +John Schill; The Family
Sunday, September 21, Thirty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR September 20/21

First Reading: Am 8:4-7
Second Reading: 1 Tm 2:1-8
Gospel Reading: Lk 16:1-13

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Sep 15	Rev. Philip Cook
Tues., Sep 16	Rev. Laszio Amaszka
Wed., Sep 17	Missionary Sisters of Christ the King
Thu., Sep 18	Rev. Kevin D'Souza
Fri., Sep 19	Rev. Piotr Golinski
Sat., Sep 20	Rev. Rafal Toman

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg – Library
THU	6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus General Mtg – Library

MINISTRIES for September 20/21

Eucharistic Ministers

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

Hospitality

5pm	Pat Stortz & Debbie Yutzi
9am	Pat & Linus Ditner, Adrian Miltenburg

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Lisa Denomme	Kevin Dupuis
9am	Iris Miltenburg	Joan Coutu

Altar Servers

9am	Libby, Matilda, Allyson
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Children's Liturgy

Sep 21	Anna Jakeman, Nikki Totten
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Sign Ministry

Sep 16	John Bruder
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FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fish and Mayonnaise

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For our relationship with all of creation – Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Exaltation of the Cross refers to the feast day upon which many Christians commemorate the cross upon which Jesus was crucified. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son." Let us on this Feast Day ask Jesus to help carry our crosses.

I would like to thank all who attended the Annual Garden Party. Thank you for the hard work of our committee, especially our coordinators, Rick and Leona. I would also like to thank all the volunteers for their dedication in making the Garden Party a huge success.

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

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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 16th** at 10 a.m. in the parish library. Please bring any shawls you have completed or are working on. We always welcome new members and maybe some of you have taken up knitting or crocheting to pass the time. You could join us and at the same time contribute to the well-being of those who could use prayerful support. Looking forward to seeing you again. Any questions? Call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS! We are excited to announce that **Children's Liturgy will begin on Sunday, September 21st at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.** All children are

welcome to join us each week as we listen to God's Word in a way that is engaging and meaningful for them. If you would like to volunteer and help with this important ministry, please contact **Anna Gallipeau-Jakeman** at anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **September 19th and September 26th** the trucks will be **here at St. Teresa Church**. These are the last two weeks for the Food Trucks for this year. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks each week to see which church and what trucks are there.

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.

TINY TAKE OUT is in need of men's jeans, men's and women's T-shirts, running shoes, sweatshirts and hoodies, track pants, rain and spring jackets, sleeping bags, tents and umbrellas. Bring the items to the church and put them in the cloakroom in the corner. Thank you for your response to our previous requests.

MEMORIAL FOR THE PREBORN – All are invited to join us for a special time of prayer and remembrance of pre-born children whose lives were tragically ended through abortion. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 20th** at 3 p.m. in the Garden of Grace, 26 Norfolk St., Guelph.

OPEN HOUSE – The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives invites you to an Open House, **September 20th** from 2:00 - 5:00 and **September 21st** from 10:00 - 2:00. We are located at 698 King St. West, on the grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us to view The Saint John's Bible, learn about our services, and pick up a few good books! Open to All!

The **2025 SEASON OF CREATION EVENTS** at Ignatius Jesuit Centre

Roots and Renewal Festival, September 22 - 27 – A celebration of National Forest Week with conservation workshops, speakers, a farm tour, and a special family-friendly event with partners, food, and live music.

Ignatius Jesuit Centre Community Gathering, September 22 – The first of our quarterly gatherings, featuring updates on conservation, partnerships, and community initiatives.

Laudato Si' Retreat, September 23-28 – A retreat led by Greg Kennedy, blending reflection, creative practice, and land-based engagement.

Day of Quiet Retreat, September 29 – A day away from the noise to reflect, walk the land, and find stillness.

Jacob's well: Naming Your Thirst – September 29, 2025 - One of the longest dialogues Jesus has is with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, as found in John's

Gospel. Jesus helps the woman to name her thirst. What is it you thirst for? How can it be satisfied?

Closing Mass, October 3 – At St. Brigid's Villa, 5 p.m., with Fr. Dirk Dunfee, SJ to close the season in prayer and thanksgiving.

Register at loyolahouse.com or registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or 519-824-1250 ext. 266.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING RALLY will be on **Monday, September 22nd, 2025** at Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener. We will begin with Holy Mass at 7 p.m. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow; please come to pray for the success of this Campaign and the protection of all life in our country!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – From **September 24th to November 2nd, 2025** we invite you to join together 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](mailto:Evy@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.

BISHOP CROSBY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION – His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate the 50th anniversary with the Eucharist on **Saturday, September 27th, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.** in the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. Refreshments and an opportunity to greet the Bishop in McNally Hall following Mass. All are welcome.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – The only power, meaning, and connection that touching the Cross really has on us is from the fact that Jesus' Cross has already touched our lives from the first moment of our Baptism, and that through it, Jesus is continuing to transform our lives today. This is the meaning of the "Paschal Mystery". Jesus offered himself "once for all" as the author of the letter to the Hebrews reminds us, but we will only experience the power, the meaning, the connection that his gift of himself offers us if we are willing to allow Jesus' Cross to touch us in our own daily difficulties, struggles, and hardships that we face.
Fr. Raphael Ma, C.R.; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

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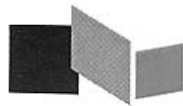
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