

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 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
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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 20, 2026

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

St. Teresa of Avila School

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519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo
519-885-1340 Website: 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21ST

Tuesday, September 22, 7:05 pm +Robert Hunwicks; Pam & Theresa <i>For us, everything is renewed in Jesus Christ. – Ven. Emmanuel d'Alzon</i>
Wednesday, September 23, 10:30 am – Heritage House +William & Betty Walter; Estate <i>Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. – St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
Thursday, September 24, 12:05 pm +Daniel, James & Douglas Furlong; Marcella & Family <i>Cleanse your vessel, so that you may receive grace more abundantly. – St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>
Friday, September 25, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him, the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement. – St. Augustine of Hippo</i>
Saturday, September 26, 5:00 pm +Tobler Hans; Klara Looser & Theresa Wuersch +Arthur Moser; Ron Koebel & Family
Sunday, September 27, Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill After Mass Coffee Sunday & Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

READINGS FOR September 26/27

First Reading: Ez 18:25-28
 Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11
 Gospel Reading: Mt 21:28-32

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Sep 21	Rev. Grayson Hope
Tues., Sep 22	Rev. John Schnurr
Wed., Sep 23	Congregation of the Holy Cross, C.S.C.
Thurs., Sep 24	Rev. William Trusz
Fri., Sep 25	Rev. Francis Chibuzor Ahuekwe
Sat., Sep 26	Rev. David Perrin Sts. Martyrs Canadiens

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE	10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry – Library
	7:35 p.m. Parish Pastoral Council Mtg - Library
THU	6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus BBQ & Meeting

MINISTRIES for September 26/27

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Patsy & Steve Pond
9am	Sandi Hutchinson, Iris Miltenburg, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm	Kieran & Geoff Kelly
9am	Mike & Sharon Noel, John Bruder

	Lector	Commentator
5pm	Tak Shibayama	Marianne Kieswetter
9am	William Laurin Will Jakeman	Joan Coutu

Altar Servers

9am	Lylah, Nathan, Hannah
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Children's Liturgy

Sep 27 Sandi Hutchinson, Anna Jakeman

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

I would like to thank all who attended the Annual Garden Party. Thank you for your generous donations. The committee works so hard, 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. Thank you for praying for the good weather we had. This is such an important event for our community, and I am so joyful to see the happy faces of all who attend.

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

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA (Weekend of September 19–20):

The Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will take place next weekend. When you give, your offering begins in our parish but reaches far beyond it. It helps support the mission of our diocese and joins the gifts of Catholics across the country in supporting the shared work of the Bishops of Canada. Together, this support makes possible work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone such as providing catechetical resources for families, young people and parishes, to promoting respect for human life and the dignity of every human person and accompanying migrants and refugees. Your gift helps strengthen the Church here at home and supports its mission across Canada. Please give prayerfully and generously next weekend.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** at all Masses on the weekend of the 26th and 27th. All men of the parish are invited to learn more about their mission of charity, unity, and service. This is a great opportunity to connect, ask questions, and see how you can make a meaningful difference. Visit their table in the narthex after Mass.

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 **Thursday, October 8th** from 6-7 p.m. at the Church.

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.

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 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 after weekend Masses beginning September 26th or at the Parish Office between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Tuesday to Friday) or call 519-669-3387. Cost is Adults \$22.00; Children (aged 6 to 12 years) \$16.00; Children (aged 5 and under) Free; and 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 22nd and 23rd. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex. Please consider volunteering your time to help out with this worthwhile event. Thank you.

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. 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 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 **40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING RALLY** is on **Monday, September 21, 2026**. Join us for Mass at 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener. Following Mass there will be some refreshments in the Parish Hall and a chance to sign up for hours! Let's save lives together. Check out www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – PRAY TO END ABORTION

From **September 23rd to November 1st, 2026** 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 Lives 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 **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; which is only 6 hours over the span of the campaign and this would greatly help in filling all the hours. It is vital to spread the message that human life is sacred and that a law needs to come into effect to stop the killing of innocent babies. You can either sign up for prayer hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by emailing/calling Evy at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or 519-598-1588. Please 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.

FALL RETREAT AT THE CARMEL – The Carmel of St. Joseph is hosting their Fall Spiritual Retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, September 26, 2026**. The theme of the retreat, given by Fr. Peter Turrone, is The Little Way of St. Therese. The retreat welcomes women and men. Registration closes on Tuesday, September 22nd. Spaces are limited. Please visit the Carmel website (www.thecarmel.ca) to view the Retreat Poster, Retreat Schedule and a Registration Form.

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**. 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 Chaplet. All are welcome.

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.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for September 12/13: \$ 4,044.25
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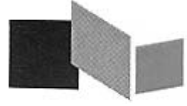
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