

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

September 21, 2025
Twenty-Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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
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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.

St. Teresa of Avila School

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St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo
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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22ND

Tuesday, September 23, 7:05 pm

+Carol Rice; Carol & Ed Kieswetter

It is difficult to become a saint. Difficult, but not impossible. The road to perfection is long, as long as one's lifetime. Along the way, consolation becomes rest; but as soon as your strength is restored, you must diligently get up and resume the trip. – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

Wednesday, September 24, No Mass

Love is the guarantee that the life of the Spirit is growing in us. Love is the sign of the Holy Spirit at work in the Church and in the world. – Thomas Merton

Thursday, September 25, 12:05 pm

Intentions of Fr. Peter Meyer; John & Linda Bruder

Our Lord does not come down from heaven every day to lie in a golden ciborium. He comes to find another heaven which is infinitely dearer to him – the heaven of our souls. – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Friday, September 26, 9:00 am – Maryhill

I will not mistrust God, though I feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear...I trust God will place his holy hand on me and in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning. – St. Thomas More

Saturday, September 27, 5:00 pm

+Regina Truttman; Theresa Wuersch

+Jack Soeder; Judy & Marcella Furlong

Sunday, September 28,

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR September 27/28

First Reading: Am 6:1a, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Tm 6:11-16

Gospel Reading: Lk 16:19-31

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Sep 22	Rev. David Reilander
Tues., Sep 23	Rev. Andrew Czarny
Wed., Sep 24	Salesians of St. Don Bosco, S.D.B.
Thu., Sep 25	Very Rev. Joseph Okoko, i.v.Dei.
Fri., Sep 26	Sts. Martyrs Canadiens
Sat., Sep 27	Rev. Livinus Okamgba
	World Tourism Day

MINISTRIES for September 27/28

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Tim Baillargeon, Judy Furlong

9am Ken Gallipeau, Pat Ditner, Carol Kieswetter

Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Marilyn Hurlburt

9am Sharon & Mike Noel, Paul Shuttsa

Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra

9am Leona Weishar

Commentator

Judy Furlong

Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am Wesley, Divine, Hannah

Children's Liturgy

Sep 28 Sandi Hutchinson, Anna Jakeman

Sign Ministry

Sep 23 Linda Bruder

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

For Heroes of Hope during this Jubilee Year for the month of September, we pray for those working for integral ecology and Indigenous reconciliation.

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

I would like to **THANK** everyone who signed up to work at the **GARDEN PARTY**. Your help was greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank my committee members – Sandy Hutchinson, Diane Smith, Shelley Deyell, Alice Langdon, Pat Ditner, Eileen Kauk, Monique Conlin and John Bruder. A special thank you to Scott Stemmler's band for playing and Kieran Kelly for getting the picnic tables. These are special people who deserve our thanks. Also thank you to God for the good weather.

Leona Weishar

THANK YOU to the Parish Community for the food and pop/water donations.

Pat Ditner

There will be a **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** on Tuesday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m. Meet us outside in the St. Teresa of Avila Parking Lot with your pet.

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.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **September 26th** the trucks will be **here at St. Teresa Church**. This the last week 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.

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 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.

REGINA CAELI ACADEMY – A private Catholic school will open in Guelph in September 2026, serving students from JK to Grade 8. If you would like to join the planning committee or learn more about the school, please come to our next meeting. The meeting will be held in the rectory at the Basilica of Our Lady, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph, on **Friday, September 26th, 6:30 p.m.** Please email info@reginacaeliacademy.ca to confirm your attendance.

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. Upcoming Events at Woolwich Counselling Centre

SUPPORTING CHILDREN THROUGH SEPARATION ANXIETY CHALLENGES WORKSHOP, a Virtual Parenting Workshop, on **Tuesday, September 30th** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$10.

GLAD TO BE ME, an In-Person Workshop for ages 4-7, on **Monday, October 6th** from 4-5 p.m. Fee is \$10. A waitlist is available.

UNDERSTANDING ADHD IN ADULTS WORKSHOP, an In-Person Workshop, on **Monday, October 6th** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$10.

NEURODIVERSITY UNLOCKED: UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING UNIQUE PATHWAYS WORKSHOP, a Virtual Workshop, on **Tuesday, October 7th** from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Fee is \$10.

Further subsidies are available if needed for the cost of the workshops. To register, please visit <https://woolwichcounselling.or/upcoming-events/>.

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.

JUBILEE MULTICULTURAL MASS – St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 715 Centre Road, Waterdown is hosting the Diocesan Jubilee Multicultural Mass on **Sunday, October 5, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.** This vibrant celebration embraces the rich cultural diversity that enriches our diocesan community. The Mass will feature prayers, readings, and hymns proclaimed in multiple languages including Spanish, Polish, Italian, Vietnamese, Korean, and others, reflecting the many cultures united in faith. Following the Mass, join us for a reception featuring cultural foods and entertainment from various communities. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, fellowship, and joyful celebration of our shared faith.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Jesus says, “Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much”. God often speaks through the ordinary details of daily life. Your willingness to serve, forgive, or give time to someone may seem small, but these actions shape your heart. Religious vocation begins with saying yes to God in the daily choices. Where do you need to be more faithful in small things?

Fr. Pawel Szymanowski, C.R.
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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