

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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John Bruder Ken Gallipeau

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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 27, 2026

**Twenty-Sixth 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28TH

Tuesday, September 29, 7:05 pm Intentions of David Fischer; Brian & Joan Fischer <i>You have shown me a spark of your pure and simple love, and it has kindled in my heart a flame that devours me. – St. Catherine of Genoa</i>
Wednesday, September 30, 10:30 am, St. Jacob's Place +Roland Bertin; Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt <i>The face is the mirror of the mind, and eyes without speaking confess the secrets of the heart. – St. Jerome</i>
Thursday, October 1, 12:05 pm Intentions of Hugh & Terry Jamieson; John & Linda Bruder <i>The good God does not need years to accomplish his work of love in a soul; one ray from his heart can, in an instant, make his flower bloom for eternity. – St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>
Friday, October 2, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>No act is charitable if it is not just. – St. Bruno</i>
Saturday, October 3, 5:00 pm +Vince & Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis +Xaver Mettler; The Family
Sunday, October 4, Respect Life Sunday Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR October 3/4

First Reading: Is 5:1-7
 Second Reading: Phil 4:6-9
 Gospel Reading: Mt 21:33-43

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Sep 28	Rev. Anton Sebamalai
Tues., Sep 29	Rev. Leszek Szczygiel
Wed., Sep 30	Consecrated Virgins
Thurs., Oct 1	Rev. Mark Sullivan
Fri., Oct 2	Rev. David Wilhelm
Sat., Oct 3	Rev. Paul Patrick

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

WED 2:00 p.m. Widow's Group – Library

MINISTRIES for October 3/4

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Kathy Ziegler, Mary Forcier
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Pat Ditner, Carol Kieswetter

Hospitality

5pm	Greg & Sue Goetz
9am	Linus & Pat Ditner, Jim McInnis

Lector

5pm	Connie Kaster
9am	Hannah MacMillan Jennifer Drinkwater

Commentator

Lisa Denomme
Linda Bruder

Altar Servers

9am	Alexis, Xander, Allyson
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FOODBANK NEEDS

Kraft Dinner, Sidekicks & Canned Pasta

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our St. Teresa Feast Day is fast approaching. Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 15th. We will be having Mass at 7:05 p.m. followed by a social. Come and join us.

A Pilgrimage to Spain and Portugal is being arranged in the fall of 2027. Please consider joining us. More information with the full itinerary is coming.

Once again, from the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank all who attended the Garden Party. It was such a great success because of you and all who gave of their time, talent and treasure. This is such a beautiful event that builds up our community. You should all get 5 gold stars.

Father Peter

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

– This weekend, our parish joins Catholics from coast to coast in supporting the shared mission of the Church in Canada. Your gift strengthens the mission of our diocese and, together with the gifts of Catholics across the country, supports work that no single diocese or eparchy could accomplish alone. Through this collection, we help the Church proclaim the Gospel, support families and communities, promote respect for human life and the dignity of every human person, accompany migrants and refugees, and provide catechetical resources for Catholics throughout Canada. What begins as a gift in our parish becomes part of the shared mission of the Church across the country. Please give prayerfully and generously.

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Lucille Mary Drouillard**, daughter of Eric and Rachel and **Beau Vincent Frasson**, son of Vincenzo and Amanda. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

For those who are interested in being part of the **DECORATING COMMITTEE** there will be a meeting on **Wednesday, October 7th** at 7:30 p.m. in the library.

There will be an **ALTAR SERVER GATHERING** on **Thursday, October 8th** at 3:15 p.m. at the church.

Our **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE** is from **Tuesday, September 29th until Wednesday, October 14th**. 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.

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.

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.

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 and 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.

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. It is very important that you 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.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Purpose: To provide information and support to adults struggling with grief after a loss.

When: 6 Weeks, Beginning **Monday September 28 to November 9th** from 6-7:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 305 Laurentian Drive, Kitchener.

To Register: Email - Deacon Michael and Jen Kuhl at whenlifechanges2026@gmail.com.

HOLY HOUR AND MASS IN HONOUR OF ST. THERESE

You are invited to a special Mass at the Carmelite Monastery on **Thursday, October 1st**. Holy Hour is at 6 p.m. with Mass at 7 p.m.

HAMILTON DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS – The last Marian Day will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 3rd** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph with Bishop Joseph Dabrowski. The day will start with Holy Hour with Morning Prayer and Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Benediction at 10:00 a.m., and Holy Mass followed by an Outdoor Rosary Procession (weather permitting) at 10:30 a.m. Coffee, Tea and Gift Shop are available after the Rosary Procession. This October Marian Day ends with the Regina Caeli Tea. Registration is required.

FREE NOON HOUR CONCERTS to be held most Wednesdays from **September to November** at Conrad Grebel University College. Enjoy performances by professional musicians during the lunch hour. All are welcome! Concerts begin at noon in the Grebel Chapel. For the full schedule check out <http://grebel.ca/music/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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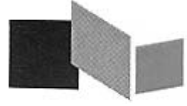
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