

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

September 28, 2025
Twenty-Sixth 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
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.

St. Teresa of Avila School

75 First St. W., Elmira
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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 29TH

Tuesday, September 30,

6:30 pm Blessing of the Animals

7:05 pm +Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate

Beware of angling for compliments, lest you lose God's favour in exchange for people's praise. – St. Jerome

Wednesday, October 1, No Mass

How contrary to human nature are the divine teachings! Without the help of grace, it would be impossible not only to follow them but even to understand them. – St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Thursday, October 2, 12:05 pm

+Garton & Keane Family; Pat Garton

Truly, the soul is more worthy and more noble than the whole world and more stable than all things. It is more worthy because it is spiritual and equal to the angels and created for eternal joy. – St. Bridget of Sweden

Friday, October 3, 9:00 am – Maryhill

God is seen by those who are enabled to see God, when they have the eyes of their souls opened. – St. Theophilus

Saturday, October 4, 5:00 pm

+Laura Logel; Doug Logel

+Vince & Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis

Sunday, October 5,

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday, World Communion Sunday

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR October 4/5

First Reading: Hb 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Second Reading: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel Reading: Lk 17:5-10

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Sep 29	Rev. Ignatius Saiki, O.P.
Tues., Sep 30	Rev. Emmanuel Azike, O.P.
Wed., Oct 1	Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.
Thu., Oct 2	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Fri., Oct 3	Rev. Thomas Manninezath, C.M.I.
Sat., Oct 4	Rev. Grayson Hope

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 3:15 p.m. **Altar Servers Meeting** – Church
7:35 p.m. **Garden Party Committee Mtg** - Library

MINISTRIES for October 4/5

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond

9am Ron Stemmler, Cheryl Dunn, Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond

9am Rick & Leona Weishar, Paul Shuttsa

Lector

5pm Kevin Dupuis

9am Wally Malcolm

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter

Mike Noel

Altar Servers

9am Nathan, Andrew, Evan

Children's Liturgy

Oct 5 Theresa Grosz, Isabelle Grosz

Sign Ministry

Sep 30 Pat Ditrer

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

Each year, the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) asks Catholics around the world to remember those displaced by conflict and persecution. The WDMR takes place annually on the last Sunday of September and is an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

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.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation is on September 30th. This year marks the 5th annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This year also marks the 10th anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report, which reminds us of the need to continue walking with and learning from Indigenous Peoples in a spirit of respect and solidarity; it is likewise a renewed opportunity for us to further our understanding of their unique histories and to support the preservation of their languages, rich cultures, wisdom, spiritualities and traditions.

The Bishops of Canada, individually and collectively, continue to invite us to journey with Indigenous Peoples on the path that leads to truth, healing, justice, reconciliation and hope. Let us each accept this invitation by praying for reconciliation so that our relationships with Indigenous Peoples may continue to grow in trust and mutual respect for a brighter future for all.

Fr. Peter Meyer

This week is the collection for the **NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA**. Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly (in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Western regions). Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance.

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.

SAVE THE DATE! We are hosting a **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION GATHERING** on **Sunday, November 2nd** from 1 – 3 p.m. at the St. Teresa Church Hall.

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 etransfer 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.

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.

For our Parish Feast Day there will be a **ST. JOHN'S BIBLE PRESENTATION** on **Wednesday, October 15th** at St. Boniface School in the morning, St. Teresa of Avila School in the afternoon, and concluding with Mass at 6:30 p.m. followed by the St. John's Bible Presentation at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa Church. Mark your calendars and join us in the evening for Mass, the presentation and a reception afterwards.

The Knights of Columbus Council 8192 is hosting a **FISH FRY** on **Friday, October 24, 2025** here at St. Teresa of Avila Parish Hall. Mark your calendar. Tickets will be on sale beginning next weekend, October 4th/5th.

BECOME A C.W.L. MEMBER! Ladies 16 or older, our membership drive goes until the end of the year. We would love to have you join our sisterhood of women here at St. Teresa which is a part of the National League that is Canada wide! Join today! Membership is \$40. Indicate your name, address, phone number and email address and either place it in the collection with your fee or etransfer to our Treasurer at dunnfam1@rogers.com indicating C.W.L. membership.

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.

Upcoming Events at Woolwich Counselling Centre
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/>.

On **Saturday, October 4th** at noon, the parishioners of St. Clement's Church in St. Clements invite you to join us at our grotto to **PRAY THE ROSARY**. As we enter October, the month of Our Lady of the Rosary, communities across the country will be gathering and asking for the intercession of Our Lady. Snacks and socializing in the Parish Hall to follow.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT is on **Saturday, October 4th** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, 28 Norfolk St., Guelph. Holy Hour is 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Social with Food is 7:30 – 8 p.m. Live Band (Divine Praises) is 8 – 9 p.m. Compline Night Prayer is at 9 p.m.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for September 20/21: \$ 4,165.75
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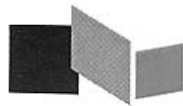
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