

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 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 6, 2026

**Twenty-Third 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 7TH

Tuesday, September 8, 1:00 pm

+Roland Bertin; Armand Bertin

Since we are travellers and pilgrims in the world, let us ever ponder on the end of the road, that is of our life, for the end of our roadway is our home. – St. Columbanus

Wednesday, September 9, No Mass

One whose soul is in disorder, whose mind is wandering with vain, useless thoughts, cannot pray. To pray, we must unite the flesh and its feelings to the soul with its imagination, memory and will. – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Thursday, September 10, No Mass

Charity is the sun which makes all things beautiful, gives all things warmth and makes all things live. – St. Francis de Sales

Friday, September 11, No Mass

As far as I am concerned, I always want to entrust myself madly to God's providence. - Ven. Emmanuel d'Alzon

Saturday, September 12, 5:00 pm

+Vreny Richarson-Aschwenden; Klara Looser

+Corey Goetz; Greg & Sue Goetz & Family

Sunday, September 13,

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR September 12/13

First Reading: Sir 27:30-28:7

Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9

Gospel Reading: Mt 18:21-35

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., Sep 7	Rev. Andrew Czarny Labour Day
Tues., Sep 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed., Sep 9	Felician Franciscan Sisters, C.S.S.F.
Thurs., Sep 10	Catholic Teachers
Fri., Sep 11	Rev. Jerzy Tomon
Sat., Sep 12	Rev. Livinus Okamgba

MINISTRIES for September 12/13

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Tim Baillargeon, Judy Furlong

9am Ken Gallipeau, Pat Ditner, Carol Kieswetter

Hospitality

5pm Joanne Weber, Pat Stortz

9am Leona & Rick Weishar, Jim McInnis

Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme

9am Will Jakeman

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Commentator

Patsy Pond

Iris Miltenburg

Altar Servers

9am Breea, Wesley, Allyson

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

The Garden Party is fast approaching on Friday, September 18th. Please have your items here by September 12th/13th. I look forward to seeing you at the Garden Party.

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

BAPTISM – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Madelyn Elizabeth Catallo**, daughter of David and Katherine, **Jadon Manuel Silveira Jordao**, son of Jordan and Rebecca and **Melissa Nogueira Welter**, daughter of Andre and Adriana. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

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

ATTENTION: We are unable to get picnic tables from the town for the **Garden Party** as they will no longer let us borrow them. We have a parishioner who is willing to pick up and drop off **picnic tables** if anyone is willing to let us borrow theirs for the day. Please contact the Parish Office or Leona (519-595-8016) if you can help us out.

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 group beginning in September. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387.

DECORATING VOLUNTEER NEEDED – Do you have a gift for design and beautifying our church? We are looking for a dedicated volunteer to join our decorating team to help prepare the sanctuary and narthex for special seasons and holidays. If you are interested in sharing your time and creative talents, please contact the Parish Office.

BOTTLE AND CAN FUNDRAISER! You will be hearing about several upcoming events to raise much needed money for the Parish Operating Expenses. Even small things like this make a difference and everyone can participate! During September and October, simply bring in your alcohol empties (or your relative's or even your neighbour's empties) and AFTER Mass, we'll have a drive-thru drop-off at the hall entrance! Cans are to be counted &

placed in clear plastic bags with the number of cans marked on it. Clear plastic bags are available in the narthex. See the flyer on our website for a full list of acceptable items. Put the flyer on your fridge as a reminder! Thank you for your support!

We are seeking volunteers to help lead **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass! We will be **officially starting on Sunday, September 20th, 2026.**

- Commitment: Just once a month during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- Who Can Help? Anyone from high school age to seniors!
- Requirements: Per Diocesan policy, two volunteers are present for each session (new leaders require a police check for the vulnerable sector).
- Easy & Flexible: Full lesson plans and program guides are provided—no prep work stress! Scheduling is completely flexible via an online Google Calendar where you sign up for dates you wish to volunteer at your convenience.

This is a wonderful way to plant seeds of faith in our youngest parishioners. To volunteer or learn more, please contact: anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca.

GARDEN PARTY BOOK SALE – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

- Spring cleaning – This is a good opportunity to donate books. NO DVDs.
- This year we are going to include jigsaw puzzles. NO other toys or games
- Must **drop off** at the church from **August 1st - September 11th**.

GARDEN PARTY – WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our Annual Garden Party is fast approaching, and we are looking for donations for our Silent Auction, Adult & Children's Penny Tables, and Children's Game Prizes. Suggested donation items and volunteer sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex. Simply choose a tag, purchase the item, and return it to the parish office. You can also scan the QR code to shop from our Amazon Wish List and have your donation shipped directly to us. We also gratefully welcome handcrafted items created by our talented parishioners. Thank you for your generosity and for helping make our Garden Party a wonderful community event!

GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS – 2,500 tickets have been distributed and a final 500 remain. Many have been sold and returned making the job of organizing for the actual draw much easier. If you have already sold yours, please return the ticket stubs with the money at the weekend Masses. Either present the sold ticket stubs and money together to the person at the distribution table in the narthex of the church or place in a sealed envelope, marked "raffle tickets" and drop in the offertory collection. **Tickets must be returned by September 12th /13th at the latest.** Please consider taking a couple more books to sell. We are hoping for a sell out! Thank you for supporting this fundraising project.

Your Raffle Committee

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 22nd** 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 can 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.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. **September 11th** the trucks will be at **Gale Presbyterian Church**. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks each week to see which church and what trucks are there.

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** (September 6, 13, 20 and 27). 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.

MIDWEEK HYMN SING begins again on **Tuesday, September 8th** at 10 a.m. at Elmira Mennonite Church. All are welcome to join, anyone who enjoys singing or listening to hymns, old and new. 45 minutes of uplifting and worshipful singing together every other Tuesday.

Join us for an **UPCOMING SAFETALK HALF-DAY WORKSHOP** on suicide prevention, hosted by Gale Presbyterian Church and Woolwich Counselling Centre, at Gale Presbyterian Church, 10 Barnswallow Drive, Elmira on **Saturday, September 19th** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is a LivingWorks safeTALK workshop. Make a connection to safety. Cost is \$20. Further subsidies available if needed. To inquire or register, call 519-669-2852, press 3 or email events@galepresbyterian.com.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – "You have regained your brother or sister." In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we are called to help one another return to Him and encounter Him more fully. This reflects three important principles of Resurrectionist spirituality: God calls us to conversion, to community, and to work for the resurrection of society. We are called to bring others to Christ not only by our words, but also by the witness of our lives. And while we can do this individually, our witness becomes especially powerful when we live and proclaim the Gospel together as a community. Perhaps God is calling you to make this mission your own as a brother, deacon, or priest in the Congregation of the Resurrection. And so, if today you hear God's voice, harden not your heart.
Fr. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.;
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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for August 8/9:	\$ 4,131.80
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$62,618.55
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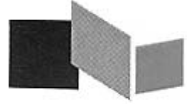
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