

St. Teresa of Avila

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Office Hours:

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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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 7, 2025
Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time

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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 8th

Tuesday, September 9, 7:05 pm

+Garton & Keane Family; Pat Garton

The security of a soul that applies itself to prayer lies in its ceasing to be anxious for anything or anybody in its watching itself and pleasing God. – St. Teresa of Jesus

Wednesday, September 10, No Mass

Every soul purified through baptism and raised to the state of grace is thereby conceived through Christ and is born for his sake. – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Thursday, September 11, 12:05 pm

+Charles McLachlan; Paul Shutts & Diane Smith

In Greek, the root meaning of repentance is not the confession of a sin but a change of mind. - Tertullian

Friday, September 12, 9:00 am – Maryhill

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 Lisieux

Saturday, September 13, 5:00 pm

+Art Moser; Rick & Leona Weishar

+Karen Bertin; Ray & Trudy Denomme

Sunday, September 14,

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR September 13/14

First Reading: Nm 21:4b-9

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11

Gospel Reading: Jn 3:13-17

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR :

Mon., Sep 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tues., Sep 9	Rev. David Perrin
Wed., Sep 10	Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate, S.O.L.I.
Thu., Sep 11	Catholic Teachers
Fri., Sep 12	Rev. Franjo Sprajc
Sat., Sep 13	Rev. Matthew Durham

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MON	8:00 p.m. C.W.L. Executive Meeting via zoom
THU	6:30 p.m. Garden Party Set-up
FRI	4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Garden Party

MINISTRIES for September 13/14

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Patsy & Steve Pond
9am	Ken Gallipeau, Carol Kieswetter, Iris Miltenburg

Hospitality

5pm	Geoff & Kieran Kelly
9am	Leona & Rick Weishar, Paul Shutts

Lector

5pm	Connie Kaster
9am	Maria Diemert

Commentator

Patsy Pond
Wally Malcolm

Altar Servers

9am	Daniel, Andrew, Evan
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Sign Ministry

Sep 9	Kieran Kelly
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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.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Fish and Mayonnaise

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Garden Party is next Friday, September 12th. Please have your items here early this week. 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 is being arranged in 2027. Please consider joining us. More information will be following shortly.

Fr. Peter Meyer

On behalf of the staff, board, and residents of Marillac Place, **THANK YOU** for continued support of the Baby Bottle Campaign. Our community raised \$1,200, an incredible contribution toward providing safe transitional housing and support for women who are pregnant or parenting a young child and experiencing homelessness.

GARDEN PARTY 2025 –

- **PLEASE SIGN UP** in the Narthex **to help at this year's Garden Party.** We have jobs for all abilities and ages.
- **Choose a leaf from one of the trees in the Narthex for the children's penny table, adult penny table and the children's fishpond.** We are looking for new items priced between \$15 - \$25 (for both adult and child penny tables). Please **deliver the items to the church by September 8th.**
- **Garden Party Raffle Tickets** are available for purchase in the narthex after Mass. There are 9 Grand Prizes this year: 4 cash prizes ranging from \$250 to \$450, an Airstream Canister vacuum, a maple and walnut kitchen bench, a Kitchissippi lawn chair and a handmade afghan. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Over 1000 tickets have already been distributed. Thanks for your support. Please consider taking some books of tickets to sell to your friends and family. We ask you to return all **sold and unsold** tickets by September 8th.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 16th** 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 could 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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY RETURNS! We are excited to announce that **Children's Liturgy will begin on Sunday, September 21st at the 9:00 a.m. Mass.** All children are welcome to join us each week as we listen to God's Word in a way that is engaging and meaningful for them. If you would like to volunteer and help with this important ministry, please contact **Anna Gallipeau-Jakeman** at anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca.

The **2025 SEASON OF CREATION EVENTS** at Ignatius Jesuit Centre

Roots and Renewal Festival, September 22 -27 – A celebration of National Forest Week with conservation workshops, speakers, a farm tour, and a special family-friendly event with partners, food, and live music.

Ignatius Jesuit Centre Community Gathering, September 22 – The first of our quarterly gatherings, featuring updates on conservation, partnerships, and community initiatives.

Laudato Si' Retreat, September 23-28 – A retreat led by Greg Kennedy, blending reflection, creative practice, and land-based engagement.

Day of Quiet Retreat, September 29 – A day away from the noise to reflect, walk the land, and find stillness.

Closing Mass, October 3 – At St. Brigid's Villa, 5 p.m., with Fr. Dirk, Dunfee, SJ to close the season in prayer and thanksgiving.

MEMORIAL FOR THE PREBORN – All are invited to join us for a special time of prayer and remembrance of pre-born children whose lives were tragically ended through abortion. The event will take place on **Saturday, September 20th** at 3 p.m. in the Garden of Grace, 26 Norfolk St., Guelph.

OPEN HOUSE – The Bishop Farrell Library & Archives invites you to an Open House, **September 20th** from 2:00 - 5:00 and **September 21st** from 10:00 - 2:00. We are located at 698 King St. West, on the grounds of the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King. Join us to view The Saint John's Bible, learn about our services, and pick up a few good books! Open to All!

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 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 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.

RETREAT AT THE CARMEL - The Carmel of St. Joseph Guild is hosting a fall retreat at the Carmelite Monastery on **Saturday, September 27, 2025**. This retreat is open to both women and men. The theme of the Retreat is "Hope from St Benedict Encyclical Spe Salvi" with Fr. David Reitzel, presenter. The retreat will give everyone an opportunity to experience the graces and blessings of the Jubilee year. The day will begin with the Rosary, Holy Mass, lunch, Fr. Reitzel, prayer and reflection closing with Adoration. The retreat will begin with Registration at 930 a.m. and will end with Adoration at 2:30 p.m. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. If you wish to attend, please **register before Saturday, September 20th** at saintagatha@thecarmel.ca or call 519-884-6700.

COME RETREAT AT LOYOLA HOUSE – We all need to make space for quiet reflection. Loyola House offers the opportunity to spend meaningful time reconnecting with God, nature, and community. Below are available retreats.

LAUDATO SI: TEN YEARS STILL WAITING – September 23-28, 2025 - Responding to ten years of largely unmet urgency in Laudato Si', this retreat aims to awaken deeper ecological conversion in light of Pope Francis' call to care for our common home.

DAY OF QUIET – September 29, 2025 - Come experience the silence offered by a Day of Quiet at Loyola House. The day is yours to devote in your own slow way to reflection, discovery, calm, and beauty.

JACOB'S WELL: NAMING YOUR THIRST – September 29, 2025 - One of the longest dialogues Jesus has is with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, as found in John's Gospel. Jesus helps the woman to name her thirst. What is it you thirst for? How can it be satisfied?

Register at loyolahouse.com or registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or 519 824 1250 ext 266.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – "Whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple", Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel. We cannot escape suffering in our daily lives, but we can choose to unite our crosses with His, knowing they lead us to the joy of the Resurrection. This Christian hope, proclaimed by the Congregation of the Resurrection, transforms our suffering world one person at a time. Bringing new life to others requires dedicated workers. Is the Risen Lord calling you to join this mission?

Fr. Michal Kruszewski, C.R.
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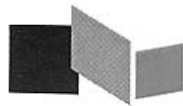
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