

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

April 28, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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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  
Dianne Brenner Fr. Peter Meyer  
Karolina Amos Ken Gallipeau  
Michele Way

### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
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### Catholic Women's League

Deirdre Ward  
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### Knights of Columbus

Al Vodicka  
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### Vocations

Contact [www.vocationinfo.ca](http://www.vocationinfo.ca) or  
[www.resurrectionist.net](http://www.resurrectionist.net)

### 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  
519-669-8843 Fax 519-669-4509

### St. David Catholic Secondary School

4 High Street, Waterloo  
519-885-1340 Website: [stdavid.wcdsb.ca](http://stdavid.wcdsb.ca)

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. ✠

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>

<p><b>Tuesday, April 30, 7:05 pm</b>  <b>+Ronald &amp; Jean Litt; Estate</b>  <b>+Sylvester Moser &amp; Intentions of Tena Moser &amp; Family; Jim &amp; Marilyn Moser &amp; Family</b>  <i>Don't let your life be sterile. Be useful. Blaze a trail. Shine forth with the light of your faith...and light up all the ways of the earth with the fire of Christ that you carry in your heart.</i>                      – St. Josemaria Escriva</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, May 1, 9:00 am – Maryhill</b>  <i>Quiet is the first step in our sanctification. – St. Basil</i></p>
<p><b>Thursday, May 2, 10:00 am</b>  <b>St. Teresa School Marian Mass</b>  <b>+Johanna Verberne; Elizabeth Bauer &amp; Mary Baldasaro</b>  <i>You cannot put straight in others what is warped in yourself. – St. Athanasius</i></p>
<p><b>Friday, May 3, 9:00 am – Maryhill</b>  <i>The life we live is not now our ordinary life but the life of Christ: a life of sinlessness, of chastity, of simplicity and every other virtue. We have risen with Christ. – St. Ambrose</i></p>
<p><b>Saturday, May 4, 5:00 pm</b>  <b>+Jane Goll; Emmeline Runstedler &amp; John DeWildt</b>  <b>+Jeffrey Meyer; Marcella &amp; Judy Furlong</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, May 5, Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>9:00 am Our Parish Community</b>  <b>11:00 am Maryhill</b>  <b>2:00 pm First Communion</b>  <b>Intentions of our Communicants</b></p>

#### READINGS FOR May 4/5

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48  
 Second Reading: 1 Jn 4:7-10  
 Gospel Reading: Jn 15:9-17

#### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., April 29	Rev. Guillermo Diaz
Tues., April 30	Rev. Paul Edmondstone
Wed., May 1	International Worker's Day
Thurs., May 2	Rev. Duy Van Nguyen
Fri., May 3	Rev. Grzegorz Ogorzalek
Sat., May 4	Grandparents & the Elderly

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**TUE** 6:00 p.m. **First Communion Session & Practice**  
**WED** 7:00 p.m. **Confirmation Session**

#### MINISTRIES for May 4/5

##### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Phil Milan, Kathy Ziegler  
 9am Barb Vodicka, Iris Miltenburg, Carol Kieswetter

##### Hospitality

5pm Kieran Kelly, Marianne Kieswetter  
 9am Ray Denomme, Leona & Rick Weishar

	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Commentator</b>
5pm	Lisa Denomme	Judy Furlong
9am	Iris Miltenburg	Mike Noel

#### Children's Liturgy

May 5 Linda Bruder, Sara Reimer

#### Sign Ministry

Apr 29 Sandi Hutchinson

#### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**For the role of women** - We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

#### FOODBANK NEEDS

Baked Beans, Canned Salmon & Tuna, and Rice

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting the Spaghetti Dinner, for all their hard work and for all who attended. The sauce was scrumptious.

I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers and cards on behalf of my brother, Jeff Meyer, who died recently.

This week on May 1<sup>st</sup> is International Workers' Day. It is celebrated in many countries. This can be a day to recognize the value of human work, defend the dignity of working people, encourage all to be responsible in their work, and celebrate the role that human work has in God's plan for creation. Fr. Peter

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Elise Louann Drouillard**, daughter of Eric and Rachel, **Audrey Christine Parent and Audrey Alexandra Parent**, daughters of Damien and Jordan. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

The Knights of Columbus, Council 8192 **“ROSE FOR LIFE” CAMPAIGN** is on Mother's Day weekend, **May 11<sup>th</sup> at the 5 p.m. Mass and May 12<sup>th</sup> at the 9 a.m. Mass.** We offer Lapel Roses to continue raising awareness of both abortions and euthanasia. Please pick up a “Rose Lapel” and make a donation to support pro-life organizations.

St. Teresa's C.W.L. is pleased to announce a **BURSARY** of \$500.00 for a high school parishioner attending university or college in September. Please pick up an envelope with the application requirements at the back of church.

Join us for an **ELEGANT AFTERNOON TEA** on **Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>** at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 19 Flamingo Drive, Elmira. Come and enjoy the ritual of an authentic English Afternoon Tea. There are two sittings: 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$15 per Child 6 – 12 years. For tickets please contact the Parish Office at 519-669-3387 or email stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com. There will be handcrafted scones with jam and devon cream, delicately filled sandwiches, delicious mini desserts and a choice of traditional teas. If gluten free is needed please request this when you purchase your ticket.

The C.W.L. of Canada has a **NATIONAL BURSARY FUND**. Applications must be submitted to the national office and postmarked by May 15<sup>th</sup>. A C.W.L. member must

be in her third consecutive year of membership or any year thereafter, in order to apply. The maximum bursary award is \$1,000 per year, per applicant, for a maximum of \$4,000 over a member's lifetime. For further information, criteria and guidelines, etc. please visit [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca).

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **May 3<sup>rd</sup>** the trucks will be at **Elmira Mennonite Church**. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out [www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks](http://www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks) each week to see which church and what trucks are there.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, for babies being aborted. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at [cmlamers@rogers.com](mailto:cmlamers@rogers.com) or call 519-742-9025.

**CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK (MAY 5-10, 2024)** - The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 was inspired by the following considerations: With joyful anticipation of the Jubilee Year of 2025, we are inspired by Pope Francis announcing the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope." With open hearts of love, we can continue to "fan the flame of hope" for a bright future. On the fifth anniversary of Renewing the Promise, we celebrate that Catholic Education is centered on our Christian call to love. This love permeates how we live in the world and as we act with love, we build a better future. Pope Francis stated in 2023, "He wants us to be artisans of a new history, weavers of hope, builders of the future, peacemakers."

**TORONTO MARCH FOR LIFE** – Join us on **Saturday, May 11, 2024**. The KW Right to Life will travel to the March for Life at Toronto Queen's Park. A bus will depart at 8 a.m. from Fairview Park Mall, the far-right parking lot facing Walmart. The gathering will be at 10 a.m., rally and speeches at 10:30 a.m. and march through downtown Toronto at 12 p.m. with closing remarks at 1:30 p.m. and the departure at 3 p.m. Reserve your bus seat(s) early as it will fill up fast. Call 519-746-5433 or email [jane@kwrtl.ca](mailto:jane@kwrtl.ca). Bus seat cost is \$25. Join us in Canada's largest city, Toronto for the March for Life 2024.

Join us as we support **MARILLAC PLACE'S BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN** running from Mother's Day (**May 12<sup>th</sup>**) to Father's Day (**June 16<sup>th</sup>**)! These six weeks give us a special opportunity to come together and make a tangible difference in the lives of young mothers and their children in our community. By filling baby bottles with your spare change and donations, you provide vital support to Marillac Place's programs, offering housing, education, counselling, and more to those in need. Let's embrace the spirit of giving and compassion as we uplift and empower these families towards brighter futures. You can donate using the baby bottles or mail a cheque directly to Marillac Place at 109 Young Street, Kitchener, ON N2H 4Z2. For more

information on Marillac Place, please call (519) 571-0722 ext. 2, or email [admin@marillacplace.ca](mailto:admin@marillacplace.ca) or visit the website at [www.marillacplace.ca](http://www.marillacplace.ca).

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Waterloo invites you for lunch in honour of **MOTHER'S DAY**, on **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your whole family. Tickets are limited. For more information and to purchase tickets please call Patrycja at 519-886-0342 ext. 3 or email [lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com](mailto:lourdeswaterloochurch@gmail.com). Ticket price is \$20 each which includes a hot lunch served buffet style. The menu is grilled chicken breast, scalloped potatoes, veggies, caesar and greek salad with cake, coffee, and tea. There are door prizes, 50/50 and raffle tickets will be sold.

**THE MAJOR RELIQUARY OF ST. ANDRE BESSETTE** (Brother Andre of Montreal Oratory) will visit the Diocese of Hamilton **May 17-24, 2024**. Beginning at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, the relics of Brother Andre will then visit St. Thomas Parish, Waterdown, St Raphael Parish, Burlington, St. Basil Parish, Brantford, the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph, St. Anthony Daniel Parish, Kitchener, and Holy Family Parish, Hanover. See the Diocesan Website for dates and times. This is a blessed opportunity to invoke the intercession of one of our Canadian-born Saints! We are grateful to the Holy Cross Community at St. Joseph's Oratory for this opportunity!

**RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE** – But the truth is, Jesus does not call us to be someone other than who we truly are. He knows who we are, because He abides in us, in that deepest place of our identity, of who we are. The vocation that God is calling you to is nothing more and nothing less than becoming who you are. Fr. Raphael Ma, CR, Vocation Team; [resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com](mailto:resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com).

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Our second Scripture reading reminds us that we are to love, not in word and speech only, but in truth and action. If God is calling you to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

**SOCCER COACHES NEEDED** for the Woolwich Soccer League! It would be greatly appreciated that anyone **who is able to coach a team please let me know as soon as possible**. We are in need of approximately 12 coaches (4 main and 8 alternate). We strive to have 2 coaches per team. The teams meet on Thursday evenings. This is a great opportunity for high school students to earn their volunteer hours. Contact [ssurnoskie14@hotmail.com](mailto:ssurnoskie14@hotmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

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