St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

May 12, 2024
Ascension of the Lord

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Office Hours:

Tuesday to Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



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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Vocations

Contact www.vocationinfo.ca or 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

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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



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MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 13TH

Tuesday, May 14, 7:05 pm

- +Doris Runstedler; St. Teresa C.W.L.
- +Rita Klein; Marie Snelling

The heart is free that is held by no love other than the love of God. – St. Bonaventure

Wednesday, May 15, 9:00 am - Maryhill

The songs of birds and the sound of music should remind us of the eternal and ever new canticle of heaven. – St. Anthony Mary Claret

Thursday, May 16, 12:05 pm

Intentions of Anthony Vollmer; Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt

+Joanne Moser; Joanne Berlette

7:00 pm – Confirmation Liturgy at St. Boniface, Maryhill (Confirmandi from St. Teresa & St. Boniface with Bishop Douglas Crosby)

For the searching and right understanding of the Scriptures there is need of a good life and a pure soul, and for Christian virtue to guide the mind to grasp the truth concerning God's word. – St. Athanasius

Friday, May 17,

9:00 am - Maryhill

Those who want to bear the mark of the Spirit and the fire that Christ baptizes with must take the risk of renouncing everything and seeking only God's reign and justice. – St. Oscar Romero

Saturday, May 18, 5:00 pm

- +Clifford Schill; The Family
- +Edward Ziolkoski; Carol Ziolkoski & Family

Sunday, May 19, Solemnity of Pentecost Sunday 9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR May 18/19

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3b-7,12-13 Gospel Reading: Jn 20:19-23

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., May 13 Rev. Marko Stefanec Tues.. May 14 Rev. Joseph Akanbi

Wed., May 15 Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate.

Thurs., May 16 Rev. Charles Jordan

Fri., May 17 Rev. Lourdy Dorismond, O.M.I. Sat., May 18 Rev. Jarek Pachocki, O.M.I.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 7:35 p.m. C.W.L. General Meeting – Library

MINISTRIES for May 18/19

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Kieran Kelly, Judy Furlong

9am Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme, Pat Ditner

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt 9am Ron Stemmler, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Lector Commentator

5pm Kevin Dupuis Marianne Kieswetter

9am Iris Miltenburg Wally Malcolm

Children's Liturgy

May 19

Sign Ministry

May 13 John Bruder

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the formation of religious and seminarians – We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Ham, Turkey and Chicken, Sidekicks and Meal Helper.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and all mother figures. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

I want to thank Iris, the teachers, choir and all those who helped with the First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful celebration.

You are invited to celebrate with me my 25^{th} Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood beginning with Mass on Sunday, June 9^{th} at 3 p.m. followed by an open house from 4-5 p.m.

Fr. Peter

C.W.L. EXECUTIVE AND GENERAL MEETING – The next C.W.L. Executive Meeting is on Tuesday, May 14th at 6:30 p.m. followed by the C.W.L. General Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

ROSARY WALK – May is the month of Mary and in honour of Our Mother the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League is leading a special praying of the Rosary on Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30 p.m., outside the church at the Rosary Path. In May we are encouraged to turn to Mary in a special way, ask her to intercede with God for our greatest needs and thank her for saying Yes to God. Our communal praying of the Rosary on May 21st is a way to join those prayers together. All are welcome, join us!

VOLUNTEERS FOR GARDENING – Do you enjoy gardening? Would you have one day a week for about 4 hours on a Thursday morning to help with gardening at St. Teresa? We would appreciate your help. If you can't make it every week perhaps every second week would even work. We would love to have you join us. If you are interested in joining our Gardening Workers, please call 519-669-3387 or email the Parish Office at

stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com.

St. Teresa 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 the church.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **May 17**th the trucks will be at here at **St. Teresa of Avila 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.

Join us as we support MARILLAC PLACE'S BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN running from Mother's Day (May 12th) to Father's Day (June 16th)! 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 or visit the website at www.marillacplace.ca.

VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS – Join a FREE Virtual Cooking Class with Lisa on Tuesday, May 14th and 28th, 2024. To register, call 519-669-5139 or email Lisa at lisam.wcs@gmail.com. This is a fun afternoon on Zoom!

COME RETREAT WITH LOYOLA HOUSE! Are you looking to break away and spend some time in silence? Interested in learning something new? See our website at **loyolahouse.com** (under "Events") for more information on these upcoming retreats:

Food Retreat: Fresh Again...a One-Day Retreat - May 15 Praying with the Sense: The Power of Imagination - May 17

Birds Weekend Retreat - May 17-19

Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment - June 7-9

Directed Prayer Weekend - June 7-9 Introduction to the Enneagram - June 22 Trees: Weekend Retreat - June 28-30

Register online at loyolahouse.com or by calling 519-824-1250 ext. 266 or contact registration@ignatiusquelph.ca.

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!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday**, **May 25**th from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. at Elmira District Secondary School (EDSS) for Together for Mental Health with Hayley Wickenheiser,

Olympic Gold Medalist and Corey Hirsch, former NHL Goalie. This is a free community event shining the spotlight on Mental Health in Woolwich and Wellesley Townships. There will be a presentation with questions and answers, an opportunity to meet and engage with celebrities, activities, games and a silent auction.

The 47TH ANNUAL KW RIGHT TO LIFE WALK FOR LIFE is on Saturday, May 25, 2024. Gather at 9:30 a.m. with start time at 10 a.m. at the Right to Life Office at 215 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener. There is street parking. Follow along Lancaster St. W. to Tim Horton's for a rest. Return to the start point for lunch, prizes, draws and a social gathering. Every \$50 pledged receives a chance for a \$100 Gift Certificate. Call 519-746-5433 for pledge forms and walk information or email kwrtl@golden.net.

WOOLWICH COMMUNITY SERVICES CELEBRATES 50 YEARS OF SERVICE IN 2024! Woolwich Community Services' 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on June 8th, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Lions Hall in Elmira. This will be a community party and we hope that you will join us to celebrate our 50 years of service in the community. Follow us on social media @woolwichcommunityservices.

SANCTUARY OUTREACH PREGNANCY SUPPORT PROGRAM – Unexpected pregnancy? We're here to support you. Call or text our 24/7 helpline: 519-803-0313. Our services include: free pregnancy testing, 1-on-1 support and mentorship, referrals to resources. Walk-ins are welcome on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at 26 Norfolk Street, Guelph. You can also email info@sanctuaryoutreach.com or check out sanctuaryoutreach.com.

RESURRECTION VOCATION MINUTE – A vocation is not a "job" God wants you to do, it is a "sign" God wants you to be. God will give us "signs" along the way, but we should realize that they are all supposed to point to the kind of life God is inviting us to live, the way God wants us to be a sign to others of the good news.

Fr. Raphael Ma, CR, Vocation Team; resurrectionistvocation@gmail.com

VOCATION SEEDS – Before the Ascension, Jesus tells His Apostles not to leave Jerusalem - to wait - to pray for the Holy Spirit to show them God's will for their future. Where is the Holy Spirit leading you? If you feel that you are being led 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for May 4/5: \$4,338.50 Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$125,469.18

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