

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

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Office Hours:
Tuesday to Friday 9:00am – 1:00pm

Mass Times

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 9:00am

Weekday Masses

see inside

Reconciliation

Tuesday 6:30pm - 7:00pm,
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

Annamae Elliott
Debbie Yutzi
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau
Dan Lauzon

Building & Finance Committee

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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.

May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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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. ✠

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 15TH

Tuesday, May 16, 7:05 pm

+Amy Schelter; The Ferenczy Family
+Norma Nestor; Ray & Trudy Denomme

God doesn't ask for the impossible, but wants everyone to offer their good intentions, their day's work and some prayers. That will help them a lot. The best Way of the Cross is when people accept willingly the crosses that are sent to them. – St. André Bessette

Wednesday, May 17, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Everyone looks for the good, therefore everyone looks for God. – St. Basil the Great

Thursday, May 18, 12:05 pm

+Colleen Weber; Brad & Brenda Pearce
+Joanne Dillon; Kay Bouzane

Let us speak the truth in our hearts and not practise treachery with our tongues, so that by pouring forth charity more and more in our hearts, the Spirit of truth may teach us recognition of all truth. – St. Bede the Venerable

Friday, May 19, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Every guest is to be received as if it were Christ himself. – St. Benedict

Saturday, May 20, 5:00 pm

+Danielle Pilon; Marianne Kieswetter
+Ronald & Jean Litt; Estate

Sunday, May 21,

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

MINISTRIES for May 20/21

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Erl Andersen
 9am Ken Gallipeau

Hospitality

5pm Marilyn Hurlburt, Debbie Yutzi
 9am John Bruder, Paul & Diane Shuttsa

Lector

5pm Peggy Kelly-Kulaga
 9am Dianne McGuire

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
 Iris Miltenburg

Children's Liturgy

May 14 Anna Jakeman, Patricia Ditner

Sign Ministry

May 15 Ray Denomme

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and all mother figures. May Jesus, the Son of Mary, be your Protector to give you strength and health and peace, so that you may be a refuge and haven for your family. May the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, shield you from all the powers of darkness and give you joy in being a mother to your children.

Welcome to Father Tim Uniac who will be our celebrant next weekend.

Rishi Persaud will be a Seminarian staying with us for his summer placement. Let us welcome him as he begins his time here at St. Teresa's.

Fr. Peter

READINGS FOR May 20/21

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11
 Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23
 Gospel Reading: Mt 28:16-20

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 7:30 pm **Confirmation Session** – Hall
 7:35 pm **Finance Meeting** – Library
WED 7:00 pm **R.C.I.A. Session** – Library
THU 7:00 pm **Funeral Choir Practice** – Church
SAT 4:00 pm **5 pm Choir Practice** - Church

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., May 15 Rev. Michael McHugh
 Tues., May 16 Rev. Msgr. Raymond Modeski
 Wed., May 17 Seminarians
 Thurs., May 18 Rev. Robert Sims
 Fri., May 19 Rev. Arthur Scidmore
 Sat., May 20 Rev. James Curtin

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For church movements and groups – We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Salmon, Peanut Butter and Condiments

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, May 16th** at 1 p.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.

There is **NO C.W.L. MEETING IN MAY** as we are preparing for our Afternoon Elegant Tea! Hope you all have your tickets! Our June meeting has been moved to **Monday, June 5th** and will be an outing to the Carmelites in St Agatha! We will be having **Mass at 4:30 p.m.** with Fr. Peter and dinner to follow at Swiss Chalet on Ira Needles Blvd. Please email h094.cwlssecretary@gmail.com (or call Barb at 519-497-3162) if you will be attending the Mass and dinner or if you need a ride.

GARDEN PARTY RAFFLE TICKETS – For this year's Garden Party to be held on Friday, September 15, 2023, we are in need of prizes with a value of at least \$100 or more. Prize donations may be dropped off at the church office by calling the church office at 519-669-3387 or emailing stteresaelmira@hamiltondiocese.com to **commit to supplying a prize**. The **deadline** to record all prizes is **Wednesday, May 17, 2023**. Thank you for your support.

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 23rd 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 23rd 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 Wednesday or Thursday morning to help with gardening at St. Teresa's? 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.

The next set of groups/workshops presented by Woolwich Counselling Centre are below. Please see the bulletin board for more information about each group/workshop.

• **GLAD TO BE ME** for ages 4 – 7, no cost, in-person workshop on **Thursday, May 25, 2023** from 4 – 5 p.m. Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or by emailing info@woolwichcounselling.org or drop by at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira for any of the above groups/workshops.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **May 19th** the trucks will be at **Elmira Pentecostal Assembly 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.

Calling all lady card players. Mark you calendars for **Wednesday, May 17th** from 12 noon until 4 p.m. Get a group together and join us at the Polish Legion, 601 Wellington St. N., Kitchener. Tickets will be remaining at \$25. Enjoy an **AFTERNOON OF CARDS**, draws and lots of prizes including a light lunch and refreshments. **ALL** proceeds go to support our local youth. For more information please contact Diane at 519-648-2432 or dstrickler@continuum.org.

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 and programs:
Birds Weekend Retreat - May 19-21
Directed Prayer Weekend - June 9-11
Finding Your Way: Weekend of Discernment - June 9-11
Teilhard de Chardin 8-Day Retreat - June 15-23
8-Day Directed Silent Retreat - June 15-23; July 19-27, August 1-9.
Register online at loyolahouse.com or contact registration@ignatiusguelph.ca or call 519- 824-1250 ext. 266.

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Join the **REEL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** on **May 25, 2023** from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for an exciting youth-led film screening featuring the **Laudato Si' Movement film *The Letter***. This documentary follows the journey of four individuals called by Pope Francis to lend their voices to the global conversation about the environmental crisis. Hailing from Senegal, the Amazon, India, and Hawaii, these four individuals bring perspective and solutions from the poor, the indigenous, the youth, and wildlife into an unprecedented dialogue. The screening and discussion will be hosted online. R.S.V.P. and view our full schedule of events at: reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/. A partnership between the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives and Development and Peace, the Reel Justice Film Festival shines a spotlight on issues of social, political, and economic injustice.

The **46TH ANNUAL KW RIGHT TO LIFE WALK FOR LIFE** is on **Saturday, May 28, 2023.** Gather at 9:30 a.m. with start time at 10 a.m. at St. Louis Church Hall, 53 Allen Street East, Waterloo. Walk to King St. and turn right to Erb St. Return to Waterloo Square for a break and then back to St. Louis Hall for pizza and draw prizes. All walkers under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. Every \$50 pledged receives a chance for a \$100 Gift Certificate. Call 519-746-5433 for pledge forms and walk information or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – As Christians, we can see how our Baptism makes a permanent change in us – we receive the Holy Spirit, we share in the Risen life of Jesus, and become children of God. At our Confirmation, we receive a strengthening of the gift of the Holy Spirit, and this strengthening empowers us and makes us ready to serve our purpose. What's yours? Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for May 6/7:	\$4,062.50
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$32,122.18

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