# St. Teresa of Avila

# Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer frpetermeyer@gmail.com

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

Office Administration: Donna Vollmer

Sacramental Preparation: Iris Miltenburg

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

#### **Mass Times**

Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 9:30am

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 Deana Pfanner Groves Debbie Yutzi Fr. Peter Meyer Ken Gallipeau Dan Lauzon

#### **Building & Finance Committee**

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith Maria Diemert Rick Weishar Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

Catholic Women's League Barb Vodicka

**Knights of Columbus** Frank McGuire

# 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** 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

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



May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter

# MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>

#### Tuesday, May 10, 7:05 pm +Vicky Rau; St. Teresa's Catholic Women's League Do not lose heart. Today's defeat is training for the final victory. – St. Josemaria Escriva Wednesday, May 11, 10:30 am – Barnswallow Place

+Gertrude Scherrer; John Baessler Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love. – St. Teresa of Calcutta

#### Thursday, May 12,

12:05 pm +John & Luwina Kraemer; Estate +Clements Martin; Rose & Rick Thoman The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the love of a mother. – St. Thérèse of Lisieux

#### Friday, May 13,

9:00 am Intentions of Fr. Arek Skwarek; Marcella & Judy Furlong

#### 9:30 - 11:30 pm Adoration

Mary our mother sustains us in moments of darkness, difficulty and apparent defeat. – Pope Francis

#### Saturday, May 14, 5:00 pm +Norma Hanley; Kay Bouzane +Colleen Weber; Elizabeth Schwarz

Sunday, May 15, Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:30 am Our Parish Community 11:15 am Intentions of our Communicants

#### **READINGS FOR May 14/15**

First Reading: Acts 14:21-27 Second Reading: Rv 21:1-5a Gospel Reading: Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

- TUE 7:30 pm Confirmation Session Hall
- WED 7:00 pm 9:30 am Choir Practice Church

THU 6:30 pm First Communion Session

SAT 4:00 pm 5:00 pm Choir Practice - Church

# LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

**FAITH-FILLED YOUNG PEOPLE -** We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest. May they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

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

Mon., May 9Rev. Philip Reilly, C.R.Tues., May 10Rev. Pawel JamrozWed., May 11Congregation of the Resurrection, C.R.Thurs., May 12Rev. George StortzFri., May 13Rev. Msgr. Earl TalbotSat., May 14Rev. Robert Hétu

# FOODBANK NEEDS

Apple Juice, Sugar and Salt

# MINISTRIES for May 14/15

Eucharistic Ministers 5pm Judy Furlong 9:30am Iris Miltenburg

#### Hospitality

5pmKieran & Geoff Kelly9:30amRon Stemmler, Ed & Carol Kieswetter

Lector5pmPeggy Kelly-Kulaga9:30amDianne McGuire

**Commentator** Marianne Kieswetter Lisa Denomme

# Sign Ministry

May 9 John Bruder

My Dear Parishioners,

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. 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.

Please come and join us for an important meeting on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. on the St. Teresa's/St. Boniface joining together under my leadership.

Please pray for our young parishioners in Grade 2 who are preparing for their First Communion on May 15th. Please also pray for those in Grade 7 preparing for their Confirmation on May 18th. These young people are special members of our community. They are undertaking special preparation for these sacraments of initiation. Fr. Peter

# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS - The

Fourth Sunday of Easter, Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God's call and to pray for vocations. Christ, the Good Shepherd, continues to lead his people through His Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and calls many to follow Him in this way. Priestly, diaconal, and religious vocations should be a constant concern in the hearts of God's people.

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Mark Zachariah Morales**, son of David and Jeanette. We pray that God will help him to grow in holiness and wisdom.

The Knights of Columbus "**ROSES FOR LIFE**" **CAMPAIGN** is **on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, May 8th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** The new residesigned Rose Lapel has a red and white rose. The red rose signifies our opposition to abortion while the white rose is a symbol opposing euthanasia. Please pick up a "Rose Lapel" and make a donation to support pro-life organizations.

**ROSARY WALK** – The St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Women's League invites you to pray the Rosary with them on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m., outside at the Rosary Path. May is the month of Mary, so in May we encourage everyone to turn to Mary in a special way, ask her to intercede with God for your greatest needs, and thank her for saying Yes to God. Our communal praying of the Rosary on May 17<sup>th</sup> using our outdoor Rosary Path is a way to join those prayers together. We will offer our Rosary that day for the intentions of Pope Francis, and for all our private intentions that we carry in our hearts. Please gather with us around the path at 6:15 p.m., you are welcome to bring a lawn chair if you wish to sit, some chairs will be provided for those who need them. For more information contact Alice at alice\_soeder@hotmail.com or 519-669-1859.

**INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND** – A collection will take place in parishes next week. The Diocese of Hamilton has committed \$4 million to the Canada-wide \$30 million pledge toward healing and reconciliation initiatives. The donation you may want to give will be over and above the amount committed by the Diocese. Special envelopes are inserted in the bulletin this weekend, with the collection taking place on May 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. Cheques can be made out to St. Teresa's Church and will be added to your year-end receipt. Thank you for being part of this important step towards building relationships, healing, and reconciliation.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from May 6<sup>th</sup> to October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **May 13<sup>th</sup>** the trucks will be at **Elmira Mennonite Church**. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out the Heavenly Eats Faceboook Page (www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks) each week to see which church they are at.

St. Teresa of Avila Church is proud to participate in the **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**, in support of Marillac Place. Marillac Place relies heavily on the donations from our community to support mother-led families in need of assistance. Due to ongoing social distancing restrictions, we will not be delivering baby bottles this year. Please provide your support through our virtual campaign by donating online or sending a cheque directly to Marillac Place. You can donate online at

www.marillacplace.ca/donate/. Thank you so much for your support. All proceeds from the campaign will directly support the operations of Marillac Place to help us make an immediate impact on residents.

**BUS TO NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE OTTAWA - May** 

**12, 2022.** Join the National March for Life in Ottawa with thousands of other pro-life Canadians! A bus will be departing the Walmart Supercentre in Cambridge at 5 a.m., with a stop at the Basilica of Our Lady parking lot in Guelph at 5:30 a.m. Tickets are \$40 each and must be purchased in advance. For tickets, contact Guelph & Area Right to Life. 519-836-6311, info@guelphforlife.com

**BUS TO MARCH FOR LIFE TORONTO – May 13, 2022** KW Right to Life will travel by bus to Toronto to participate in the March for Life. Plan to participate. Reserve a bus seat now by calling 519-746-5433 or email jane@kwrtl.ca.

Save the Dates! **FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH WEBINAR SERIES** on **MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**, **MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> AND JUNE 1<sup>ST</sup>** from 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EST. Session 1 on May 18<sup>th</sup> is on **Communion: Journeying Together.** The keynote speaker is Moira McQueen, Director, Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute and the Commentor is David Dayler, Parish Lay Minister at St. Ann Parish, Hamilton Diocese. For more info contact m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca and a registration link will be sent to you. This is sponsored by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Office for Evangelizaton and Catechesis.

AGING WITH WISDOM AND GRACE is the fifth talk for the Hamilton Diocesan Speaker Series. Using her own experiences and the wisdom of her contemporaries, Dr. Elizabeth Bookser Barkley will explore some of the physical, emotional and psychological issues we face as we age. The presentation will be interactive, challenging participants to reflect on their own aging journey. Pope Francis has repeatedly spoken of the importance of the elderly in our society, so join us to embrace this important stage of every person's life. Dr. Bookser Barkley, Ph.D., is a professor of English at Mount St. Joseph University in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is the author of four books, including Life After Death: Practical Help for the Widowed, and numerous other feature articles. She is married, the mother of three daughters and the grandmother of seven. Join us Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Check the Diocesan website at https://amorislaetitia.hamiltondiocese.com/ for more information on the series and to register. For more info contact Teresa Hartnett at thartnett@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

Join the **REEL FOR JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL** on **May 26**, **2022** from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for the screening of **He Named Me Malala**, a documentary providing an intimate portrait of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Malala Yousafzai, who was targeted by the Taliban and severely wounded by gunfire as a 15-year-old. She miraculously survived and is now a leading campaigner for girls' education globally as cofounder of the Malala Fund. The Reel Justice Film Festival is a partnership between Development & Peace and the Bishop Farrell Library & Archives. Visit us online at https://reeljusticefilmfestival.wordpress.com/ to register!

The **KW RIGHT TO LIFE WALK FOR LIFE** is on **May 28**, **2022**. Registration is at 10 a.m. at the Right to Life Office, 215 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener. There is street parking. Follow along Lancaster Street West to Tim Horton's for a rest. Then 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 jane@kwrtl.ca.

**GRIEF RELIEF** - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Are you looking for relief from the feelings associated with the loss of this loved one? You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton will be offering a four-week online grief program on Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30 p.m. on May 17, 24 & 31, and June 7, 14 & 21, 2022. Find out more on the Diocesan website and register to receive the zoom link at https://hamiltondiocese.com/offices/family-ministry/griefsupport, or call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT	
Offertory collection for April 30/May 1:	\$3,302.25
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$76,571.51
Thank you!	



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