

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

October 1, 2023
Twenty-Sixth Sunday
of Ordinary Time

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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
Fr. Peter Meyer
Ken Gallipeau

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.

St. Teresa of Avila School

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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. ✠

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 2ND

<p>Tuesday, October 3, 7:05 pm +Xaver Mettler; Ruth Mettler +Laura Logel; The Family <i>Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of his goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love. – St. Paul of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, October 4, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Remember that when you leave this earth you can take with you nothing that you have received... but only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice and courage. – St. Francis of Assisi</i></p>
<p>Thursday, October 5, 12:05 pm +Joe Walter; Bill Walter +Joan Simone; Emmeline Runstedler & John DeWildt <i>There is nothing impossible for God. – St. Rita of Cascia</i></p>
<p>Friday, October 6, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>If it is true that human life is in the hands of God, it is no less true that these are loving hands, like those of a mother who accepts, nurtures and takes care of her child. – St. John Paul II</i></p>
<p>Saturday, October 7, 5:00 pm +Vince & Marie Kraemer; Nancy Kamberidis +John & Florence Downey & Siblings; Kay Bouzane</p>
<p>Sunday, October 8, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR October 7/8

First Reading: Is 5:1-7
 Second Reading: Phil 4:6-9
 Gospel Reading: Mt 21:33-43

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., October 2	Rev. Toby Collins, C.R.
Tues., October 3	Rev. Joseph de Viveiros, C.R.
Wed., October 4	Felician Franciscan Sisters
Thurs., October 5	Rev. Robert Love
Fri., October 6	Rev. Marian Gil, O.M.I.
Sat., October 7	Rev. Zygmunt Baranowski Our Lady of the Rosary

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

THU 7:00 pm **R.C.I.A. Session** – Library

MINISTRIES for October 7/8

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Judy Furlong, Kieran Kelly
 9am Pat Ditner, Dianne McGuire, Ron Stemmler

Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marianne Kieswetter
 9am John Bruder, Rick & Leona Weishar

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
 9am Mike Noel

Commentator

Lisa Denomme
 Joan Couto

Sign Ministry

Oct 2 Jim McInnis

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For the Synod – We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Ham/Chicken/Turkey, Canned Salmon/Tuna and Peanut Butter

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I would like to invite you to consider joining our Parish Pastoral Council. I and the parish would really appreciate your consideration as new members are needed. Please contact Donna in the Parish Office or me personally if you are interested.

I and the Finance Council need your feedback. How do you feel about the new LED lighting, e.g. it is bright enough in certain areas. Any feedback would be very much appreciated.

Please check out the books in the hallway. A small donation is appreciated.

Join Christians around the world as we pray and take action to care more deeply for Our Common Home as we celebrate the Season of Creation. In Laudato Si' we read that, "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience." (LS, 217). Being a Christian in the 21st century carries with it a commitment to care for our common home.

This weekend we welcome Sr. Suni from the Daughters of Sacred Heart who will speak for the Mission Appeal for the Daughters of the Sacred Heart.

Fr. Peter

BAPTISMS – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Stefan Ryan Pankretic**, son of Luka and Erin, **Wren Thadeus Kirkey**, son of Dezarae, **Hannah Elizabeth Scace**, daughter of Josh and Gillian, and **Beckham Angelo Bairos**, son of Kyle and Chantal. *We pray that God will help these children to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION - FIRST

RECONCILIATION - We are beginning our preparation for this very important Sacrament. If your child does not attend St. Teresa of Avila School, please call the Church office to obtain more information.

There will be a Parent Meeting on **Tuesday, October 10th following the 7:05 p.m. Mass.** The meeting will take place in the Church. This will be when we share information with the parents regarding First Reconciliation preparation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is looking for **TEACHERS**. Your time commitment is one Sunday a month during Mass (approximately 20 minutes). If you are interested please email anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca. All materials are prepared for you. It's a wonderful way to give back to the church community and help grow our congregation.

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Our **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE** is from **Saturday, September 30th until Wednesday, October 11th**. Please see the Top Items Needed sheet on the bulletin board for ideas. We can have a significant impact on our area in an effort to make it hunger-free. Please consider once again donating to our Thanksgiving Day Food Drive.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE – From **September 27th to November 5th, 2023** 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, 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 Ewelina at 40DaysKW@gmail.com or calling 519-904-2620. 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.

MASS IN HONOUR OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. THERESE (1873-2023) will be celebrated on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023** at the Carmelite Monastery in St. Agatha. Eucharistic Adoration is at 6:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 7:00 p.m. Please email the Sisters if you plan to attend at saintagatha@thecarmel.ca or phone 519-884-6700.

UNTANGLING ANXIETY: LEANING INTO COMMUNITY SUPPORT, Mental Health Series (in-person and zoom) on **Thursday, October 5th** from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Facilitated by Tariq Abdulhadi, Health Promoter, WCHC. To register email/call Tariq at tabdulhadi@wchc.on.ca or 519-664-3794 or visit www.wchc.on.ca and click on the Register Online tab. Understand what anxiety really is, and more importantly, where you can find support right in your own community. You'll learn about the many resources available, and how to tap into them for managing stress and worry. Come join us to unmask anxiety and discover how your community can be a powerful ally in your journey to calm.

DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS – The Diocesan Marian Days continue on the first Saturday of the month with the next scheduled date as **Saturday, October 7th** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph with Cardinal Thomas Collins. The day starts with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Holy Mass at 10:00 and a Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. Guided Tours of the Basilica are available during lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis start at 1:00 p.m. followed by the closing Benediction at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to join! Bring a lunch. Contact the Basilica for more info at (519) 824-3951.

TAMING TENSIONS: UNRAVELLING THE ANXIETY AND STRESS CYCLE – Mental Health Series (in-person and zoom) on **Thursday, October 12th** from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Facilitated by Jannah Tudiver, Psychotherapist, WCHC. To register email/call Tariq at tabdulhadi@wchc.on.ca or 519-664-3794 or visit www.wchc.on.ca and click on the Register Online tab. Join us in exploring not only the 'why', but the 'how' as well. We will help you understand why stress and worry happen and teach you simple, everyday techniques to stay calm and relaxed. You'll learn how to break the cycle of stress and the importance of using relaxation methods that work for you. Come learn how to replace worry with calm in your daily life.

Join Trinity United Church for a **CONCERT, DESSERT AND SILENT AUCTION** on **Sunday, October 15, 2023** at Floradale Mennonite Church, 22 Florapine Rd. This event begins with Dessert and the Silent Auction at 2 p.m. with the Concert at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00 per person which includes dessert, beverage and the concert, and is to raise funds for Trinity United Church and Woolwich Community Services. It features the musical talents of Sam Domzella, Tony Domzella and Natalia Sawyer. Contact Trinity United Church office at 519-669-5560 or email office@trinityunitedelmira.ca for tickets or more information. Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and music.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Sometimes we can feel pressured to make decisions, and if the decisions involve God, the pressure can seem completely overwhelming. But the truth is – God really does give us a choice. And God even gives us the freedom to say No. The real question is – what is it that we are really choosing by our Yes or No? Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – “The invitation to serve often comes more than once; are you prepared with your answer? Consider ministry as a priest, deacon, religious or consecrated virgin. Are you being invited? Contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

Are you a man 18 years of age or older who is a practicing Catholic and interested in helping those in need, serving our parish and growing in our faith? Then consider joining our Knights of Columbus council. Become part of the largest Catholic fraternity in the world, supported by a true brotherhood built on shared values and a shared desire to be the man God has called us to be. Please email us at:



gk8192@ontariokofc.ca and help put faith in action.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for September 23/24:	\$4,612.00
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$37,470.99

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