

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

**October 22, 2023**  
**Twenty-Ninth Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer

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**Deacon:** Rev. Mr. Basil Markides

**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer

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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

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
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Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

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Barb 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. ✠

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASSES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup>**

**Tuesday, October 24,**

**6:00 pm** First Reconciliation Session

**7:05 pm**

**+Gerri Rose Straus-Moser; Marie Snelling**

**+Teresa Day; Marian & Kristina Kasza**

*Choose now what you would wish to have chosen at life's end. – St. Anthony Mary Claret*

**Wednesday, October 25, 9:00 am – Maryhill**

*Remember the sufferings of Christ and the crown that came from those sufferings which gave new radiance to the faith.*

*The whole company of saints bears witness to the un failing truth that without real effort no one wins the crown. – St. Thomas Becket*

**Thursday, October 26, 12:05 pm**

**Intentions of Gord & Verna Walz; John & Linda Bruder**

**+Olive Mercante; Judy Furlong**

*Do you suppose that because we cannot hear God that God is silent? God speaks clearly to the heart when we beg God from our hearts to do so. – St. Teresa of Avila*

**Friday, October 27, 9:00 am – Maryhill**

*It is no little wisdom for you to keep yourself in silence and in good peace when evil words are spoken to you, and to turn your heart to God and not to be troubled with the judgment of others. – Thomas à Kempis*

**Saturday, October 28, 5:00 pm**

**+Ben & Rita Lorbetski; The Family**

**+Rita Graff; Allan, Jane, Jeanne & Steve**

**Sunday, October 29, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:00 am Our Parish Community**

**After Mass Coffee Sunday**

**11:00 am Maryhill**

**READINGS FOR October 28/29**

First Reading: Ex 22:20-26

Second Reading: 1 Thes 1:5c-10

Gospel Reading: Mt 22:34-40

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., October 23	Rev. Michael Anderson
Tues., October 24	Rev. Robert Kavelj, O.F.M.
Wed., October 25	Consecrated Virgins
Thurs., October 26	Rev. Stipe Rotim, O.F.M.
Fri., October 27	Fr. Ljubo Branimir Leb, O.F.M.
Sat., October 28	Rev. Ilija Petkovic

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>TUE</b>	6:00 pm	<b>First Reconciliation Session</b> - Hall
	7:35 pm	<b>Pastoral Council Meeting</b> – Library
<b>THU</b>	7:00 pm	<b>R.C.I.A. Session</b> – Library
<b>SUN</b>	After Mass	<b>Coffee Sunday</b> – Hall

**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

**MINISTRIES for October 28/29**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

5pm Steve & Patsy Pond

9am Ken Gallipeau, Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme

**Hospitality**

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly

9am Pat & Linus Ditner, Anne Hanley

**Lector**

5pm Connie Kaster

9am Iris Miltenburg

**Commentator**

Marianne Kieswetter

Mike Noel

**Children's Liturgy**

Oct 29 Sarah Riemer and Sandi Hutchinson

**Sign Ministry**

Oct 23 Kieran Kelly

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

I believe we really celebrated our Feast Day of St. Teresa very well last weekend. The reception was very well attended. Thank you all for being part of this celebration weekend.

Let us ask St. Teresa and all of us to pray for the Synod in Rome that the Holy Spirit will guide our church. May they have open hearts and open minds.

Fr. Peter

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Sawyer Marie Way**, daughter of Corey and Melissa. *We pray that God will help her to grow in holiness and wisdom.*

**THANK YOU** to Betty Ertel who monitors and takes care of all our plants in the church. She is our helper to Tracy Kroetsch's wonderful decorating ability.

**SAVE THE DATE!** St. Teresa's Christmas Dinner returns to the hall on **Saturday, December 2nd**. Cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Delicious turkey dinner with all the fixings along with wine and beer available. More details coming soon!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** is every Sunday at 9 a.m. They are still looking for volunteers to help with this program. If you are available to volunteer 20 minutes during Mass each month please email [anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca](mailto:anna.gallipeaujakeman@wcdsb.ca).

**C.W.L. Ladies - It's time to renew your membership!**

Membership fees remain the same at \$40 and can be dropped off at the office, placed in the collection or you can e-transfer to [stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com](mailto:stteresaelmirafund@gmail.com) indicating "For C.W.L. Membership". If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka at 519-497-3162 or email [h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com](mailto:h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com).

**C.W.L. News** – November's General meeting is **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** at 7:35 p.m. We will be voting on our charitable donations and need a quorum present.

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Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on **Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** here at **St. Teresa Church**. This is the last Food Truck Friday for this year.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – From **September 27<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023** we invite you to join together in 40 consecutive days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. 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. You can sign up for prayer hours online at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener) or by emailing Ewelina at [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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.

- **MANAGING CAREGIVER FATIGUE**, adult workshop, no cost virtual workshop on **Wednesday, October 25, 2023** from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **GRIEF GROUP FOR SENIORS**, no cost, in-person sessions on **Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and December 6, 2023** from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**, adult session, no cost, in-person sessions on **Thursdays, November 2, December 2, 2023, January 4, February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6, 2024** from 1 – 2 p.m.
- **EMPOWERING THE GIRL IN ME**, ages 10-12, in-person group on **Thursdays, November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023** from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Learn more and register by calling 519-669-8651 or by emailing [info@woolwichcounselling.org](mailto:info@woolwichcounselling.org) or drop by at 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira for any of the above groups/workshops.

See the Mental Health Series (in-person and zoom) below: **FOOD FOR MOOD: MASTERING MOOD & FOOD FOR ANXIETY RELIEF**, on **Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Facilitated by Natalee Miller, Registered Dietitian. To register email/call Tariq at [tabdulhadi@wchc.on.ca](mailto:tabdulhadi@wchc.on.ca) or 519-664-3794 ext. 222 or visit the website at [www.wchc.on.ca](http://www.wchc.on.ca) and click on the Register Online tab.

Gale Presbyterian Church presents **PHANTOM OF THE OPERA**, a 1925 silent movie, on **Friday, October 27, 2023** with background music created live by Ian Sadler, a renowned concert organist. Dinner and Entertainment are \$40 per person with dinner served at 5:30 p.m. There is limited dinner seating. For entertainment only it is \$25 per person. For tickets contact Rick McFadden at 548-255-5230 (cell) or [rich.mcfadden@myyahoo.com](mailto:rich.mcfadden@myyahoo.com). Tickets must be purchased in advance. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the show at 7:15 p.m. This is a fundraiser for "Gale Outreach".

It's again that time of year when we think of the **Woolwich Community Services ("WCS") Christmas Goodwill Hampers**. The need is always great. Please note there will be **NO DOOR-TO-DOOR FOOD DRIVE**.

Funds are needed to replace the food that would otherwise be put in the Goodwill Hampers. **WCS** will be replacing the food with Gift Cards for Foodland and Food Basics. Set out below is a brief summary of how this fundraising will be accomplished.

1. Area Service Clubs are joining together to offer you an opportunity to donate (either cash or by cheque) at certain businesses in Woolwich Township on **Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023**.
2. As an alternative at any time before December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023:
  - A. donations of cash, cheques or gift cards for **Foodland** or **Food Basics** will be accepted at **WCS'** office located at 5 Memorial Ave, Elmira; or
  - B. online donations may be made at

**woolwichcommunityservices.org/** or by using the **QR Code** below for **WCS**. To donate please use the dropdown under **FUND** as **Christmas Goodwill (Food)**.



**MARRIAGE TIP** – There are many strategies we use to support our partners when they are under stress, but researcher Sarah Walker of the University of Sydney and her team found that two seem to have the most impact. Receptive listening, allowing your spouse to share details about the situation without having you providing judgment or advice, and telling your spouse how much they matter to you, called valuing, are the two that provide the most benefit to your partner. Try these proven techniques and you will find a receptive and happier husband/wife in your life! From Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

**RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE** – You belong to the one whose image you bear. Sometimes we can fall into thinking that my vocation, what God is perhaps calling me to, is something other than who I am. But nothing could be further from the truth. We belong to God, and it is only by giving to God the things that are God's, that we truly become who we are. Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca).

**VOCATION SEEDS** – How has Jesus touched you and made you whole? Ask Him how He would like you to respond. Could Jesus be calling you to follow Him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, or consecrated virgin? If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com).

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

<b>Offertory collection for October 14/15:</b>	<b>\$3,668.90</b>
<b>Building &amp; Maintenance Fund Balance:</b>	<b>\$38,517.99</b>
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