

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

October 4, 2020

Twenty-Seventh  
Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

**Pastor:** Rev. Peter Meyer

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**Deacon:** Mr. Basil Markides

**Office Administration:** Donna Vollmer

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**Office Hours:**

Monday to Thursday 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  
Fr. Peter Meyer  
Ken Gallipeau  
Leona Weishar  
Lisa Denomme

#### Building & Finance Committee

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith  
Jason Adams Kris Kauk  
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar  
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#### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

#### Knights of Columbus

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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  
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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



Please remember our benefactors and those who have left bequests in your prayers.



## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### MASSES FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

**Tuesday, October 6, 7:05 p.m.**

**+Special Intention;** James Ready & Deirdre Ward

*While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart. – St. Francis of Assisi*

**Wednesday, October 7, 9:00 a.m.**

**+Beatrice Walter;** Estate

*The Holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results. – St. Josemaria Escriva*

**Thursday, October 8, 12:05 p.m.**

**+John Schill;** Estate

*Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset. If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to him quietly and simply. – St. Francis de Sales*

**Friday, October 9, 9:00 a.m.**

**+Lucy Bertin;** Vincent Kraemer Family

*From humility of heart proceed serenity of mind, gentleness of conduct, interior peace and every good. – St. Paul of the Cross*

**Saturday, October 10, 5:00 p.m.**

**+For all who died throughout the Diocese of Hamilton during the shutdown – whether from the Covid-19 virus or any other cause**

**Sunday, October 11,**

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**9:30 a.m. Our Parish Community**

### READINGS FOR October 10/11

First Reading: Is 25:6-10a

Second Reading: Phil 4:12-14

Gospel Reading: Mt 22:1-14

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

**FRI 4:30pm-7:00pm Food Trucks**

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., October 5	Rev. Claude Perera, O.M.I.
Tues., October 6	Rev. David Reitzel
Wed., October 7	Salesians of St. Don Bosco, S.D.B.
Thurs., October 8	Rev. Patras Samuel Masih
Fri., October 9	Rev. David Reilander
Sat., October 10	Rev. Tom Moisan

### MINISTRIES for October 10/11

#### Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi, Marilyn Hurlburt  
9:30am Adrian Miltenburg, Ray Denomme, Sharon Both

#### Lectors

5pm Kevin Dupuis  
9:30am Dianne McGuire

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

The Laity's Mission in the Church – We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

### FOODBANK NEEDS

Apple Juice, Mayonnaise and Ketchup

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our parish this past week celebrated the second First Communion. Please continue to pray for these families.

We also have been able to resume our Baptisms this past week. It is a joy that we are able to again baptize our future leaders in the Catholic faith. May God watch over these families.

If you or a family member would like the Anointing of the Sick or a pastoral visit or call, Fr. Peter would be glad to assist. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment.

The Parish Office is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday. You will have to fill out a visitor's log when you enter through the church doors. For appointments with Fr. Peter or the Parish Office please contact the office.

Father Peter

Dear Parishioners,

In these times of Covid-19 a few people have asked about virtual programs to help with spiritual growth and of course, community connections. I think this is a great idea and in time, can develop into spiritual studies and programs. I think the best way to start is to establish a list of people who would be interested. This will begin if there is only one participant. The Rosary should only last about 30 minutes max.

If you would like to join, please email me at [bmardides@rogers.com](mailto:bmardides@rogers.com) and I can connect with you. I will need your email address when I send out the zoom link. In your email please state what is the best day and time that you think the virtual rosary should take place (i.e. morning... afternoon or in the evening). When I have received some ideas, I can set up the actual time it will take place, taking your preferences into account.

Please don't be concerned about zooming I will lead you through the process. Zoom is totally free and can be run on a computer or your cell phone and is safe and relatively easy to use.

If you are interested please send me an email, with your ideas and concerns.

Yours in Christ.  
Deacon Basil

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Emma Louise Martin**, daughter of Christopher and Katie. We pray that God will help her to grow in holiness and wisdom.

**ADORATION** will commence again on **Fridays beginning October 9<sup>th</sup>** from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. If you are available on a weekly basis and would like to be put on our list or if you are able to be a spare please contact the Parish Office (519-669-3387) to have your name added.

Our **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE** is from **Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

**FEAST OF ST. TERESA OF AVILA MASS** – To celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, St. Teresa of Avila, we invite you to a **special Mass on Thursday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.** St Teresa was a Carmelite nun, and in fact we have a Carmelite Monastery nearby, the Carmel of St. Joseph Monastery in St. Agatha. In the Fall our CWL ladies usually visit the Carmel to join the Sisters for Mass in their Chapel, to purchase items from their display room and make donations to the nuns. Unfortunately this year we are unable to join the Sisters in their tiny Chapel, so instead we invite everyone in the parish to pray for the Sisters in our own church on the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila. If you would like to make a non-perishable donation to the Sisters you can bring it to our church and Barb Vodicka will deliver our donations to them. The Sisters especially need canned soup (vegetable, not meat), fresh or canned fruit, pasta, cleaning products and supplies, dish or clothing detergent, paper products (1 ply please). Thank you for helping us celebrate our patron saint in this small way, through prayer and supporting her fellow Sisters.

**ONE HEART, ONE SOUL – The Diocesan Campaign is going to begin on October 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup>. It will be explained to all of you on that kick-off weekend.**

St. Teresa of Avila Parish is so grateful for parishioners who are working on preparations for the *One Heart, One Soul* Campaign, which kicks off here in two weeks. With their help and yours, we believe the campaign will strengthen our parish in important ways and help build a culture of stewardship.

**What changes are being made to the campaign process because of the current situation?** The options for parish projects that utilize campaign funds are even wider now and can include efforts to stabilize operating budgets. Pastors and parish leaders are encouraged to further review request amounts and their use to be sensitive to parishioners' changing situations. Also, options have been expanded on how and whether personal visits are conducted. Face-to-face meetings have been an important piece of the campaign, but safety is paramount, and a number of alternatives, such as phone calls, will be utilized so that every parishioner's situation is handled safely, sensitively and appropriately.

**Won't giving now make it harder for a lot of parishioners?** The campaign is founded on stewardship, our belief that we give back in gratitude a portion of what we've been given by God. Stewardship isn't just for the good times in life, when we can give easily; it's for all times, including the bad. We may adjust how much we give, or to whom we give, but we continue to give – in gratitude for and in proportion to what we've been given. A truly sacrificial gift demonstrates our trust that God will provide what we need, though not necessarily what we want. Stewardship isn't what KEEPS us from getting through the tough parts of life; it's what HELPS us get through them.

**C.W.L. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** Ladies age 16 and up - join or renew your membership for only \$25. Please include cash or a cheque made out to St. Teresa of Avila C.W.L. along with your name, address, phone number and email address in an envelope marked C.W.L. (or use the

envelope in your offering box) and return this to the church office or drop it in the collection basket. If you have any questions about the league please reach out to Barb Vodicka CWL President St Teresa of Avila, Elmira by telephone at 519-497-3162 or by email at [barbvodicka@gmail.com](mailto:barbvodicka@gmail.com).

**NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK**

From October 4 to 10, we celebrate National Catholic Health Care Week across Canada. The Week recognizes the inspiring work of Catholic health care organizations in our province and across Canada. At the heart of Catholic health care is a deep respect for the intrinsic value and dignity of every human being and an unwavering commitment to serving all people, from all backgrounds and faiths—especially society's most vulnerable. This year the COVID-19 pandemic transformed our health care landscape and society. In Canada, the pandemic has shone a public light on many important social and ethical issues calling us all to reflect on the importance of human connection, quality of life, and the meaning of wellbeing—body, mind and spirit. The pandemic has also highlighted the timeless relevance of Catholic social teaching and our collective role in building a Canadian society that reaches out to every person who is suffering from illness, stigma, poverty, or loneliness. During National Catholic Health Care Week, we give thanks for the courageous gift of Catholic health care during these challenging times—in hospitals, community health centers, or seniors care homes. The pandemic calls us all to live the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Holding all those impacted by COVID-19 in our hearts, we ask God to bless the work of Catholic health care and we offer our prayers, support, and encouragement for the people of our Catholic health organizations who care for all in need with compassion and courage. For more information about Catholic health care in Canada or the week, please visit the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada website at [www.chac.ca](http://www.chac.ca).

**HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS HAVE EXTENDED THEIR DATE – THEY WILL BE AT ST. TERESA'S Every Friday until October 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. See Heavenly Eats Facebook page for a list of trucks at each church. This will be for take-out only and social distancing practised for placing and picking up orders.

The **40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2020 CAMPAIGN** has started. If you are able to help please sign up. The campaign runs from **Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** across from Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, on the grass, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Please email us at [40DaysKW@gmail.com](mailto:40DaysKW@gmail.com) to sign up for a weekly hour or go directly to our website at [www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener](http://www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener).

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

<b>Offertory collection for September 26/27:</b>	<b>\$4,528.75</b>
<b>Weekly parish operating expenses:</b>	<b>\$4,724.64</b>
<b>Total to Date Building Maintenance Project:</b>	<b>\$110,774.25</b>

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