

# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

**October 8, 2023**  
**Twenty-Seventh 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  
**Sacramental Preparation:** Iris Miltenburg  
**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  
Maria Diemert Rick Weishar  
Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

#### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

#### Knights of Columbus

Todd Cowan  
gk8192@ontariokofc.ca

#### 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-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

<b>Tuesday, October 10, 7:05 pm</b> <b>+Anthony Baldasaro;</b> Wes & Theresa Grosz & Family <b>Intentions of Gord &amp; Verna Walz;</b> Adrian & Iris Miltenburg <i>May the God of love and peace set your hearts at rest and speed you on your journey. – St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>
<b>Wed., October 11, 10:00 am – Maryhill – School Mass</b> <i>Every one of us has been called by the Lord. The important thing is to know how to answer his call. – St. John XXIII</i>
<b>Thursday, October 12, 12:05 pm</b> <b>+Mary Hill;</b> Dianne Eagle <b>+Elaine Forler;</b> Marcella & Judy Furlong <i>Be wise, my soul, and trust in God alone; cling to God and cast your cares on God alone. – St. Robert Bellarmine</i>
<b>Friday, October 13, 9:00 am – Maryhill</b> <i>Be joyful through hope and trust in God's promises. – St. Paulinus of Nola</i>
<b>Saturday, October 14, 5:00 pm</b> <b>Intentions of Armand Bertin;</b> Kay Bouzane <b>Intentions of Dennis Walter;</b> The Walter Family
<b>Sunday, October 15,</b> <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill

<b>Lector</b>	5pm Tom O'Marra	<b>Commentator</b>
	9am Jim Goll	Kevin Dupuis
		Linda Bruder

**Sign Ministry**  
 Oct 10 Ray Denomme

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Next weekend we celebrate our Parish Feast Day. We will have special readings and a reception to celebrate St. Teresa. Come and join us!

If you can, please be generous to our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Please pray for our R.C.I.A. candidates. If you are thinking about becoming Catholic, you can still join our sessions. They are on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

On Thanksgiving Day, we bow our hearts to You in prayer. We give You thanks for all You have done, mostly for the gift of Jesus Christ, Your Son. For beauty in nature, in which we see Your Glory, for joy and health, friends, and family.

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.

Fr. Peter

### READINGS FOR October 14/15

First Reading: Is 25:6-10a  
 Second Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20  
 Gospel Reading: Mt 22:1-14

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., October 9	Rev. Timothy Higgins
Tues., October 10	Rev. Christopher Tracey
Wed., October 11	Chaplains
Thurs., October 12	Rev. Brendan McGrath
Fri., October 13	Rev. Jason Kuntz
Sat., October 14	Rev. Grayson Hope

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

<b>TUE</b>	7:35 pm	<b>First Reconciliation Parent Meeting</b>
<b>THU</b>	7:00 pm	<b>R.C.I.A. Session – Library</b>

### 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 14/15

#### Eucharistic Ministers

5pm	Deacon Basil Markides, Phil Milan
9am	Deacon Basil Markides, Cheryl Dunn, Iris Miltenburg

#### Hospitality

5pm	Greg and Sue Goetz
9am	Paul Shutsa & Diane Smith, Adrian Miltenburg

### 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 indicating "For C.W.L. Membership".

Not a member? This is a personal invitation for all women of our parish ages 16 and up to join us!

Five Top Reasons to Belong to the C.W.L.:

1. We pray for one another as part of a sisterhood.
2. We are Catholic women of faith and action.
3. We care for the less fortunate through charitable works.
4. We support our parish.
5. We are a powerful force of Catholic women across Canada lobbying the government for social justice.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vodicka 519-497-3162 or h094.cwlpresident@gmail.com.

### C.W.L. News

- There will be no General Meeting in October, only an Executive Meeting.

- This is an election year! Nomination forms will be sent out to all members in late October. Please consider joining our Executive! Elections will be held at our January meeting (**Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:35 p.m.**).

Please plan on attending and voting for the nominees. We need a quorum to be present that night.

- November's General Meeting is **Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:35 p.m.** We will be voting on our charitable donations and need a quorum present.

- Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>** for Mass at **6:00 p.m.** followed by our Potluck. All ladies of the parish are welcome to come and join us!

**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 10<sup>th</sup> following the 7:05 p.m. Mass.** The meeting will take place in the Church. This will be when we share information for the parents regarding First Reconciliation preparation.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on **Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>** here at **St. Teresa's Church.** Check out to see what trucks are here at [www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks](http://www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks).

**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](mailto: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.

Our **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FOOD DRIVE** is from **Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday, October 11<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.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – From **September 27<sup>th</sup> to November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023** we invite you to participate 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. 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](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 Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering a **FREE VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS** on **Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register, call 519-669-5139 or email Lisa at [lisam.wcs@gmail.com](mailto:lisam.wcs@gmail.com). If you are registered with our food programs, you are eligible for a meal kit with all the needed items. Join us for a ZOOM cooking class with Lisa and learn new, healthy recipes to prepare for your loved ones.

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](mailto:office@trinityunitedelmira.ca) for tickets or more information. Come enjoy an afternoon of fellowship and music.

**MIND MAPPING: NAVIGATING ANXIETY AVOIDANCE THROUGH THOUGHT LOGS**, Mental Health Series (in-person and zoom) on **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Facilitated by Penny Bedford, MSW, R.S.W. 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. Learn to recognize when you're avoiding things that make you anxious and use the power of writing to explore your thoughts. By keeping a simple journal, you'll uncover patterns and learn new ways to cope. It's like having a diary that helps you feel less stressed. Join us to make your anxiety something you can manage, not avoid!

**FILL MY CUP WORKSHOP**, a retreat day at Gale Presbyterian Church on **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sign in begins at 9 a.m. Cost is \$25 per person (Grade 9 and older) and includes snack, light lunch, workshop materials and pinch pot material. The guest speaker is Gwen Ament. **Register by Wed., October 18<sup>th</sup>** by emailing [melanie.dow@galepresbyterian.ca](mailto:melanie.dow@galepresbyterian.ca) or calling the church at 519-669-2852. This is a retreat day for women exploring how, as vessels created by God, we 'fill our cup'. We'll share, sing, craft, reflect and engage in worship together all centered around scripture.

**MEN'S DISCERNMENT GROUP** – If you would like to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic priest, please join Father Mark Morley, and other men who are discerning their vocation, by attending our diocesan Men's Discernment Group. Our first meeting for the Fall is on **Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 80 University Ave W, Waterloo. We will gather in the hall. Please use the side doors at the front of the church. If you would like to attend, or have any questions, please contact me: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

**RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE** – But just like a real vineyard, these things do not just happen on their own. A whole team of people has to work to get the right balance through training, pruning, and thinning the vines, to get the maximum yield. What is your place on this team? What do you think is most needed in the Church, in the vineyard of the Lord? Read more at [www.resurrectionists.ca](http://www.resurrectionists.ca).

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Listen for the voice of God. Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, religious 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).

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