

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

September 17, 2023
Twenty-Fourth 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

Debbie Yutzi

Fr. Peter Meyer

Ken Gallipeau

Building & Finance Committee

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Diane Smith

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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-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18TH

<p>Tuesday, September 19, 7:05 pm +Jo-Ann Guerrero; St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Elmira +Hugh McMahon; Bill & Anne Hanley <i>Make up your mind to become a saint. – St. Maria Maddalena</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, September 20, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>I have given everything to my Master: he will take care of me. The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us! – St. Josephine Bakhita</i></p>
<p>Thursday, September 21, 12:05 pm +Jim Scherrer; Knights of Columbus Council 8192 +Raymond Moser; Jim & Marilyn Moser <i>If we look forward to receiving God's mercy, we can never fail to do good so long as we have the strength. For if we share with the poor, out of love for God, whatever God has given to us, we shall receive according to God's promise a hundredfold in eternal happiness. – St. John of God.</i></p>
<p>Friday, September 22, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>For what greater thing is there than that God should become human? – Saint John Damascene</i></p>
<p>Saturday, September 23, 5:00 pm +Joanne Dillon; Bob Rongits +Nazzareno Papalia; Maria Bellissimo 6:00 pm Baptism</p>
<p>Sunday, September 24, Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community After Mass Coffee Sunday 11:00 am Maryhill 1:30 pm Baptisms</p>

READINGS FOR September 23/24

First Reading: Is 55:6-9
 Second Reading: Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
 Gospel Reading: Mt 20:1-16a

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., September 18 Rev. Krzysztof Szkubera, C.R.
 Tues., September 19 Rev. Sunil D'Souza, O.C.D.
 Wed., September 20 Salesians of St. Don Bosco, S.D.B.
 Thurs., September 21 Rev. Melvin Pinto, O.C.D.
 Fri., September 22 Rev. Vivek Trindade
 Sat., September 23 Rev. Raphael Ma, C.R.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

TUE 1:00 pm **Prayer Shawl Ministry** – Library
 7:35 pm **Finance Committee Meeting** – Library
THU 6:30 pm **Knights of Columbus BBQ/General Mtg**

LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

For people living on the margins – We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Meat, Baked Beans and Canned Pasta

MINISTRIES for September 23/24

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Deacon Basil Markides, Phil Milan
 9am Deacon Basil Markides, Iris Miltenburg, Rick Weishar

Hospitality

5pm Marianne Kieswetter, Sharon Both
 9am Linus & Pat Ditner, Ray Denomme

Lector

5pm Tom O'Marra
 9am Joan Coutu

Commentator

Patsy Pond
 Larry Glofcheskie

Sign Ministry

Sep 18 Linda Bruder

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

To honour the message of *Laudato Si'*, the global church recognizes the Season of Creation from September 1st - October 4th each year. This is a time to renew our commitment as stewards of creation and to respond faithfully to the calls to action in the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Si'*. A season to demonstrate our responsibilities to each other and our common home.

In Pope Francis' 2023 Message on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation he said, "In Canada, in July 2022, I spoke of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus brought healing and consolation to many people and proclaimed "a revolution of love". Lac Ste. Anne, I learned, is also a place of healing, consolation and love, a place that "reminds us that fraternity is genuine if it unites those who are far apart, [and] that the message of unity that heaven sends down to earth does not fear differences, but invites us to fellowship, a communion of differences, in order to start afresh together, because we are all pilgrims on a journey"."

Fr. Peter

Next week, September 24th, is the collection for the **NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA**. Every year, the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance. This collection helps each diocese make its annual contribution to the national Episcopal Conference and to the respective regional episcopal assembly (in the Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and Western regions). Any additional funds from the collection are at the disposal of the diocese for its own pastoral needs. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is the national assembly of Catholic Bishops. Contributing to this collection is an act of collaboration with the Bishops in their ministry of teaching, sanctifying and pastoral governance.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Join us for our monthly meeting on **Tuesday, September 19th** at 1 p.m. in the parish library. Please bring any shawls you have completed or are working on. We always welcome new members and maybe some of you have taken up knitting or crocheting to pass the time. You could join us and at the same time contribute to the well-being of those who could use prayerful support. Looking forward to seeing you again. Any questions? Call Carol Kieswetter at 519-669-5392.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on **Friday, September 22nd** at **Elmira Pentecostal Assembly**. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks each week to see which church and what trucks are there.

EXCURSION TO PENNSYLVANIA – St. Boniface Parish Council is planning a **4-day trip** (Tuesday to Friday) to Lancaster PA in 2024. It will include the show Daniel at the Sights and Sounds theater and more. We are wondering if there is enough interest. If interested, would you prefer to go in May or September. Please let Lisa Zettel know before September 30th. Her email is lzettel@bell.net or home phone is 519-749-9700.

DIOCESAN LITURGY WORKSHOPS

The Liturgy Office offers regular liturgical formation for ministers who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. The workshops are designed for new ministers and are a helpful refresher for lay ministers participating in Sunday Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Participants who complete a formation workshop receive a three-year mandate from the Bishop of Hamilton. The liturgical formation date for the **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** is **Saturday, September 23, 2023** at St. Joseph Parish, Port Elgin, Ontario, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Participants may register using the Diocese of Hamilton website under Upcoming Events/Workshops.

HEARTACHE TO HEALING GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP –

Join us at St. Michael Catholic Church, 80 University Avenue West, Waterloo. Have you experienced the loss of a loved one, or another significant loss? Learn, share and socialize with others who are on a similar journey. Spring and Fall - 6 consecutive weeks on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. from October 25, 2023 to November 29, 2023. **Please register by October 16, 2023** by phoning 519-884-9311 or emailing parish@stmichaelw.ca.

Join us on **Tuesday, September 19th** at St. Michael Catholic Church, Waterloo from 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. for the **ACT II SEPARATED/DIVORCED SUPPORT GROUP**. There is no fee. Everyone is welcome.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre is offering a **VIRTUAL COOKING CLASS** with Lisa is on **September 26th** from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. To register, call 519-69-5139 or email Lisa at list_wcs@yahoo.com. This is a fun afternoon on Zoom!

KW RTL LIFE CHAIN MEMORIAL is on **Sunday, October 1, 2023** in front of Kitchener City Hall, 200 King Street West from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Hold a sign in silent prayer. We remember over 4 million lives lost to abortion and the effects on their parents, families and the nation. For info call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 or email kwrtl@golden.net.

“ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ” EVENT: *Adjusting our Focus: Living in Faith, not Fear* – Our daily lives can be a roller coaster of happiness and “order” one moment, then sadness and “chaos” the next. Yet, our faith teaches us to trust in Jesus and not to let doubt, fear and anxiety overtake us. So, how do we live out our faith in our every day lives, so we can earn the true peace that only a Christ-centred life can bring, an unshakeable peace that nothing can take away? Join us on **Sunday, October 1st** from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. at St. Agnes Church, Waterloo.

HAMILTON DIOCESAN MARIAN DAYS – The next scheduled date is **Saturday, October 7th** with Cardinal Thomas Collins at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph. The day will start with Confessions at 9:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m., Rosary Procession at 11:00 a.m. and lunch at 12:00 p.m., Holy Hour and Marian Catechesis at 1:00 p.m. The day will close with Benediction at 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be available. The next scheduled date is **Saturday, October 7th** with Cardinal Thomas Collins.

RESURRECTIONIST VOCATION MINUTE – Although we think of ourselves as the ones who are being “patient” with God – the reality is, it’s God who has been patient with us. God has been lovingly calling us before we even learned how or desired to listen. And when we realize this loving way God is with us, we experience a conversion, a desire to be “patient” like God is with ourselves, our vocation situation, and the people God has placed in our life. Read more at www.resurrectionists.ca.

VOCATION SEEDS – “If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s.” Consider service 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.

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 why not join 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 9/10:	\$5,288.33
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$37,110.99

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