

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

September 24, 2023
Twenty-Fifth Sunday
of Ordinary Time

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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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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

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

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-FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 25TH

Tuesday, September 26, 7:05 pm

+Colleen & Ron Weber; Estate

+Anna Strauss; Family of Caroline & Leo Hicknell

God is enough for me. Only in God do I have all. – Julian of Norwich

Wednesday, September 27, 9:00 am – Maryhill

Humility is nothing but truth, and pride is nothing but lying. – St. Vincent de Paul

Thursday, September 28, 12:05 pm

Special Intentions of the Walter Family; Jerry & Joanne Berlette

Prayers of Thanksgiving for Prayers Answered; Sharon & Mike Noel

God sustains every soul and dwells in it substantially, even though it may be that of the greatest sinner in the world. This union between God and creatures always exists. – St. John of the Cross.

Friday, September 29, 9:00 am – Maryhill

You must be prepared for periods of darkness, anxiety, doubts, fears, of temptations that are sometimes very, very insistent, of sufferings of the body and, what is a hundredfold more painful, of the soul. For if there were nothing to bear, for what would you go to heaven? If there were no trials, there would be no struggle. Without a struggle, victory would be impossible, and without victory, there is no crown, no reward... so be prepared from now on for everything. – St. Maximilian Kolbe

Saturday, September 30, 5:00 pm

+Jane Goll; Noreen Sherrer

+Margaret Sheardown; Margaret & Richard Read

Sunday, October 1,

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday & World Communication Sunday

9:00 am Our Parish Community

11:00 am Maryhill

READINGS FOR September 30/October 1

First Reading: Ez 18:25-28

Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11

Gospel Reading: Mt 21:28-32

HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., September 25 Rev. Murray McDermott, C.R.
Tues., September 26 Rev. Francisco Cruz
Wed., September 27 Parish Staff
Thurs., September 28 Rev. Mussie A. Keflezghi, M.C.C.J.
Fri., September 29 Rev. Brian Quigley, M.C.C.J.
Sat., September 30 Rev. Jungheon (Francisco) Kwak

MINISTRIES for September 30/October 1

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Tim Baillargeon, Kathy Ziegler
9am Sandi Hutchinson, Barb Vodicka, Ray Denomme

Hospitality

5pm Geoff & Kieran Kelly
9am Carol & Ed Kieswetter, Anne Hanley

Lector

5pm Lisa Denomme
9am Tracy Kroetsch

Commentator

Marianne Kieswetter
Wally Malcolm

Sign Ministry

Sep 25 Pat Ditrer

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 be considered of lesser importance.

FOODBANK NEEDS

Canned Meat, Baked Beans and Canned Pasta

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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.

Next 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.

Thank you to all those who helped to make the Garden Party a huge success. Thank you to our convenor, Leona Weishar, her committee members and all those who volunteered their time, made donations and participated in the Garden Party. It was a beautiful day. Fun and fellowship was had by all.

Fr. Peter

There will be a **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** on **Saturday, September 30th** at 1 p.m. Meet us outside in the St. Teresa of Avila Parking Lot with your pet.

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.

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

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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING RALLY will be on **Monday, September 25th, 2023** at Sacred Heart Parish, 66 Shanley Street, Kitchener. We will begin with Holy Mass at 7 p.m. Refreshments and sign-ups will follow; please come to pray for the success of this Campaign and the protection of all life in our country!

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.

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.

MARYHILL CARD PARTIES – Join us for card parties every Wednesday beginning on **Wednesday, October 4th** at 1:30 p.m. at Maryhill Heritage Park Community Centre, 58 St Charles St E, Maryhill. Cost is \$5 per person. Euchre or Solo are played.

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 Abulhadi, 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.

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.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHTS - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.), Social with Food (7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.), and Compline (9:00 p.m.) on **Saturday October 7th** at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate (28 Norfolk Street, Guelph), and on **Saturday, November 4th** at Saint Pius X Church (9 Waverly Street, Brantford). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

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 practising 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 16/17:	\$2,789.45
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$37,465.99

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