# St. Teresa of Avila

## Roman Catholic Church

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Established on the Second Sunday of Easter, 1851.

Pastor: Rev. Peter Meyer

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Office Administration: Donna Vollmer
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**Office Hours:** 

Monday to Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm



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 Debbie Yutzi Fr. Peter Meyer Ken Gallipeau Dan Lauzon

#### **Building & Finance Committee**

Fr. Peter Meyer Diane Smith Jason Adams Maria Diemert Rick Weishar Sebastian Siebel-Achenbach

### Catholic Women's League

Barb Vodicka

#### **Knights of Columbus**

Frank McGuire

#### **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.

September 26, 2021

Twenty-Sixth

Sunday of Ordinary Time



### St. Teresa of Avila School

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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



### MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

### Tuesday, September 28, 6:00 pm

+Clarence Hummel; Judy & Marcella Furlong
The Creator of heavens obeys a carpenter; the God of
eternal glory listens to a poor virgin. Has anyone ever
witnessed anything comparable to this? Let the philosopher
no longer disdain from listening to the common labourer; the
wise to the simple; the educated to the illiterate; a child of a
prince to a peasant. – St. Anthony of Padua

### Wednesday, September 29, 9:00 am Intentions of Armand Bertin

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword. Wear humility rather than fine clothes. – St. Dominic

### Thursday, September 30,

### **National Day for Trust and Reconciliation**

12:05 pm Intentions of Peace & Reconciliation 7:05 pm Intentions of Peace & Reconciliation

Be at peace with your soul – then heaven and earth will be at peace with you. – St. Jerome

### Friday, October 1, 9:00 am

### +Theresa Siemon-Hahn; Leroy Siemon

Miss no single opportunity of making some small sacrifice, here by a smiling look, there by a kindly word; always doing the smallest right and doing it all for love. – St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

### Saturday, October 2, 5:00 pm

+Doug Furlong; The Family

+Elaine Geffros; Jim Goll

Sunday, October 3, 9:30 am

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

**Our Parish Community** 

#### **READINGS FOR October 2/3**

First Reading: Gn 2:18-24 Second Reading: Heb 2:9-11 Gospel Reading: Mk 10:2-16

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH THU Office Closed

### LIVING ROSARY INTENTION

An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle – We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

#### **FOODBANK NEEDS**

Canned Ham/Turkey/Chicken and Canned Fruit

### HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Mon., September 27 Very Rev. Jeff Bergsma Tues., September 28 Rev. Gregory Merkley

Wed., September 29 Sisters Adorers of the Precious Blood, R.P.B.

Thurs., September 30 Rev. Wallace Metcalf Fri., October 1 Rev. Robert M. F. Kiffman

Sat., October 2 Rev. Msgr. Theodore Slaman

#### **MINISTRIES for October 2/3**

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

5pm Kieran Kelly 9:30am Laura Antonello

#### Hospitality

5pm Debbie Yutzi & Marilyn Hurlburt 9:30am John Bruder, Carol & Ed Kieswetter

LectorsCommentator5pmConnie KasterMarianne Kieswetter9:30amIris MiltenburgWally Malcolm

### Sign Ministry

Sep 27 John Bruder

#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This week on Thursday is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. We invite you to join us for Mass to pray for peace and reconciliation. We will be having two Masses, one at 12:05 p.m. and the other at 7:05 p.m. We hope that you will be able to join us.

Adoration will begin again on Fridays beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Come and spend some time with the Lord.

Our Confirmandi were confirmed this week. We pray that they will be led by the Holy Spirit in their day-to-day lives.

Please pray for our young people who are receiving their First Communion. We ask that God will guide and lead them on their journey of faith.

Be assured of my continued support and prayer.

Father Peter

**BAPTISM** – We welcome into our Parish Family: **Logan Matthew Meyer**, son of Sean and Jessica. We pray that God will help him to grow in holiness and wisdom.

The **YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH** declared by Pope Francis will end on December 8, 2021 on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On our Hamilton Diocesan website there are various prayers, devotions, litanies and guided video reflections on St. Joseph. You can also read "Patris Corde" written by Pope Francis in which he highlights the seven characteristics of St. Joseph, each meant to inspire us to live our own faith more deeply by emulating his qualities.

### **COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH:**

THANK YOU for your ongoing support! Each year, and with the generosity of Catholic faithful from coast to coast, the Bishops of Canada continue their work on relations with Indigenous peoples, important doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; questions of social justice; responsible ministry, and the development of a culture of life and family. In addition to their national Conference, the Bishops of Canada also meet in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West). The CCCB and the regional assemblies include the Bishops of the Latin Church, as well as the Eparchial Bishops of the Eastern

Catholic Churches. On behalf of all Bishops of Canada, the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and CCCB President, shares his gratitude for the continued support of the Church's pastoral mission through prayers, gestures of kindness, encouragement, and generosity. "On behalf of all Canada's Bishops I would like to **thank you for your ongoing support**. May the Lord extend his grace and love upon you and your loved ones."

**HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS from 4:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. –** Each Friday there will be 2 trucks at 2 churches. The church rotation for October is Gale Presbyterian and Elmira Pentecostal. Check Heavenly Eats or St. Teresa's Facebook page for a list of trucks.

The 40 DAYS FOR LIFE FALL 2021 CAMPAIGN is about to start but we need your help! The campaign runs from Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup> across from Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener, on the grass, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. There are still a lot of hours open: Mondays at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m. 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m.; Tuesdays 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Wednesdays at 3 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.; Fridays at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Saturdays at 8 a.m. 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Sundays at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. Sign up for vigil hours online at www.40daysforlife.com/kitchener or by calling Patrick at 519-748-5548.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre presents **THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF-CARE ADULT WORKSHOP** on **Tuesday, September 28, 2021** from 7 – 8 p.m. To learn more and register call 519-669-8651 or email info@woolwichcounselling.org or visit 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira. This is a no-cost, virtual workshop. It is aimed at identifying key elements of care that can impact mood and overall well-being. Learn how to support your physical and mental health through day-to-day behavioural change.

The Woolwich Counselling Centre and Woolwich Seniors Association present PRACTISING POSITIVE THINKING AND GRATITUDE ADULT WORKSHOP on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 1 – 3 p.m. To learn more and register call 519-669-8651 or email info@woolwichcounselling.org or visit 65 Memorial Avenue, Elmira. This is a no-cost, virtual workshop. The skill of positive thinking and learning to practise gratitude can have a significant impact on your physical, emotional and mental health. With practice, you can add more positive thoughts to your life and enjoy the physical and emotional health improvements that come with optimism. Join us to explore how to benefit from positive thinking, and how to approach difficult circumstances in life from a healthier perspective.

Guelph & Area Right to Life is hosting a **PRO-LIFE APOLOGETICS WORKSHOP** on **Thursday, September 30**<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church Hall, 409 Paisley Road, Guelph. Presented by Michelle Caluag, Executive Director, Toronto Right to Life. Learn how to effectively

articulate the pro-life position to friends, family and even strangers. Space is limited. Please R.S.V.P. by September 28<sup>th</sup> to attend either by calling 519-836-6311 or by emailing info@guelphforlife.com.

**2021 MARIAN DAYS** take place at the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate Church, Guelph, on the first Saturday of every month. Bishop Ustrzycki will be the visiting Bishop on **October 2**<sup>nd</sup>. Confessions are from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Mass and homily is from 10 to 11 a.m. Holy Hour is before the Blessed Sacrament – with the Rosary from 11 to 12 noon. Angelus and Benediction are at 12 noon.

Everyone is welcome to join the Life Chain at either the KW LIFE CHAIN or the GUELPH LIFE CHAIN on Sunday, October 3rd.

In Kitchener from 2 – 3 p.m. at 2 Benton Street and King Street (Speaker's Corner). Bring your family, friends and hold a sign in silent prayer. Call KW Right to Life 519-746-5433 or email kwrtl@golden.net for more information.

In Elora from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. at Wellington Road 7 at the Canadian Reformed Church of Elora. Across North America, join people of faith for one hour of pro-life prayer and witness. Call Guelph & Area Right to Life at 519-836-6311 or check www.guelphforlife.com for more information.

In Fergus from 4 – 5 p.m. at the intersection of Highway 6 / Tower St. at Belsyde Avenue. Contact Guelph & Area Right to Life for more information.

The Dreisinger Funeral Home Social Club is having some fun at the funeral home. Join us for a **FLORAL WORK SHOP** on **Tuesday**, **October 5**, **2021** from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Dreisinger Funeral Home, 62 Arthur Street South, Elmira. Cost is \$35 per person for materials. Space is limited. Please call 519-669-2207 to register. Masks are required. Physical distancing will be maintained. It is the plan to organize a casual, fun and informative event at Dreisingers every few months in order to engage and connect with community members. They recognize that most people only meet them under difficult circumstances, and hope this will be a chance for them to get to know Elmira residents in a lighter, more social environment.

**VOCATION SEEDS** – Today's readings speak of the gifts of prophesy and of casting out demons. If you feel that God is calling you with the gift to be a priest, religious, or permanent deacon, call Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 ext. 2246 or email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for September 11/12: \$3,953.50
Offertory collection for September 18/19: \$3,817.25
Weekly parish operating expenses: \$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance: \$66,916.51

Thank you!



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