

St. Teresa of Avila

Roman Catholic Church

September 3, 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday
of Ordinary Time

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Office Hours:

Tuesday to Thursday 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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gk8192@ontariokofc.ca

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-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

MASSES FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3RD

<p>Tuesday, September 5, No Mass <i>The glory of God is a living person, and the life of each living person is the vision of God. – St. Irenaeus</i></p>
<p>Wednesday, September 6, No Mass – Maryhill <i>Those are rich enough who are poor with Christ. – St. Jerome</i></p>
<p>Thursday, September 7, No Mass <i>I believe, O my Saviour, that you know just what is best for me. – St. John Henry Newman</i></p>
<p>Friday, September 8, 9:00 am – Maryhill <i>Hold your eyes on God and leave the doing to him. That is all the doing you have to worry about. – St. Jane Frances de Chantal</i></p>
<p>Saturday, September 9, 5:00 pm +John Schill; Estate +Pat Runstedler; Diane Dietrich +Kenneth Markides; Basil & Susan Markides</p>
<p>Sunday, September 10, Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 am Our Parish Community 11:00 am Maryhill</p>

READINGS FOR September 9/10

First Reading: Ez 33:7-9
 Second Reading: Rom 13:8-10
 Gospel Reading: Mt 18:15-20

**HAMILTON DIOCESE PRAYER CALENDAR
 PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

Mon., September 4	Rev. Henryk Krajewski, C.R.
Tues., September 5	Rev. Romelito Guillen
Wed., September 6	Sisters of our Lady Immaculate
Thurs., September 7	Rev. Thomas Manninezhath, C.M.I.
Fri., September 8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sat., September 9	Rev. Lukasz Kopaniak, S.A.C.

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 9/10

Eucharistic Ministers

5pm Deacon Basil Markides, Sharon Both
 9am Deacon Basil Markides, Ken Gallipeau, Barb Vodicka

Hospitality

5pm Kieran & Geoff Kelly
 9am Rick & Leona Weishar, John Bruder

Lector

5pm Connie Kaster
 9am Paul Shutsa

Commentator

Kevin Dupuis
 Linda Bruder

Sign Ministry

Sep 5 Kieran Kelly

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Labour Day Weekend marks the end of the summer vacation time and activities at home, in the parish and at school resume. I hope everyone had a good summer and a chance to regenerate.

The first week in September I will be attending the Annual Clergy Seminar. You will be in my prayers. Please pray for me.

The Garden Party is fast approaching. Please consider taking a leaf from the various trees and donating an item and sign-up to volunteer your time to help. We are having the book sale again so if you have books please drop them off at the office during office hours. I look forward to seeing you at the Garden Party.

Fr. Peter

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

– The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child who will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story, like many biblical counterparts, stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

Saint Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.

This year's **GARDEN PARTY** will be held on Friday, September 15th and we need your help!

- **PLEASE SIGN UP** in the Narthex **to help at this year's Garden Party.** We have jobs for all abilities and ages.
- **Please choose a leaf from one of the trees in the Narthex for the children's penny table, adult penny table, the children's fishpond or tombola game.** We are looking for new items priced between \$15 - \$25 (for both adult and child penny table). Please **deliver the items to the church by September 11th.** Any questions please email teresagardenparty2013@gmail.com or call the parish office.
- The **RAFFLE** is a big part of the fundraising for our parish. The **tickets are ready for pick up.** We ask you to return all **sold and unsold** tickets by September 11th. Thank you very much and please pray for good weather.

- **Please donate your gently used books** to aid in the fundraising at our Garden Party. Donations may be dropped off at the church. Please NO magazines or DVDS.

Join us for **HEAVENLY EATS FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS** every Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On **September 8th** the trucks will be at **Elmira Mennonite Church**. Proceeds support our group of participating churches. Check out www.facebook.com/HeavenlyEatsFoodTrucks each week to see which church and what trucks are there.

The next **PRAYER VIGIL** is **Thursday, September 7th** from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. opposite Freeport Hospital, 3570 King Street East, Kitchener. All are welcome to pray quietly for those who have no voice, but our own! Parking is across the road at Schneider Park. Any queries, contact Cathy at kwc.prayervigil@rogers.com or call 519-742-9025.

CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S AID OF HAMILTON has been helping children in the Hamilton Diocese of over 50 years and the needs continue to increase. **Youth** in our community **are facing homelessness, food insecurity and mental health issues**. You can make a difference today by helping us to raise funds by placing a bid on our online auction & raffle. All the money raised will be poured back into support for our young people. There are a variety of items to choose from - something for everyone! Check it all out at this link and help us help children in need! Be sure to scroll to the bottom of our page and hear from some of our youth directly. Children First Raffle & Auction (auctria.com) or contact Roger Ali at Roger.ali@hamiltonccas.on.ca or 905-525-2012 ext. 3150. If you like to play golf, you might also consider joining us for our golf tournament on September 12th. See more at: Attend or Support a Fundraising Event – Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton (hccas.ca).

DIOCESAN LITURGY WORKSHOPS

The Liturgy Office offers regular liturgical formation for ministers who serve as Ministers of the Word and 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 September 2023 liturgical formation dates are as follows for the following ministries:
Ministers of the Word – Saturday, September 16, 2023, Sacred Heart Parish, Walkerton from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – Saturday, September 23, 2023, St. Joseph Parish, Port Elgin from 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.

Program #1 – 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.

Program #2 – Monthly Informal Grief Support Group (just drop by when you can). Join us on the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. for an informal gathering to learn, support one another, share and socialize. These ongoing sessions provide familiar support from the group as you continue on your grief journey. The next date to gather is **Wednesday, September 13th**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – HERITAGE DAY at St. Boniface, Maryhill on **Sunday, September 17, 2023** at the 11 a.m. Mass, 11:45 a.m. Mary Grotto and at 12 noon will be the car tour of the area shrines. At 1 p.m. will be lunch hosted by the C.W.L., Presentations, 50/50 Draw and Silent Auction. Tickets required for lunch. Cost is \$15. Email maryhillroots@gmail.com, call 519-648-2432 or any board member to register for the event.

Join us on **Tuesday, September 19th**, the 3rd Tuesday of every month, 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 welcome.

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Our 10-week program offers support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The sessions will run from **September 19th – November 28th** and take place from 7-9 p.m. at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join our zoom classroom. Cost is \$35 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register online at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com).

KW RTL LIFE CHAIN MEMORIAL will be held 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 any questions please call KW Right to Life at 519-746-5433 or email kwrtl@golden.net.

VOCATION SEEDS – “For what will it profit anyone to gain the whole world but forfeit their life?” Isn't there more to life than chasing the dollar? Are you being called to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother, or consecrated virgin. Humbly ask the Lord. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at or vocations@hamiltondiocese.com or 905-528-7988

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Offertory collection for August 19/20:	\$3,376.65
Offertory collection for August 26/27:	\$3,645.70
Weekly parish operating expenses:	\$4,724.64
Building & Maintenance Fund Balance:	\$36,760.99

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