

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

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28 Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14, 2018

St. Teresa of Avila

“The closer one approaches to God, the simpler one becomes”.



Parish Staff & Organizations

Pastor: Fr. Marian Gil, OMI

Parish Secretary: Ann Onn

Business Administrator: David Agnew

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Tammy Buschlen

Dolly Sowa

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Ann Onn

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St. Teresa School

Principal: Mr. Brian Goodyear

Secretary: Mary Lavigne

519-743-2131

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Office Closed

Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for weekly schedule

Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

Confession: 30 min. before Mass; Sat. 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Healing Mass: First Friday of each month – 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting: 2nd, 3rd & 4th Friday – 7:00 p.m.



Biography

St. Teresa of Ávila, also called Saint Teresa of Jesus, original name Teresa de Cepeda y Ahumada, (born March 28, 1515, Ávila, Spain—died October 4, 1582, Alba de Tormes; canonized 1622; feast day October 15), Spanish nun, one of the great mystics and religious women of the Roman Catholic Church, and author of spiritual classics. She was the originator of the Carmelite Reform, which restored and emphasized the austerity and contemplative character of primitive Carmelite life. St. Teresa was elevated to doctor of the church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI, the first woman to be so honoured.

Her mother died in 1529, and, despite her father's opposition, Teresa entered, probably in 1535, the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation at Ávila. Within two years her health collapsed, and she was an invalid for three years, during which time she developed a love for mental prayer. After her recovery, however, she stopped praying. She continued for 15 years in a state divided between a worldly and a divine spirit, until, in 1555, she underwent a religious awakening.

Despite frail health and great difficulties, Teresa spent the rest of her life establishing and nurturing 16 more convents throughout Spain.

Teresa's ascetic doctrine has been accepted as the classical exposition of the contemplative life, and her spiritual writings are among the most widely read. Her *Life of the Mother Teresa of Jesus* (1611) is autobiographical; the *Book of the Foundations* (1610) describes the establishment of her convents. Her writings on the progress of the Christian soul toward God are recognized masterpieces: *The Way of Perfection* (1583), *The Interior Castle* (1588), *Spiritual Relations*, *Exclamations of the Soul to God* (1588), and *Conceptions on the Love of God*. Of her poems, 31 are extant; of her letters, 458.

Prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila

May today there be peace within.

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you.

May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

St. Teresa Parish Feast

Today our parish community is celebrating the feast of St. Teresa of Avila. Solemn Mass will take place at 10:00am. Following the Eucharist we will have a group picture with our entire parish community and St. Teresa School and Potluck brunch. Please join us today for this special event and every Sunday to celebrate all together our faith and Jesus's gift of LOVE – Holy Eucharist. Following the example of St. Teresa, our patroness, we strive to be the eyes, hands, and feet of Christ for others, through our call to service. Nourished by the Eucharist, we continually seek to grow and become the true body of Christ in and through each other.

World Mission Month

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday. Every parish across the globe will celebrate this event. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. On this day, Pope Francis invites all Catholics to contribute to a special collection for the Propagation of the Faith. Your support will help missionaries in proclaiming the Gospel of joy and peace around the world. Please join in this special day that unites Catholics from all over the world through prayer and care for the Church's mission. Your donations will support churches, hospitals, schools and train seminarians and religious Brothers and Sisters in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Pacific Island and some of our Canadian dioceses.

Altar Servers Needed

We are in great need of altar servers at our weekend Masses. If you are interested, please call the office at: 519-743-4525.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Eucharist is the center and origin of the life of the Church. Therefore, exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in our church (Divine Mercy Chapel) is taking place from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm. We would like to invite our parishioners to sign up for adoration. *"If you are passing before a Church, enter to greet our Lord. Could you pass the door of a friend without saying hello?" St. John Vianney*

Lectors: Sunday's readings and other resources are available following these links: www.scsba.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/SundayReadings.pdf
<http://www.lectorprep.org>

Coffee Sunday - next Sunday, October 21st, after 10 a.m. Mass. Join us for some delicious treats and excellent company!

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 16 – 7:00 p.m.

+Gil Lemieux – Stella Lemieux

Wednesday, October 17 – 8:30 a.m.

+Cizman Stefi – John Kiss

Thursday, October 18 – 8:30 a.m.

+Leon & Genowefa Ziolkowski –
Ken & Betty Skinner

Friday, October 19 – 7:00 p.m.

+Florence Schmidt – Paula & Adam
Roser

Saturday, October 20 – 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 21 – 5:00 p.m.

+Leona Grobe – Peter Grobe

+Larry Wismer – Joan Wismer

Sunday, October 22- 10:00 a.m.

Mass for St. Teresa's Parishioners

**Diocese of Hamilton
Prayer Calendar 2018**

Monday, October 15

– Rev. James Link

Tuesday, October 16

– Rev. Heitor Antunes

Wednesday, October 17

– Permanent Deacons

Thursday, October 18

– Rev. Jiri Macenauer

Friday, October 19

– Rev Aurimas Paulius Rudinskas

Saturday, October 20

– Rev. Wallace Metcalf

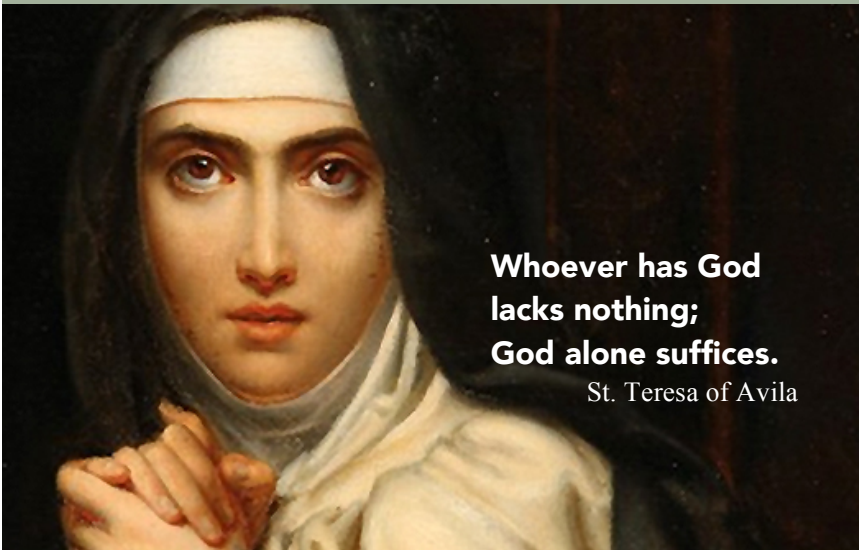
Sunday, October 21

–Twenty-Ninth Sunday in

Stewardship Report

September 30, 2018

Sunday Envelopes.....	2,224.00
Loose.....	179.15
Needs of the Can. Church..	160.00
Sue's Calorie Club – Hall Rental	
.....	80.00



**Whoever has God
lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.**

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History

In 1947 the Kitchener Separate School Board purchased a 4 acre parcel of land to be developed as the site for a school. Edwin, Leonard and Elizabeth streets bound the site. During the 1950's the northwest area of Kitchener was experiencing phenomenal growth—houses were being built and the area was being settled by young couples with growing families (some very large families). St. Teresa's School was built on the vacant property and classes begin in September 1953. The School Sisters of Notre Dame had been commissioned to be in charge of the school and was named in honour of the foundress of their order*. It was not a foregone conclusion that a church be established in connection with the school and at this time the Catholics in this area travelled many blocks to either St. Mary's or Sacred Heart churches for Mass. It was soon the wish of the people to have their own church and pastor.

The first informal contact with Bishop Ryan was not very encouraging and it didn't seem likely that parish would be formed in this area. Not ready to give up their dream, a committee was formed under the direction of Mr. Joe Flynn (he later became MP) and 350 families indicated their desires on a petition. A raffle was conducted and \$5,000.00 was raised—the beginnings of a Church Building Fund. Remember that was a lot of money in the 1950's!

In June 1955, a very formal presentation and appeal was made to Bishop Ryan and he made them very happy by announcing the appointment of a pastor and the word that a parish was to be formed. Rev. Edward J. Hartleib was named as the first pastor—he was very experienced and was ready to begin forming the Family of God of St. Teresa.

The church was completed one and a half years after the parish was formed. Bishop Ryan solemnly dedicated the 8th church of the Kitchener Waterloo area on December 16, 1956. Father Hartleib served as pastor until his retirement in March 1970.

Many pastors and assistants have led the people of St. Teresa's over the past 60 years and with God's grace we will continue to uphold the values of the people who worked so hard to establish this faith community.