

# St. Teresa of Avila Parish

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate  
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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 12, 2020

## St. Teresa of Avila

“Truth suffers,  
but never dies.”



## Parish Staff & Organizations

**Pastor:** Fr. Marian Gil, OMI

**Parish Secretary:** Mary Steffler

**Business Administrator:** David Agnew

**Facilities Manager:** Jim Weber

**Volunteer Gardeners:**

**Baptism Preparation Team:**

**CWL President:**

**Lector Co-ordinator:** Mary Alice Zister

**Eucharistic Minister Co-ordinator:**

Kim Voelzing

**Prayer Group:**

Mila Navaleza - 519-579-8276

**Finance Council Chair:**

Don Pickett, Jr.

**Pastoral Council Chair:**

Barbara Daly

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

Bernie & Rosemary Pickett

519-749-1501

## 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**

## Saturday Liturgy:

9:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

## Weekday Schedule

Please check inside for  
weekly schedule

## Sunday Liturgy:

10:00 a.m.

**Confession:** 30 min. before Mass; Sat. 4:15 – 4:45 p.m.

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

**Prayer Meeting:** 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Friday – 7:00 p.m.

**All Parish Events suspended until further notice!****Easter Sunday**

**Christ is risen, alleluia!** This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all. Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts". **"This is the day which the Lord has made."** Throughout the octave we shall sing of the unequalled joy which throws open eternity to us. Every Sunday will furnish a reminder of it, and from Sunday to Sunday, from year to year, the Easters of this earth will lead us to that blessed day on which Christ has promised that He will come again with glory to take us with Him into the kingdom of His Father.

Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection. The Gospel passage concludes, however, that even having seen the empty tomb and the burial cloths, the disciples do not yet understand about the Resurrection. In the passage that follows, Mary of Magdala meets Jesus but mistakes him for the gardener. In the weeks ahead, the Gospel readings from our liturgy will show us how the disciples came to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his appearances to them. Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

This year the liturgical celebrations of Easter Sunday will take place in our church and other churches without the presence of the faithful. We make our journey of Holy Week and Easter in a way like never before. As a Catholic community we cannot gather but we can continue to keep Easter JOY in our homes, in union with the prayer of the Church, as we live out these sacred days.

**Dear Parishoners & Friends of St. Teresa Parish**

*Therefore, if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. Col 3, 1-2*

**Christ is Risen, Alleluia! Truly Risen, Alleluia!**

**May the glory of our Risen Saviour  
renew our hopes, rekindle our faith  
and bring us joy!**

**May His unconditional love inspire us to be true witnesses,  
joyful bearers of the Good News,  
and Disciples of the Risen Lord!**

**Happy Easter!**

**Fr. Marian Gil OMI**

**Mass Intentions -April 13-19, 2020**

**Mass will be celebrated privately for the following intentions:**

**Tuesday, April 14 -**

**Living and Deceased CWL – CWL**

**Wednesday, April 15 -**

**+Eva Kiss – Ted & Lynne Stil**

**Thursday, April 16 –**

**+Ed Forwell – Betty J. Forwell**

**Friday, April 17 –**

**+Fran & John Kiss – Ted & Lynne Stil**

**Saturday, April 18 -**

**9 a.m. - +Frantz & Anna Stil – Ted & Lynne Stil**

**5 p.m. - +Norman Mueller – Helen Mueller & Family**

**Sunday, April 19 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) - Parishoners of St. Teresa Parish**

**Mass Intentions for April 13 – April 19, 2020** will be celebrated by Father Gil each day, **privately**. The Masses will be **live-streamed**, Tuesday to Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9:00 a.m., Saturday Vigil in anticipation of Sunday at 7 p.m., and on Sunday at 10:00 a.m., on Zoom. **The Divine Mercy Chaplet is also live-streamed**, Tuesday to Friday at 3 p.m.

**Diocese of Hamilton  
Prayer Calendar 2020**

April 13 - Rev. Gregory Kennedy, S.J.

April 14 – Rev. Paul Panaretos, S.J.

April 15 – Oblates of Mary Immaculate (O.M.I.)

April 16 – Rev. Daniel Syauswa Musondloi, S.J.

April 17 – Rev. Msgr. Dennis Noon

April 18 – Rev. Drago Gacnik, S.D.B.

April 19 – Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



**Whoever has God  
lacks nothing;  
God alone suffices.**  
St. Teresa of Avila

**Vocations - Easter Sunday - April 12, 2020** - "He has been raised from the dead!" Through our baptism He calls us to proclaim new life to the world. Pray for those who herald the Good News as priests. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Michael King, Vocation Director, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988; email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [www.hamiltondiocese.com](http://www.hamiltondiocese.com)

**Mass Intentions** – For Mother's Day, **May 10th** and Father's Day, **June 21st**, we will accept multiple Mass intentions. Call the office if you would like to make a request at 519-743-4525.

**St. Teresa's Society of St. Vincent de Paul** – We will continue to update members with email notifications and keep parish members updated in the bulletin. Unfortunately, at this time we have been asked by The Waterloo Region Food Bank, the Waterloo Region Health Unit and the Particular Council of Saint Vincent de Paul to stop the delivery of hampers and the distribution of food. Those who require food assistance will be directed to the Food Bank at 519-743-5576 or the House of Friendship Food Distribution Centre at 807 Guelph St., in Kitchener, 519-742-0662. God bless and stay well!

**Parish Office** – The COVID-19 health crisis has initiated further directives issued on March 25, 2020 from the Diocese of Hamilton. All employees have been advised to work remotely and consequently, the Parish Office at 44 Leonard St. will be closed until further notice.

Mary will be working from home and therefore, you can continue to reach our Parish Office at [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) or telephone 519-743-4525.

## Stewardship Report

We have received enquiries about how parishioners might support our parish without being able to be physically present. To support our parish via credit card, please visit the special **Parish Offertory Fund: COVID-19** page at the Diocese of Hamilton:

[COVID-19 Parish Fund - Diocese of Hamilton](#)

Once you are on the Parish Offertory Fund: COVID-19 page, there are 4 sections on the form to complete. They are as follows:

- DONATION DETAILS
- DONOR & TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION
- PAYMENT INFORMATION
- IF YOU HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOUR PARISH, PLEASE SHARE IT HERE:

To ensure the funds get directed to our parish, it is imperative that you select **St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Kitchener** in the drop box in the **FUND** box of the Donation Details section.

Once you have completed the form, click on **COMPLETE DONATION NOW**. This method of giving will provide you with an **electronic tax receipt** immediately upon making your gift.

If you choose the above option, it would be greatly appreciated if you could email the parish office at [st.teresa@stteresakit.ca](mailto:st.teresa@stteresakit.ca) to advise us of your donation.

You may also send a gift directly to our parish through the mail. Continuing support of our parish is an act of generosity and faith. We are very grateful for any contributions you may be able to make at this time

### Stewardship Report April 9, 2020

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| Envelopes and Loose .....                  | \$8602.62 |
| Memorial Mass – David Tschirhart .....     | \$10.00   |
| Memorial Mass – Matthew Karges .....       | \$10.00   |
| Building and Maintenance .....             | \$100.00  |
| Share Lent .....                           | \$110.00  |
| Needs of the Church in the Holy Land ..... | \$20.00   |
| Sue's Calorie Club Hall Rental .....       | \$100.00  |



## **Inspirational Easter Sunday Messages**

### **Luke 24:2-3**

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

### **John 11:25-26**

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

### **Acts 4:33**

With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all.

### **1 Peter 1:3**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

### **Luke 24:6-7**

He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'

### **Acts 3:15**

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead.

### **Mark 16:5-7**

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'

- Easter was the beginning of hope for all! That hope continues on to today and in the future.
- An empty tomb can fill the world with grace.
- It takes faith to believe in the empty tomb just as a child might believe in the bunny.
- The ultimate Easter surprise happened two thousand years ago when the tomb was found empty.
- The greatest act of love in history is followed by the greatest act of power.
- May the miracle of Easter bring you love, joy and happiness to last a lifetime.
- Good Friday would be Bad Friday if it wasn't for Easter's miracle.
- Friends are like Easter eggs. You're surprised at what you find inside them once you crack open their shells.
- Life without Easter would be life without hope.
- Easter brings us God's favor and blessings to remind us that His love endures forever.
- Of all the miracles he did, resurrection is the most powerful.